

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.

Following Hurricane Sandy Recovery Funds Rebuilding News Round-up: October 1-15

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Disaster Relief

Today is the last day to register with FEMA to have flood insurance claims reviewed. [Asbury Park Press](#)

FEMA is requiring hundreds of homeowners to repay FEMA grants if they also received reimbursements from insurance. New York and New Jersey senators have introduced legislation to prevent FEMA from recapturing funds. [CBS Local](#) and [Newsday](#)

The Human Resources Administration will reopen disaster-related food stamps (D-SNAP) for disabled residents in Sandy-affected areas. [Sheepshead Bites](#)

New Jersey's Long Beach Township has been awarded an additional \$6.5 million from a Sandy-related insurance settlement. [New Jersey Advance](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

Despite numerous predictions of rising sea levels, New York City is on track to have more people living at the waters' edge when the next hurricane hits. Some planning experts question why the City is not considering managed retreat from coastal areas. [The Nation](#)

Democracy Now! interviews Naomi Klein and Avi Lewis, co-collaborators on the documentary and book *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*. [Democracy Now!](#)

Construction of the massive Gateway project has begun, with some of the funding for Amtrak tunnels under the Hudson River to be paid for with Federal Transit Administration disaster relief funds. [The New York Times](#)

In preparation for possible impact from Hurricane Joaquin, scientists prepared sensors and other wave velocity testing equipment in Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge to monitor a \$38 million coastal restoration project installed post-Sandy. [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service blog](#)

An engineered wetland system installed in Jamaica Bay will serve as a way to decrease wave action. A half-acre oyster bed will be installed in the bay next spring. [The New York Times](#)

MTA chairman Tom Prendergast acknowledged that the MTA's work to protect vulnerable parts of the subway system is ongoing and still requires additional protections against future storms. However, some projects have been completed such as adding more pumps throughout the system, and installing a sea wall to protect the A train in the Rockaways. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Housing

First Lady Chirlaine McCray announced that the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City has completed 500 home restorations for Sandy victims. [New York Daily News](#)

ALSO: The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City is a privately-funded program that provided funding for Sandy-related home repairs for low-income individuals who did not qualify for federal disaster relief. [Rockawave](#)

Events

Regional Events

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

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 pm: [Accessibility and Elevation Workshop](#). Design professionals and disability experts will offer guidance on removing obstacles that hinder accessibility when a home is elevated. For questions about accessibility, contact Brooklyn Long Term Recovery Group: brooklynltrgroup@gmail.com. Shorefront YM-YWHA of Brighton-Manhattan Beach, 3300 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn 11235

Tuesday, Oct. 20: [Sandy Recovery Opportunity & Resource Fair in Coney Island](#). The NYC Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations and Workforce1 are partnering with local employers to connect Sandy-affected residents to recovery- and resiliency-related career opportunities and job training. Register [here](#)

Tuesday October 20, 9:00 am- 11:00 am: [Hurricane Sandy +3: Building Resilient Neighborhoods](#). Center for New York City Affairs hosts a panel discussion on the topic of the post-storm state of social infrastructure in neighborhoods hardest hit by Sandy. The New School's Theresa Lang Community & Student Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th Street. Information and reservation [here](#).

Advocacy Reports

NYU College of Global Public Health, Rutgers School of Social Work and Institute for Families, Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness, and Colorado State University's Center for Disaster and Risk Analysis:

[The Hurricane Sandy PLACE Report: Evacuation Decisions, Housing Issues, and Sense of Community](#)

[The Hurricane Sandy PERSON Report: Exposure, Health, Economic Burden, and Social Well-Being](#)

Fair Share Housing: [The State of Recovery - Two and a Half Years later, over 15,000 families still waiting to rebuild. Second Annual report](#)

Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development: [Social Resiliency and Superstorm Sandy: Lessons from New York City Community Organizations](#)

LES Ready!: [Getting LES Ready: Learning from Hurricane Sandy to create a community-based disaster plan for the future](#)

Center for Disaster Philanthropy; Council of New Jersey Grantmakers; Foundation Center; Philanthropy New York: [Philanthropy and Hurricane Sandy: A Report on the Foundation and Corporate Response](#). A new report looks at the role of philanthropy in the response to Hurricane Sandy and how contributions help fund community advocacy, social services and other redevelopment planning processes.

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.

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

Federal, State & Local Resources

Office of the Inspector General Department of Homeland Security: [FEMA's Process for Selecting Joint Field Offices Needs Improvement](#)

U.S. Government Accountability Office: [An Investment Strategy Could Help the Federal Government Enhance National Resilience for Future Disasters](#)

[One New York: The Plan for a Strong and Just City](#)

[National Flood Insurance Program and Mitigation Resource List](#)

Office of the New York City Comptroller: [Audit Report on the Administration of the New York City Build It Back Single Family Program By the Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations](#)

U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General audit: [Superstorm Sandy National Emergency Grants: ETA Awarded Funds Promptly, But Could Improve Grant Modification and Eligibility Verification Processes](#)

[Building the Knowledge Base for Climate Resiliency: New York City Panel on Climate Change 2015 Report](#)

The Army Corps of Engineers: [North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study Report and Related Documents](#)

Governor's Office of Storm Recovery: New York Rising 2012-2014

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: [Primary Protection: Enhancing Health care Resilience for a Changing Climate](#)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of the Inspector General audit: [The City of New York, Office of Management and Budget, administration of CDBG -DR Assistance Funds awarded to the city.](#)

Northeast-Midwest Institute: [Building a Climate-Resilient Great Lakes: Federal Resources and Assistance for State and Local Governments](#)

New York City Economic Development Corporation and New York City Department of City Planning: [Water Street: Transforming Water Street's Privately Owned Public Spaces \(POPS\)](#)

Office of the New York City Comptroller, [On the Frontlines: \\$129 billion in property at risk from flood waters](#)

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

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Check out our resources on Hurricane Sandy money at our website.
