

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: October 10 - 17

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Action Items

The Rockaway Waterfront Alliance [Call-to-Action Campaign](#) is asking residents of Rockaway and surrounding Jamaica Bay to [take this online survey](#) to help develop stronger, better disaster response resources.

Friday, October 25; 12:30pm - 4:30pm: Fifth Avenue Committee is hosting a volunteer day as part of its [Rebuilding in Red Hook & Gowanus Initiative](#). Door-to-door canvassers are needed to inform residents about recovery options and enroll them in New York City's recovery program, Build It Back. To volunteer, RSVP by Thursday Oct. 24 to Renée Crowley rcrowley@fifthave.org.

Application deadline extended for New York City's [Build it Back](#) program until October 31.

The New York City Economic Development Corporation issued a [Request For Qualifications](#) to reconstruct the boardwalk in Rockaway, Queens. The deadline is October 18, 4:00 pm.

This Week's News

Disaster Relief

FEMA extended the application deadline for the National Flood Insurance Program for six months. [Staten Island Advance](#)

New York Gov. Cuomo [announced](#) \$200 million in Superstorm Sandy Social Services Block Grant funding for health care and human services organizations to help with costs of building repair and to provide ongoing health services to Sandy-impacted New Yorkers. [Staten Island Advance](#)

A federal grant to the Connecticut Department of Labor to hire workers for clean-up and repairs is still largely unused; the deadline for the state to use the funds is weeks away. [The Courant](#)

Mark Treyger, a Democratic candidate for Brooklyn's 47th Council district, is calling on the National Football League and Super Bowl host committee, which has pledged \$2 million to help Sandy-damage neighborhoods, to include Coney Island in the list of neighborhoods to receive the donations. [Brooklyn Daily Eagle](#)

Transparency Tip:

This week The New York World updated its posting "[Who can get Sandy recovery aid in New York?](#)"

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Hundreds of trees that fell during Sandy were collected by a Brooklyn-based saw mill company and manufactured into high end furniture. [The New Yorker](#)

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter oversaw a week of rebuilding and relief work done by Habitat for Humanity for Sandy-victims in Staten Island and Queens. [Staten Island Advance](#)

Several high-end hotels are filing suit against ConEd for alleged negligence and insurance companies for allegedly not paying claims. [Crain's New York Business](#)

A new photo journal "The Rockaways" will be given away for free in exchange for making a charitable contribution and sharing the book. [City Room blog](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

New York City proposes to rebuild the Rockaways, Queens boardwalk to include a widening of the beach, and installing a concrete boardwalk and a concrete barrier under the boardwalk. The plans face some opposition from the community, and the boardwalk is not expected to be complete before summer 2015. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

New York Medical College Center for Disaster Medicine received a grant from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health at the Centers for Disease Control for a two-year study examining the impacts of mold and other toxins on those responding to the damage to neighborhoods affected by Sandy. [Westfair Online](#)

ALSO: A Johns Hopkins physician was the first to receive the new disaster medicine award from The American College of Emergency Physicians for his contributions in the wake of numerous disasters, including Hurricane Sandy. [Johns Hopkins press release](#)

New York University's self-contained microgrid allowed it to sustain operations on its main campus during the ConEd power outage that lasted for days in Manhattan after Sandy. The microgrid has become a best practice example for emergency preparedness. [City & State](#)

New York Senator Charles E. Schumer is [urging](#) the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund two proposed East River ferry landings, citing the critical role of ferries in the aftermath of Sandy to help provide expanded transit service.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey stated damage to its operations totalled more than \$2 billion. [The Star-Ledger](#)

Despite Amtrak's shutdown in the Northeast for a week due to Sandy repairs, the rail company announced increased ridership in 2013. [The New York Times](#)

A report from insurance company Alliance Global Corporate &

Specialty warns that many businesses are unprepared for extreme weather and other impacts from global climate change. [United Press International](#)

AARP and community groups in Mantoloking, NJ are concerned that Verizon's plans to replace landlines with Voice Link wireless service, which does not work during power outages and can disable 911 calls, may leave residents vulnerable during emergencies. [The New York Times](#)

An interview with Operation Resilient Long Island co-founder Daniel Horn on designs submitted to the Comprehensive Coastal Communities Competition to encourage buildings designs that will better protect coastal neighborhoods from future storms. [Inhabitat](#)

The NRDC urges New Jersey to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative which seeks to curb the effects of climate change by cutting pollution from power plants. [NRDC blog](#)

The Rutgers Climate Institute hosted its first conference to assess how New Jersey has made progress in learning from lessons of Hurricane Sandy. [Newsworks](#)

A new report by US Strong, [Extreme Weather Extreme Costs](#) calls for a permanent source of funding to support emergency planning and response.

Housing

Advocates for the New York City's disabled are suing the city for its lack of emergency preparedness alleging that its plans failed to address the needs of disabled people during and after Sandy and violated the Americans with Disabilities Act. [WNYC](#)

Funds from New York State's housing reconstruction program, New York Rising, are beginning to be distributed on Long Island. [CBS New York](#) and [Newsday](#)

ALSO: Nearly 100 Long Island residents shared ideas for recovery at the public meeting of the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program in Oceanside. [Long Island Herald](#)

Jobs

The American Red Cross [announced](#) it is awarding over \$700,000 to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers foundation to hire local labor to repair over 100 homes in Staten Island.

