

# DISASTER RECOVERY BULLETIN



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Welcome to the **Disaster Recovery Bulletin**, an electronic dispatch for recovery workers produced weekly by the Hurricane Sandy federal disaster recovery coordination team. The bulletin includes information, resources, news and events to serve the recovery effort. Most of the content is organized by sector, allowing readers from a wide range of perspectives to easily find the items of greatest interest to them. If you have questions, comments or calendar items you'd like to submit, please email us at [editorNYrecovery@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:editorNYrecovery@fema.dhs.gov). To subscribe click [here](#). Please help us reach more recovery workers by emailing this to a friend.

Thanks for reading, and keep up the good work!

## FOCUS: RECOVERY IN THE CITY

### Mayor Bloomberg signs legislation to strengthen building standards and enhance their resiliency

*NYC.gov*, Oct. 2, 2013

A panel of experts convened after Hurricane Sandy to outline steps to fortify New York City's buildings and strengthen building standards has seen the first of its recommendations enacted. Mayor Bloomberg signed six new pieces of legislation, including bills to create a manual on flood construction and protection standards, to enact a study and pilot program on the possible use of permeable materials on roadways and sidewalks, to require buildings in flood-prone areas to be equipped with devices to prevent the intrusion of sewage, to require new toilets and faucets in buildings be able to operate for two weeks without an external supply of electrical power, to conduct a study on the effects of wind on existing buildings and to assign the office responsible for making resiliency recommendations. To read the full report and track the progress of additional recommendations, see Urban Green's [website](#) and [proposal tracker](#).

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## IN THE KNOW

### Natural and Cultural Resources

#### Coastal risk reduction and resilience: Using the full array of measures

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, Sept. 2013

Coastal risk reduction can be achieved through a variety of approaches, including use of nature-based features (e.g., wetlands and dunes), nonstructural interventions (e.g., policies, building codes and emergency response) and structural interventions (e.g., seawalls and breakwaters). This paper discusses the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' capabilities to help reduce risks from and improve resilience to hazards through an integrated approach that draws from a full array of coastal risk reduction measures.

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### Health and Social Services

#### Help for post-disaster stress

*The Wave*, Oct. 4, 2013

Recognizing that the stresses of Hurricane Sandy have lingered, the Visiting Nurse Service of New York is collaborating with the American Red Cross to offer a new program to treat post-disaster distress symptoms for Sandy survivors. The new program will provide high quality, client-centered, strength- and evidence-based mental health care through one-on-one and group sessions, psycho-education and public education presentations. Services are provided at no cost to clients.

#### Sandy recovery continues: Over \$625,000 in new funding

*Thomson and Reuters Foundation*, Oct. 3, 2013

One year later, the struggle to recover from Hurricane Sandy is a daily reality for families across the tri-state area. Access to health care, as well as mental health and social services, remains a significant unmet need for thousands. To help fill these crucial gaps, AmeriCares has awarded more than \$625,000 in new funding to support programs for survivors in disaster-stricken communities in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### Hurricane Sandy contracts awarded

*Federal Transparency*, last update on Oct. 3, 2013

In January 2013, the \$50.5 billion Disaster Relief Appropriations bill to assist victims of Hurricane Sandy was passed and included a mandate that the federal government's Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board use all its oversight resources to prevent fraud, waste and abuse of the funding, as well as to monitor all other appropriations related to Sandy. The public can track contracts given via an interactive map or read the board's latest report to Congress at [FederalTransparency.gov](http://FederalTransparency.gov).

### The 3D Elevation Program — Summary of program direction

*United States Geological Survey*

A post-Sandy survey will eventually be folded into the 3D Elevation Program, a billion-dollar survey projected to generate \$13 billion in benefits each year. The transition from the familiar topographic maps, with their winding elevation lines, to the digital reality made possible by remote sensing technology, or lidar, will be the mapping equivalent of replacing a sundial with a high-tech watch, according to some.

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## GRANT DEADLINE: DECEMBER 2, 2013

### Notice of funding available for transportation recovery and resiliency research projects

*The Federal Register and Grants.gov*

The Federal Transit Administration announces the availability of \$29 million in research, development, demonstration and deployment program funds for innovative safety, resiliency and all-hazards emergency response and recovery research demonstration projects of national significance.

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## CALENDAR

Event Date: Oct. 9

### Storm recovery resources fair and Touro Law Center seminar

*Nassau County and Touro Law Center*

Touro Law Center, home of the "Superstorm Sandy Disaster Relief Clinic," is presenting this seminar to help homeowners affected by Hurricane Sandy meet requirements for two upcoming insurance deadlines: the "proof of loss" requirement and the statute of the limitations to file suit. The resource fair starts at 5:30 p.m. and the seminar at 6:30 p.m.

Event Date: Oct. 11

### Ensuring you're insured: Disaster recovery insurance 101 for affordable multifamily owners and operators

*Enterprise Community Partners*

Enterprise's New York City office is hosting a series of panel presentations on housing resiliency to explore the long-term recovery challenges and opportunities for the multifamily affordable housing infrastructure in New York City and the surrounding region in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Event Date: Oct. 14

### The design communities response and strategies for resilience

*American Institute of Architects, New York*

This symposium will showcase design professionals, academics and not-for-profit strategists in a panel discussion about the design community's response and strategies for resiliency after Hurricane Sandy. Speakers will represent the American Institute of Architects' New York chapter, Design Trust for Public Space, Architecture for Humanity and the Municipal Arts Society of New York.

Event Date: Oct. 15

### Hurricane Sandy One Year Later: What have we learned and where do we go from here?

*Philanthropy New York*

A webinar for funders will focus on how private philanthropy continues to support long-term recovery in the New York and New Jersey regions. Panelists will include professionals from Philanthropy New York, New Jersey Future, Make the Road New York, Center for Disaster Philanthropy, The UPS Foundation and Council of New Jersey Grantmakers.

Event Date: Oct. 17

### Urban Resilience in an Era of Climate Change: Global input for local solutions

*Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance*

The National Park Service, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, City University of New York and Natural Areas Conservancy will host a symposium on urban resilience at Kingsborough College that will highlight recent research and restoration efforts in Jamaica Bay and discuss the impacts of Hurricane Sandy on its ecosystem and watershed.

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget to check the [USAJobs.gov](http://USAJobs.gov) website for Hurricane Sandy recovery employment. Enter "FEMA" and "New York" for our latest offerings.

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