

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 9 - 16

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This Week's News

Disaster Relief

Business owners with fewer than six employees say that applying for the city's Hurricane Sandy Loan and Grant program is too cumbersome. [New York Daily News](#)

The MTA will receive about \$300 million in federal disaster aid to repair and install protective measures at five vulnerable subway stations in Lower Manhattan. [Downtown Express](#)

Nassau Thrives, a program funded through New York State's CDBG allocation, helps support and educate teachers and caregivers of young children who were impacted by Hurricane Sandy or other traumatic events. [Garden City Patch](#)

The RISE : NYC economic development competition, funded through the city's CDBG allocation, will award grants for helping small businesses gain greater resiliency to natural disasters. The competition's 27 finalists demonstrated their entries last week. [NYCEDC blog](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

When projected sea level rise is taken into consideration, it is expected that by 2050, 43 miles of city coastline will flood daily or weekly unless sea walls or levees are installed. [WNYC](#)

At a recent Homeland Security and Defense Education summit, the keynote speaker categorized the threat of natural disasters as a national defense priority, citing Hurricane Sandy as well as sea level rise. [The Hill](#)

Republican candidate for governor Rob Astorino is opposing construction of a waste transfer station on the Upper East Side of Manhattan and is calling for reconsideration of the project in light of flooding and coastal erosion from Hurricane Sandy. [Central New York News](#)

This series of articles examines many of the lesser known water bodies in New York City, including the Flushing Meadows River, which regularly overflows its banks and is highly polluted because surrounding marshland was paved over, causing the river to receive vast amounts of sewage overflow. [Curbed](#)

The New York City Parks Department issued a Request for Proposals for development of a café on Midland Beach, Staten Island, as part of the citywide recovery from Sandy. [Real Estate Weekly](#)

At tonight's town hall meeting hosted by Staten Island's North Shore Business Association, Sandy rebuilding and resiliency project updates will be discussed, as well as updates on other area developments. [Staten Island Advance](#)

Some advocates for people with disabilities are exposing the fact that in many cities, evacuation plans and emergency warnings are not effectively communicated to reach deaf and blind populations. [Edmund Sun](#)

The American Institute of Architects New York chapter awarded its 2014 Community development award to the Rebuild by Design competition. [Architecture Daily](#)

Housing

An investigation of the Build it Back program by the New York City Department of Investigation has found that more than 90% of program applicants have not received help, and 6,000 applicants have withdrawn their applications due to delays. [New York Daily News](#)

The New York City Department of City Planning's guide, "Retrofitting Buildings for Flood Risk," helps homeowners navigate the process of retrofitting a home, including reviewing existing codes, developing a mitigation strategy and implementation. [Next City](#)

ALSO: Some lower Manhattan residential buildings are adopting new recommendations and installing measures to protect their lower floors and electrical systems from future flood waters. [DNAinfo](#)

Jobs

At the Sandy Recovery and Opportunity resource fair, The de Blasio administration [announced](#) a new workforce development program, in partnership with Citi Community Development, to expand the Workforce 1 job placement program in the Rockaways. He also announced new local hiring requirements for the Build it Back program. [New York Daily News](#)

ALSO: The jobs fair provided access to over 200 recovery-related jobs for those who attended. [NY1](#)

ALSO: When hiring workers, contractors doing construction through the city's Build it Back program will be required to give priority to people who live in neighborhoods that were impacted by Sandy. [New York Daily News](#)

The director of the Bay Parkway Community Job Center in Brooklyn, which provides support for day laborers, says that in planning for future disasters, city policy makers should better plan for day laborers' experiences and their important role in recovering from disasters. [The New York Times](#)

The Staten Island MakerSpace, funded by a grant from the NYCEDC, was launched after Sandy destroyed an architectural metalworking business and its owner sought a way for members of the Staten Island artist community to support one another. [Staten Island Advance](#)

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.

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.

Wednesday, October 29, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: LES Ready: A long term recovery group from the Lower East Side presents: [Remembering Sandy - Still Standing Strong Two Years Later](#). Information: Lilah Mejia, 212-358-1231 or lesreadyinfo@gmail.com La Plaza Cultural Garden, 9th Street & Ave C. Music and Refreshments.

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

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.

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

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/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 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.

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