

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 17 - 24

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Action Items

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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.

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

One Year Anniversary Headlines

Highlights of the media coverage of the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy:

Photo-collages of one block along the Jersey Shore chronicles residents who are rebuilding or relocating. [WNYC](#)

A multi-part investigative series by Gotham Gazette and [AdaptNY](#) reveals that community boards sense a disconnect between their rebuilding needs and the city's disaster/resiliency planning proposals. Gotham Gazette [\[part 1\]](#) [\[part 2\]](#)

A recap of building initiatives and resiliency projects since Sandy in New York City and New Jersey. Also, an interactive graphic shows how storm surge during Sandy closely followed Lower Manhattan's original shoreline. [The Economist](#)

Some of New York City's infrastructure has become more resilient since Sandy, including improvements at ConEd's facility at 14th

Transparency Tip:

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

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Street in Manhattan, yet other critical infrastructure projects remain vulnerable. [Crain's New York Business](#)

A review of the Metropolitan Transit Authority's hurricane preparedness in New York City from before Sandy to present. [The New York Times](#)

This Week's News

Disaster Relief

New York State officials plan to release a proposal for the second round of CDBG funds, worth approximately \$2 billion, next week. [Newsday](#) *Good Jobs New York* will post details on the required comment period as they are made available.

\$8 million in housing rebuilding funds are expected to be released to New Jersey residents by the end of the month. [The Star-Ledger](#)

In an opinion column, Errol Louis asserts officials should prioritize transparency and community engagement to help limit waste, fraud and abuse in federal rebuilding funds. [New York Daily News](#)

New York State and City officials blame extensive environmental rules for the slow process of distributing Sandy funds. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Homeowners planning to sue their insurance provider to pay for Sandy claims, must do so within one year after the claim was denied. [NBC New York](#)

ALSO: Hundreds of angry residents attended a legislative hearing on storm recovery in Toms River where residents testified about insurance companies refusing to pay claims, and the slow release of government aid. [Bloomberg Businessweek](#)

Doctors of the World USA opened a new free clinic at Beach 102 in Rockaway, Queens this week because the Sandy-devastated neighborhood lacks access to hospitals. [New York Daily News](#)

Service organizations in New York City say it is difficult to provide services to Sandy victims, especially those who are undocumented and without permanent housing. [Crain's New York Business](#)

The American Red Cross held a ceremony to honor volunteers who served in the aftermath of Sandy. [NY1](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

Despite the slow start to Sandy recovery, Deputy Mayor Cas Holloway reassured New Yorkers that the next mayoral administration will inherit a solid vision for recovery. [Capital New York](#), [Gotham Gazette](#) and [Gothamist](#)

Understanding delicate cost-risk-benefit ratios influence the complex decisions about designing resilient infrastructure and rebuilding in vulnerable areas. [The New York Times Op-ed](#)

Sandy disrupted the supply chain for small scale grocery stores in New York City, revealing vulnerable food storage infrastructure. [The Atlantic Cities](#)

Lower Manhattan recovered from flooding and damage from Sandy faster than expected as landlords made repairs and have taken the opportunity to add resiliency measures to protect buildings from future flooding. [Crain's New York Business](#)

A Swedish architecture firm, White Arkitekter, is [the winner](#) of the city's FAR ROC design competition. The firm was selected to design a storm-resilient development in the Rockaway's 80-acre Arverne East site. [The Wall Street Journal Metropolis Blog](#) and [Brownstoner Queens](#)

The MTA posted a video of the extensive repairs that are underway in the Sandy-damaged Montague tube of the R line between Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. [WNYC](#)

A coastal geologist saw historical warnings of New York City's vulnerability to hurricanes and says even more must be done to protect the region from direct impact from future hurricanes. [Grist](#)

Housing

Insurance rates increased for many New York City residents along the waterfront this year and another 30,000 properties anticipate a rate increase within two years when FEMA revises its flood zone maps. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Of the 23 temporary boilers set up to serve NYCHA developments after Sandy, none have been permanently replaced. NYCHA officials report replacements may not be ready for two more years. [WNYC](#)

ALSO: NYCHA conducted a disaster preparedness drop-in session for residents of Brooklyn's Red Hook Houses. [DNAinfo](#) and [WNYC](#)

Condo and co-op boards wrestle with decisions of how to protect building systems from future storms. [Crain's New York Business](#)

