

With many issues still unresolved in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Good Jobs New York is keeping the spotlight on government money in the rebuilding process. For more on opportunities for community involvement, follow us on Twitter @GoodJobsNewYork #EyeOnSandyMoney. And let us know how we can make this alert better.

Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money Weekly News Round-up: October 2 - 9

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This Week's News

Disaster Relief

Staten Island clergy leadership gathered to discuss ongoing unmet needs in the borough and the increasing affordability crisis. Results from a survey conducted by Make the Road indicate rent in storm-impacted areas has increased by \$200 per month, due to the high cost of repairs and a spike in flood insurance rates. [Staten Island Advance](#)

Mayor de Blasio toured Staten Island University Hospital, which will receive \$28 million in city CDBG-DR funds for resiliency upgrades. [Press Release](#)

State and local elected officials are urging New York State to pay for upgrades to local roads around the Rockaways and Nassau County, to ease emergency evacuations. [CBS New York](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

A report by the National Research Council found that population growth on barrier islands along the Atlantic Coast, including Fire Island, is twice the national average. The report highlights how much more is spent on disaster recovery on barrier islands than on proactive risk management. [The New York Times](#)

ALSO: The Union of Concerned Scientists released a [study](#) indicating that in coastal communities, tidal flooding events will quadruple in the next 30 years. [WNYC](#)

South Bronx activists are calling the relocation of Fresh Direct to the Harlem River waterfront environmental racism; the site is the only open waterfront in the neighborhood and is a flood zone that was inundated during Sandy. [Vice](#)

Despite having fewer than 20 years of life left for Amtrak's current cross-Hudson train tunnels, there appears to be little chance of funding the proposed Gateway initiative that would connect New York and New Jersey transit hubs under the Hudson River. \$185 million in Sandy funds were used to create a 'box' to save space for the project in the Hudson Yards. [Capital New York](#) and [Streetsblog](#)

ALSO: To complete the Gateway tunnel, Amtrak would need to acquire 35 Manhattan properties at a cost of over \$400 million. [NJ Advance Media](#)

Citing a need to increase transit options for the Rockaway Peninsula, Assemblymember Phil Goldfeder (D-Queens) proposed a fee on non-residents using the Staten Island ferry to maintain

ferry service currently operating between the Rockaways and lower Manhattan. Staten Island politicians disregarded the proposal because it would redirect fees from Staten Island. [Staten Island Advance](#)

Mayor de Blasio met with Staten Island Borough President James Oddo to discuss long-term development goals for Staten Island, including the recovery of areas hit hard by Hurricane Sandy. [Staten Island Advance](#)

The Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency [announced](#) a request for proposals to study vulnerabilities in 43-miles of city coastline.

Gov. Cuomo [announced](#) a microgrid feasibility study for the Red Hook Houses; the study, to be spearheaded by the New York Power Authority, originated as a concept through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Committee planning process. [NY1](#)

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection [released](#) an update to its [Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan](#), including the agency's many initiatives to restore and protect the coastal habitat, such as a newly installed oyster bed funded through a \$1 million Hurricane Sandy Resiliency Grant.

A dramatic increase in weather-related power outages is spurring the power industry to invest in grid hardening technology. [Transmission and Distribution World](#)

A crowdsourcing neighborhood evaluation asks residents of high-risk Sandy-impacted neighborhoods how climate-safe they feel. [Gotham Gazette](#)

Housing

The New York City Department of City Planning [released](#) a guide on retrofitting single and multifamily dwellings to reflect newly updated coastal flood zone risk.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will meet with homeowners approved for the state's "Blue Acres" home acquisition program. [Central Jersey News](#)

This article takes a closer look at the delays that have plagued the New Jersey storm recovery effort. [NJ Spotlight](#)

Upcoming Deadlines

All Hurricane Sandy flood proofs of loss must be filed **October 29, 2014**. [Property Insurance Law Blog](#)

Events

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

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.

Friday, October 10, 2014 - 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm: [Learning Lessons: Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief](#). Architecture for Humanity at the Dwell on Design NY conference. 82Mercer.

Friday, October 10: Second Annual Long Island Water Quality Symposium. The symposium is open to all members of the public. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. A confirmation email must be presented at the door. To reserve a seat, please email your request to: LLwatersymposium@rivkin.com by no later than October 2nd. Carlyle On the Green in Bethpage State Park.

