

With a high volume of media coverage in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Good Jobs New York is keeping the spotlight on how government money is proposed to be spent in the rebuilding process. For more information on transparency and opportunities for community involvement, follow us on Twitter @GoodJobsNewYork #EyeOnSandyMoney. Also, let us know how we can adjust this alert to make it better

Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money Weekly News Round-up: July 3 - 10

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Transparency Tip

An updated table of federal agency spending through the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act can be found [here](#).

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Good Jobs New York launched a new [Eye on Hurricane Sandy Money database](#) to help boost transparency about how much and which government agencies have

This Week's News

Disaster Relief

Residents near the Fenimore landfill in Roxbury, NJ, which received much of the state's post-Sandy debris, report increased illnesses and noxious odors that have increased since Sandy. The township passed a resolution requesting \$53 million in Sandy aid to address the problem. [NJ Spotlight via WNYC](#)

Gov. Christie announced that 100 additional applications have been approved for the state home elevation program, bringing the total to 460 grants. [The Star-Ledger](#) and [Asbury Park Press](#)

Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer of New York, [announced](#) that FEMA will award \$11.5 million to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for repairs at JFK and LaGuardia airports.

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

A report by the New Jersey Climate Adaptation Alliance details how low-income communities of color will be disproportionately affected by global warming and provides recommendations for emergency plans for these communities. [NJ Spotlight](#)

ALSO: To read the report, "Stakeholder Engagement: Environmental Justice Climate Change Preparedness in New Jersey", go to the [full list of NJCAA reports](#) and click on 'Environmental Justice'

In this opinion piece, the author questions the reasoning behind the Christie Administration's massive rewriting of New Jersey's coastal protection regulations and calls on the state legislature to delay new regulations until it can hold its own hearings. [NJ Spotlight](#)

In remarks made before NAIOP, a trade association for real estate developers, Dan Zarelli presented the reasons why NYC must invest in climate-preparedness and outlined progress made towards implementing initiatives outlined in the 2013 plan "A Stronger, More Resilient New York." [GlobeSt.com](#)

Projects from President Obama's Climate Action Plan for Coney Island and Jamaica Bay will install greenstreets and establish a self-sustaining oyster population in Jamaica Bay, funded by federal

allocated Hurricane Sandy funds in New York City.

Check it out - and tell us what you think!

coastal resilience grants. [Home Reporter](#)

Nassau County officials announced a \$12 million pilot program that will use smart sponge technology to remove pollutants from storm runoff before they contaminate waterways. [Newsday](#)

As part of its resiliency efforts, PSE&G, New Jersey's electricity and gas utility, launched an upgrade to its website which now will track real-time information and location of reported power outages. [The Star-Ledger](#)

Gov. Christie's 'storm czar' Mark Ferzan is resigning and relocating out of New Jersey. Critics of the rebuilding in New Jersey claim that many programs were mismanaged under Ferzan but they argue that the state needs a new policy for rebuilding, not just a change in leadership. [Asbury Park Press](#) and [The Star-Ledger](#)

ALSO: Seth Diamond, director of the New York State Storm Recovery, is resigning on July 18 to take a position at MetroPlus Health Plan. [Newsday](#)

A \$750 million plan to replenish beaches and wetlands to protect the Hamptons and other sections of Long Island has not yet begun. [Bloomberg](#)

A wide-ranging article on the completion of a 20-mile expansion of gas pipelines from Linden, NJ to Manhattan discusses difficulties faced during and after Sandy. [Pipeline & Gas Journal](#)

Citizen blogging and community journalism are crucial for connecting disaster relief operations. The hyper-local online news source [Sheepshead Bites](#) was an essential source of information during and after Sandy. [Grist](#)

ALSO: News organizations and media outlets prepare for hurricane season in a variety of ways, including ensuring journalists have a reserve of fuel for their cars and disaster-proofing radio transmitters. [Poynter](#)

Housing

A judge denied a request to dismiss a lawsuit against the Long Island Power Authority and National Grid by residents of Breezy Point, Queens who claim the utilities' failure to cut power to the neighborhood resulted in a catastrophic fire during Hurricane Sandy. [New York Post](#)

A drastic increase in homeless students in New York City is partially due to continued effects from Sandy. [Think Progress](#)

As part of the Build it Back program, some applicants can claim temporary housing expenses. A [downloadable fact sheet](#) provides a description of allowable expenses and explains the process for submitting claims.