Events

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

Regional

Deadline: October 31 applications are due for Build it Back, New York City's program to assist homeowners and renters.

Deadline: November 1. The New York City Department of Small Business Services Small Business Storefront Improvement Program provides funding for facade improvements to eligible small businesses and property owners impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Selected participants will be awarded up to \$20,000.

Sunday October 27, 4:30 pm. Turn the Tide on Sandy Rebuilding action. To mark the one year anniversary of Sandy, join the Alliance for a Just Rebuilding and allies from across the city who will be marching from communities affected by Sandy, in a rally to City Hall. Organized by The Alliance for a Just Rebuilding. More information can be found on Facebook and from South Bronx Unite.

Wednesday, October 30, 2013 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Hurricane Sandy Sustainable Recovery Symposium is an opportunity for disaster case managers, long term recovery groups, VOAD Members and Sandy Recovery Workers to come together to learn about "Defining Sustainable Recovery Recovery Resource Sharing Building Local Capacity Networking"

New York State

\$27 million in federal National Emergency Grant (NEG) funds are available from the New York State Department of Labor via the Jobs for Cleanup Work program. For an application, information, and a list of jobs visit <http://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/neg.shtm>

Brooklyn

Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18. 8:30 am - 6:00 pm The Science and Resilience Institute's first symposium, "Urban Resilience in an Era of Climate Change: Global Input for Local Solutions," will be held at Kingsborough Community College.

Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 pm: NY Rising Public Outreach Meeting for Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Manhattan Beach, and Sea Gate. See link for location details.

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Wednesday, November 6: "Marfa Dialogues/NY: Center for Social Inclusion & The Pratt Institute Programs for Sustainable Planning & Development Community Conversations on Environmental Justice & Rebuilding. Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont St.

Manhattan

Friday, October 25 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place; Sandy, Philanthropy and a Year of Hard Lessons. This half-day conference will provide an opportunity for funders with a variety of programmatic interests to join with key community leaders, government officials and recovery organization leaders.

Monday, October 28, 2013 8:00 am - 10:30 am Crain's Rebuilding NY: One Year Later. Sheraton New York Times Square. Join Crain's in a discussion with the region's key political and business leaders about the progress that's been made-and the daunting challenges that lay ahead.

Monday, October 28 8:30 am to 11:00 am Rebuild by Design; Selected design teams discuss their research and their proposed design solutions. Breakfast Reception at NYU 60 Washington Square South, New York, NY. Free and open to the public. RSVP

Tuesday, October 29: "Marfa Dialogues/NY: Center for Social Inclusion & The Pratt Institute Programs for Sustainable Planning & Development Community [Conversations on Environmental Justice & Rebuilding](#), University Settlement, 184 Eldridge St.

Queens

Monday, October 21, 7:30 pm: NY Rising [Public Outreach Meeting for New Howard Beach and Old Howard Beach](#). See link for location details.

Thursday, October 24, 7:00 pm: NY Rising [Public Outreach Meeting for Broad Channel](#). See link for location details.

Wednesday, November 20: "Marfa Dialogues/NY: Center for Social Inclusion & The Pratt Institute Programs for Sustainable Planning & Development Community [Conversations on Environmental Justice & Rebuilding](#), Queens Museum, Rockaways.

Staten Island

A schedule for events along the Staten Island waterfront commemorating the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy includes a candlelight vigil along the shoreline. [Staten Island Advance](#)

New Jersey

Monday, October 28 6:00 to 8:30 pm: [Rebuild by Design](#) evening reception. Selected design teams discuss their research and their proposed design solutions. NJIT 150 Bleeker Street, University Heights, Newark, NJ Campus Center, 2nd Floor. Free and open to the public. [RSVP](#)

Tuesday, October 29. [Superstorm Sandy: One Year Later, Looking to the Future](#). Monmouth University, West Long Branch, N.J. Presented by Monmouth University, New Jersey Future, New Jersey Recovery Fund. Free, registration is required.

Advocacy Reports

[After Sandy: Advancing Strategies for Long-Term Resilience and Adaptability](#). A report from the Urban Land Institute offers 23 recommendations on land use, infrastructure, finance, and governance for local and federal post-Sandy community rebuilding plans.

The Urban Green Council maintains a [proposal tracker](#) to follow the status of the Building Resiliency Task Force report proposals geared at making New York buildings safer and more resilient to extreme weather.

[A Disaster in the Making: Addressing the Vulnerability of Low-Income Communities to Extreme Weather](#). A report by the Center for American Progress examines current disaster recovery policies and offers recommendations for how government can increase communities' resiliency after storms.

[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](#)
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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 York City's action plan for use of \$1.7 billion in Community Development Block Grants, including four amendments to the plan can be found at the [NYC Recovery: Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery](#) website. Also, read Good Jobs New York's comments on the recent amendment to the action plan and more on our page for [Action Plans for Hurricane Sandy Recovery Funds](#)

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](#).

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

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.

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