Wednesday, October 15, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Sandy Recovery Opportunity and Resource Fair in the Rockaways. The City is committed to engaging local communities in the rebuilding process by supporting a high-quality, local workforce composed of New Yorkers impacted by the storm. Challenge Preparatory Charter School at 710 Hartman Lane, Far Rockaway, NY 11691.

Monday, October 20: SUMMIT ON RESILIENCE II. What lessons have been learned from Superstorm Sandy - and how are they shaping public-private partnerships during times of crisis and recovery? Pace University New York City Campus, Schimmel Theatre, 3 Spruce Street New York, NY 10038

Saturday, October 25, 7:30 am: Race2Rebuild 5K run/walk/ride and volunteer opportunities with Rebuilding Together NYC to rebuild one of 10 Sandy-damaged homes.

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 pm: Light the City before we light the shores: Sandy 2 Year Anniversary. Let's unite the city in remembrance of our loss, in recognition of our ongoing struggles, and in celebration of communities dedicated to a recovered and more resilient NYC. We will carry our messages and lights back to "Light the Shore" vigils at our home boroughs on October 29, 2014. Bowling Green Park, Manhattan. #sandyanniversary #lightthecity #lighttheshore

Tuesday, October 28, 9:30 am - 11:30 am: Envisioning Site Resilience on Campus Style Housing Sites In NYC. Many larger housing communities are located within the 100-year flood plain - areas with significant risk of stormwater and coastal flooding. A panel of experts will discuss best practices for site planning and stormwater management strategies to increase the resilience of campus-style housing in a storm event. Enterprise Community Partners, One Whitehall Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10004

Thursday, Oct. 30, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm: What's Next After Rebuilding? Making Resilience Happen. A symposium presented by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and New Jersey Future. Rutgers - Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

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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.

Saturday, October 11, 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm: Red Hook Frackdown. The Brooklyn neighborhood of Red Hook was one of the many New York communities hard-hit by Superstorm Sandy. On October 11, we'll call on Governor Cuomo to help prevent climate catastrophe by supporting a ban on fracking. This rally is part of the Global Frackdown, an international day of action against fracking (www.GlobalFrackdown.org). Sunny's Bar, 253 Conover Street, Brooklyn

Staten Island

Wednesday, October 29, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Light the Shore: Second Anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. Staten Island Long Term Recovery Organization. Picnic Area at Midland & Lincoln Ave, Staten Island NY

Advocacy Reports

NEW: Union of Concerned Scientists: [Encroaching Tides: How Sea Level Rise and Tidal Flooding Threaten U.S. East and Gulf Coast Communities over the Next 30 Years](#)

The Center for New York City Neighborhoods: [Rising Tides, Rising Costs](#)

FloodHelpNY is a dynamic map that allows users to find out what their flood insurance rate will be when new federal flood maps are available in 2016 and provides links to information on purchasing flood insurance.

NYU Furman Center: [The Price of Resilience: Can Multifamily Housing Afford to Adapt?](#)

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: New York City Department of Environmental Protection, [Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan](#) [update]

NEW: New York City Department of City Planning: [Retrofitting Buildings for Flood Risk](#)

Urban Justice Center's [Mental Health Project](#)

Office of the New York City Comptroller, [A Green Bond Program for New York City](#)

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General: [Hospital Emergency Preparedness and Response During Superstorm Sandy](#)

Swiss Re report: "[The Big One: The East Coast's USD 100 billion hurricane event](#)"

[Government Accountability Office audit](#) outlining opportunities to enhance FEMA efficiency in operations.

The [New York Recovery Network](#) provides links to disaster relief funding programs, regional trainings and events, and other news and related information on statewide Sandy recovery. Website registration is required.

[New York City's Quarterly Performance Report to HUD](#), April-June 2014.

U.S. Energy Information Administration, [Flood Vulnerability Assessment Map](#)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: [Sea Level Rise and Nuisance Flood Frequency Changes around the United States](#)

New York City Comptroller's Office: [Audit Report on the New York City Housing Authority's Section 3 and Resident Employment Programs](#)

New York City Comptroller's Office released the annual [ClaimStat report](#) along with interactive maps which reveal claims against the city as reported to five city agencies, including sewer overflow claims from 2012-13 reported to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

New York City Comptroller's Office: [Audit Report](#) on the Department of Homeless Services' Oversight of Contractors Hired to Assist Individuals and Families Displaced by Hurricane Sandy

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 see the [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/hyrcr/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 have 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.

For more resources, visit Good Jobs New York's Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money

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