

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 dollars Weekly News Round-up: August 15 - August 22

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New from GJNY

Dazed and confused about the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013? We can help. Check out Good Jobs New York's new tool to help New Yorker's understand the Federal Disaster Relief Act and New York City's plan for the first round of CDBG funds.

[At-a-Glance: Federal Disaster Relief After Hurricane Sandy](#)

联邦政策一瞥：飓风桑迪救援资金分配 - (中文) ([In Chinese](#))

This Week's News

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

Special round-up coverage: This week the federal Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, chaired by HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, released its recommendations for rebuilding and strengthening communities after storms like Sandy. [Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Strategy: Stronger Communities, A Resilient Region](#)

In the first of three blog posts, Good Jobs New York provides a critique of some of the Task Force recommendations. [Clawback](#)

Task Force recommendations include making more data public, a new flood risk reduction standard, expediting transportation funding, and doing more to prepare for the effects of climate change on future disaster planning. [National Geographic](#) and [NextCity](#)

Response to the recommendations from [New Jersey Future](#), and the [U.S. EPA](#)

Task Force recommendations on SBA loan programs include having separate tracks for business and homeowner applications, and adjusting the definition of "small" so more companies are included. [Bloomberg BusinessWeek](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency news continued

Gov. Christie acknowledged he is concerned about the increase of severe storms and said he is committed to rebuilding New Jersey with resiliency principles in mind. [WNYC](#) and [The Star-Ledger](#) [video]

Utilities, businesses and law enforcement and anti-terrorism agencies are preparing for an emergency drill in November which will simulate a large scale shut down of the power grid. [The New York Times](#)

The Blueway Plan for Manhattan, proposed by Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer and Assemblyman Brian Kavanagh has been updated to include more wetlands to provide a buffer to the coastline. [City Limits](#)

Federal agencies are planning to use disaster relief funds to remap parts of the coastlines and seafloors along the East Coast that were

NEW Transparency Tip:

The Star Ledger created an interactive tool to help track the use of Sandy funds in New Jersey municipalities. [Sandy Recovery Scorecard](#)

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altered by Hurricane Sandy. [NOAA](#)

A compilation of research scientists' reflections on lessons learned after Sandy. The Earth Institute blog, [State of the Planet](#)

Two New Jersey townships, Mantoloking and Brick, received federal and state approval to build a steel sea wall. [Huffington Post](#)

New Jersey lawmakers are demanding an investigation of why NJTransit ignored its hurricane evacuation plan which resulted in extensive damage to rail equipment. [WNYC/Transportation Nation](#)

Financial regulators suggest new guidelines on how to prepare for service disruptions in future storms. [The Hill](#)

This video explains how data centers, located in New Jersey and supporting some of the largest exchanges on Wall Street, use backup generators and separate grids to prepare against climate change and other threats. [Network World](#)

With extreme temperatures in Northeast Asia - temperatures in Shanghai hit 105.4 degrees - climate scientists predict that such blistering heat waves will become standard in the coming 40 years. [Time](#)

Disaster Relief

The Bloomberg Administration's Neighborhood Game Changer proposal, funded by the city's CDBG funds, may have a negative effect on existing small businesses in Coney Island. [The Independent](#)

Christie's is being sued by AXA Art Insurance for allegedly neglecting artwork in Christie's storage facilities located in Red Hook, Brooklyn during Sandy. Damaged works stored by Christie's include works by Degas and Monet. [The Independent \(U.K\)](#)

Sandy destroyed 110 U.S. Postal Service vehicles. The USPS Inspector General is recommending updating its emergency preparedness plans. [The Washington Times](#)

Housing

The Cuomo Administration added 120 homes to its homebuyout program in Oakwood Beach, Staten Island. [Staten Island Advance](#)

ALSO: This [editorial](#) supports Gov. Cuomo's addition of the homes in Oakwood Beach to the buyout program but stresses that another 200 homes should be included due to their location near a tidal marsh.

Since Sandy, more homeowners along the Jersey Shore are choosing to rebuild with modular-style homes, which can be constructed more quickly than traditionally constructed homes. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Rebuilding after Sandy is more risky for architects, who may face malpractice lawsuits for future coastal developments at risk due to climate change and sea level rise. [National Public Radio](#)

New requirements for elevating homes will make them difficult to access for the elderly and disabled. [WNYC](#)

Jobs

The New Jersey Department of Labor released unemployment figures revealing significant job losses in part due to Sandy. [The Star-Ledger](#)

Advocacy News

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

Regional

This week: various beach clean-up activities for impacted areas around the region for Clean Ocean Action Waves of Action Day. [FortheShore.org](#)

Hurricane Sandy relief volunteer opportunities in New York City are listed at [New York Cares](#)

Brooklyn

Saturday, September 14, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. [Homeowner Resource Forum](#) sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush. Capital One Bank, 1425 Rockaway Pkwy (on the corner of Glenwood Rd) Brooklyn, NY 11236. For more information contact Tyrone McDonald at 718-469-4679 or email infoef_01@nhsnyc.org. Free.