The Fire Department of New York announced an initiative aimed at senior citizens living in Sandy-damaged neighborhoods to assess fire safety measures in newly re-built homes. [Associated Press via CBS New York](#)

Architects face the challenge of not only rebuilding safely in storm-vulnerable areas, but also preparing residents to consider "managed retreat" - not rebuilding in locations that are simply too dangerous. [Architectural Record](#)

Bright n' Green, a sustainable mixed use development in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, sustained minimal damage during Sandy due to many passive protective measures used in the construction such as an air tight building envelope, and a solar-powered generator. [Multi-housing News](#)

Events

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

Upcoming application deadlines:

October 31: applications are due for [Build it Back](#), New York City's program to assist homeowners and renters.

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.

November 7 by 4:00 pm is the new deadline to submit a funding application through The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) [Small Grants Program](#).

Funding opportunity: The NOAA Marine Debris Program Grants. Projects awarded through this grant competition have strong on-the-ground habitat restoration components involving the removal of marine debris, including derelict fishing gear. Projects also provide benefits to coastal communities, and create long-term ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources. [Read the summary](#) for details.

\$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>

Regional

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Tuesday, October 29: Enterprise Community Partners will release "One Year Later: Assessing Housing Impacts of Superstorm Sandy" [Report Release](#).

Wednesday, October 30, 8:30 am - 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"

Brooklyn

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Sunday, October 27, 3:00 pm: Turn the Tide on Sandy Rebuilding Sojourn from Red Hook (Hosted by Community Voices Heard and Red Hook Initiative) to City Hall to join 350.org, the Alliance for a Just Rebuilding and thousands from across the city to call for affordable housing and good jobs that help all New Yorkers recover. Gather to leave together for City Hall at 3:00pm: Meet outside Red Hook Initiative, 767 Hicks St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. Contact Julian Vigo at Julian@cvhaction.org.

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.

Bronx

Sunday, October 27, 1:00 pm: Bike Tour/Rally on Sandy Anniversary. One Year After Hurricane Sandy, South Bronx Unite Invites Bronxites & Bikers to Sojourn from the South Bronx waterfront to City Hall to join 350.org, the Alliance for a Just Rebuilding and thousands from across the city for the Turn the Tide on Sandy Rebuilding rally to call for affordable housing and good jobs that help all New Yorkers recover. Meet at Brook Park, E. 141st St & Brook Ave, South Bronx.

Manhattan

Friday, October 25, 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, 8:00 am - 10:30 am: Crain's Rebuilding NY: One Year Later. Sheraton New York Times Square. The region's key political and business leaders discuss the progress that's been made and the daunting challenges that lay ahead.

Monday, October 28, 8:30 am - 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

TONIGHT: Thursday, October 24, 7:00 pm: NY Rising Public Outreach Meeting for Broad Channel. See link for location details.

Saturday, October 26, 9:30 am: An interfaith service hosted by Faith in New York to mark the beginning of the Sandy Sojourn to the Turn the Tide on Sandy Rebuilding rally at City Hall on Sunday. First Church of God, 1425 Beach Channel Drive, please contact Daniel Green at Daniel@faithinnewyork.org for more details.

Sunday, October 27, 3:00 pm: Buses to City Hall from the Rockaways for Turn the Tide on Sandy Rebuilding rally. Meet-up time: 3:00 pm. Buses leave promptly for City Hall at 3:30 pm. Please contact bus captains at the numbers below to reserve a space.

Locations:

First Church of God (1425 Beach Channel Drive): Adlyn Hylton (917-692-0771)

St. Mary's Star of the Sea (1920 New Haven Ave): Margaret Stewart (917-690-2835)

First Congregational Church (320 Beach 94 Street): Pastor Joseph Medlin (718-634-4701)

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

Sunday, October 27, 12:00 pm: [Turn the Tide on Sandy Rebuilding](#), Sojourn from Staten Island to City Hall to join 350.org, the Alliance for a Just Rebuilding and thousands from across the City to call for affordable housing and good jobs that help all New Yorkers recover. Meet at Kissam Ave. in Oakwood Beach.

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 - 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

NEW: The New York Building Congress released its [annual forecast](#) and anticipates an increase in construction spending for 2013-2015, in part due to post-Sandy infrastructure projects.

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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weather.

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

[National Emergency Grant Awards](#) categorized by year.

[NYC Service](#), a citywide service opportunity portal, with links to various ongoing recovery and response projects.

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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