By the Water, a new play opening off-Broadway in November, is set during and after Hurricane Sandy and tells the story of a Staten Island couple whose home was destroyed in the storm and though determined to rebuild, they must watch as friends and neighbors leave the community. Broadway.com

Events

List your upcoming event here! Email elizabeth@goodjobsfirst.org

Action Item

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has proposed new [Coastal Zone Management Rules](#); a public comment period is open through **August 1, 2014**. Comments may be [filed online](#) or mailed to:

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NJ Department of Environmental Protection Office of Legal Affairs
Mail Code 401-04L;
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Upcoming Deadlines

Friday, July 11: Deadline to apply to be a project site for the RISE:NYC technology installation. Application does not guarantee selection as a project site. [Program details and application information here.](#)

Regional Events

Ongoing, citywide: [New York Free Disaster Assistance Legal Clinics.](#)

Do you have a group interested in helping with the Sandy rebuild? Check out [this list](#) of ongoing service opportunities to help with hurricane Sandy rebuilding and revitalization.

TODAY, Thursday, July 10, 2:00 pm. [Webinar: Resiliency: How Superstorm Sandy Changed America's Grid](#)

Friday, July 18, August 1, August 15. 9 am - 11 am: NJ Volunteer Lawyers for Justice offers free legal clinics for Sandy victims. Brick Presbyterian Church 111 Drum Point Road, Brick, NJ.

Friday, July 18, 9:30-11:30 am. Enterprise's Resilience Speakers Series: [How Do We Prepare our Seniors for Emergency Events?](#) Enterprise Community Partners, One Whitehall Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10004

Wednesday, August 6th - Thursday August 7th: UPROSE presents the [4th NYC Climate Justice Youth Summit](#). Urban Assembly School for Green Careers, 145 W. 84th Street, New York, NY 10024

Sunday, September 21: [People's Climate March: A Weekend to Bend the Course of History.](#) Details on location to come.

Brooklyn

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00-3:00: [Jubilee Legal Clinic](#), Coney Island Gospel Assembly, 2828 Neptune Avenue. Visit website for additional hours and information including income requirements.

Advocacy Reports

NEW: [Stakeholder Engagement Report: Environmental Justice Climate Change Preparedness in](#)

[New Jersey](#) [to view the report, follow the link and click on 'Environmental Justice']

The New York League of Conservation Voters: [Taking Stock: Sustainability and Resiliency Progress during Mayor de Blasio's First Six Months](#)

The International Economic Development Council released a guide to help local economies recovering from a disaster: [Leadership in Times of Crisis: A Toolkit for Economic Recovery and Resiliency](#)

New York Communities for Change: [Thousands of Homeowners Still Drowning in Underwater Mortgages: How Toxic Loans Keep Fueling Foreclosures and the Need for Eminent Domain](#)

Risky Business Project: [American Climate Prospectus: Economic Risks in the United States](#)

Report from the ClimateWorks Foundation and the World Bank - [Climate-Smart Development: Adding up the benefits of actions that help build prosperity, end poverty and combat climate change](#)

Fifth Avenue Committee, [Guidelines to Building Resiliency](#)

North Star Fund, [From The Edge Of Disaster: How Activists and Insiders Can Use the Lessons of Hurricane Sandy to Make the City Safer](#)

New York League of Conservation Voters [Three Point Action Plan](#) to address New York City's most pressing environmental and resiliency challenges

Natural Resources Defense Council: [Preparing for Climate Change: Lessons Learned for Coastal Cities from Hurricane Sandy](#). This report analyzes FEMA flood maps to reveal that the maps did not account for 65% of the area that was actually inundated by Sandy.

For more advocacy resources, visit Good Jobs New York's [Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money](#)

Federal, State & Local Resources

NEW: RISE:NYC, a competition to innovate technologies that will help prepare small businesses for climate change, announced 37 finalists. To read more about the finalists and links to competition updates: [NYCEDC blog](#)

The Canarsie Coalition prepared a [resource guide](#) including contact information for organizations and individuals involved in addressing unmet needs in Canarsie, Brooklyn.

[LawHelpNY.org](#) launched a mobile site to provide mobile access to information and referrals for low-income New Yorkers seeking help with problems in areas such as housing, family law, consumer debt and immigration.

The Center for NYC Neighborhoods in partnership with the New York State Attorney General, hosts a [Homeowner Hotline](#), a confidential service available to answer housing counseling or legal questions. 311 in New York City, or 855-HOME-456.

New York City Office of Emergency Management [Know Your Zone Hurricane Preparedness website](#).

New York Rising Community Reconstruction Final Plans are now available: <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/final-plans>

One City, Rebuilding Together: A Report on the City of New York's Response to Hurricane Sandy and the Path Forward.

The Program Management Office of the Hurricane Sandy Task Force released its monthly report [pdf] on how 19 federal agencies have so far spent funding from the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013.

A helpful visual guide to the agencies and key decision-makers distributing federal disaster relief funds.

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City (a private 501-c3) released an update of how the funds it raised for Sandy aid has been allocated.

Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force report, Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Strategy: Stronger Communities, A Resilient Region

ALSO: Good Jobs New York provides a critique of the federal Task Force recommendations in a three-part blog series.

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