Manhattan

Wednesday, September 11, 2013. 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. NeighborWorks America Northeast Region presents [Navigating the Road to Housing Recovery: Training the Counselor](#). This one-day course is designed for housing counselors and others working with disaster victims. 641 Lexington Avenue (@54th Street), 4th Floor Conference Rooms B & C.

Queens

Saturday, August 24th, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Rockaway Peninsula [Lose, Loss, Lost Walking Tour](#); Participants will explore the peninsula in the aftermath of the storm through experiencing, sharing and invoking personal loss.

New Jersey

Tuesday, October 29. [Superstorm Sandy: One Year Later conference](#). Monmouth University, West Long Branch, N.J. Presented by Monmouth University, New Jersey Future, New Jersey Recovery Fund.

The Christie Administration [released](#) best practices for treating mold in flooded homes. Additionally, the New Jersey Department of Health will offer training sessions in mold removal and assessment.

Advocacy Reports

NEW: [A Disaster in the Making: Addressing the Vulnerability of Low-Income Communities to Extreme Weather](#). This new report from the Center for American Progress examines current

disaster recovery policies and offers recommendations for how government can increase communities' resiliency after storm impacts.

[2013 New Jersey Hurricane Sandy Long-Term Relief and Recovery Assistance Guide](#) from the United Way.

[The Superstorm Research Lab](#), a mutual aid research collective, is working to understand the changes in how New York City policy actors, NGO leaders, activists, volunteers, and residents are thinking about social, economic and environmental issues following Hurricane Sandy.

The Sandy Regional Assembly released its community-based [analysis](#) of the Bloomberg Administration's Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR) report.

New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio documents the efforts of community-based organizations providing disaster relief services for low-income families after Sandy: [Supporting Community-Based Disaster Response: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Sandy](#)

The Center for Urban Real Estate: [NYC 2040: Housing the Next One Million New Yorkers](#)

American Planning Association-New York Metro Chapter for the Rockaway Development & Revitalization Corporation: [Getting Back to Business; Addressing the Needs of Rockaway Businesses Impacted by Superstorm Sandy](#)

The Sandy Regional Assembly, made up of environmental justice organizations, community-based groups, labor unions, and advocates have released [Recovery from the Ground Up: Strategies for community-based resiliency in New York and New Jersey](#). Based on input from grassroots groups, the Recovery Agenda includes priorities relating to low-income people, communities of color, immigrants, and workers.

The Alliance for a Just Rebuilding released [Sandy's Mold Legacy: The Unmet Need Six Months After the Storm](#)

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

Federal, State & Local Resources

NEW: Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force report, [Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Strategy: Stronger Communities, A Resilient Region](#)

NEW: [Disaster Recovery Bulletin](#), August 2013. A weekly electronic newsletter from the Hurricane Sandy federal disaster recovery coordination team.

New: ProPublica's [list](#) of the best journalism on the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy.

[Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program](#). This program, through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior, aims to fund ways to rebuild wetlands, beaches and other ecosystems.

顯利街社服中心「希望之星」撫慰珊迪災民受創心靈 - Henry Street Settlement in Lower Manhattan provides free mental health counseling to people and families affected by Sandy. Hot line: (800) 543-3638; In Chinese: (877) 990-8585.

The New York [Community Reconstruction Program](#), formerly known as Community Reconstruction

Zones; the program's website includes an interactive map of the "NY Rising Communities" and a prominent link for making public comment.

[The New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Sandy Recovery Resource Guide](#), updated July 9, 2013.

Report by the U.S. Department of Energy: [U.S. Energy Sector Vulnerabilities to Climate Change and Extreme Weather](#). Part of the Obama Administration's national climate change adaptation planning, this report examines current and potential impacts of climate trends on the nation's energy sector. It includes an interactive map showing the location of current climate vulnerabilities in the energy sector.

[Hurricane Sandy: An Assessment of Impacted Commercial Corridors and Recommendations for Revitalization](#) [pdf]. This report by the New York City Department of Small Business Services and the New York City Economic Development Corporation provides an assessment of commercial corridors in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Manhattan, and Queens.

The New York City Economic Development Corporation released its RFP for the "Neighborhood Game Changer" competition. Winning proposals will receive up to \$18 million in CDBG funds to support the proposed project. Deadline for submission is Monday, September 9, 2013. [NYCEDC Press Release](#)

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