

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. 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: ANSWERS AFTER THE STORM

The calm before the storm

Today's Facility Manager, Sept. 26, 2013

Critical facilities play a special role in the health and resilience of communities during major climate-driven disasters. Long-term survivability and sustainability depends on robust critical facilities. This article analyzes post-Sandy reports put out by six organizations – including New York City's Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency, the Urban Green Council Building Resiliency Task Force, local chapters of the American Institute of Architects, and the New York Building Congress – and describes key findings for facilities professionals.

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IN THE KNOW

Community Planning and Capacity Building

The case against rebuilding the coastline after Hurricane Sandy

The Atlantic Cities Place Matters, Sept. 12, 2013

Nearly one year since Hurricane Sandy ravaged the East Coast, many of the affected communities remain vulnerable to another storm. One scientist describes what government should be doing to help.

Red Cross awards Sandy grant to Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation

RedCross.org, Oct. 8, 2013

The American Red Cross awarded to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation a \$721,550 grant to hire licensed contractors to complete rebuilding efforts begun by volunteers. Tunnel to Towers will use the grant to hire local, skilled labor – plumbers, electricians and carpenters – over the next year to help repair up to 110 homes in the East and South Shore of Staten Island. The work will help displaced Hurricane Sandy survivors return to their homes.

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Health and Social Services

Gov. Cuomo awards \$200 million in funding to meet health care and human service needs resulting from Hurricane Sandy

Governor.NY.gov, Oct. 10, 2013

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced that \$200 million has been awarded to more than 450 health care and human service providers and other community-based organizations following the impact of Sandy. The federal Superstorm Sandy Social Services Block Grant is designed to cover expenses not otherwise covered, resulting from the storm, including social, health and mental health services for individuals, and for repair, renovation and rebuilding of facilities housing health care, mental hygiene, child care and other social services.

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Housing

VIDEO: This Old House: The Jersey Shore Rebuilds

ThisOldHouse.com

Less than a year after Hurricane Sandy struck the East Coast, the *This Old House* TV crew visited the New Jersey Shore for an eight-part special series that will report on the rebuilding of three homes, all severely damaged during the storm. The footage include an 1880s shore cottage that's been in the same family for more than 30 years, a home built in 1954 that had last been updated just a couple of years ago, and a 1940s house that its owner had finally paid off.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Mapping tool provides information on community resources and coastal recovery

A data-rich mapping tool recently became available to the recovery community. The [Community Recovery Resource Mapping Tool](#) provides information about home damage, maximum grants received from FEMA and nonprofit recovery organizations' service areas. Data was provided by NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, American Red Cross, NYC Housing Recovery Operations, Local Initiatives Support Corporation and others. The tool can be used by a wide range of recovery practitioners to identify available resources, gaps in services, trends and other factors. The tool will be updated as new information becomes available.

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CALENDAR

Event Date: Oct. 21

The Rockaways and Long Beach community bus tour

Philanthropy New York

The tour will give recovery practitioners an opportunity to learn from public officials and community leaders about what philanthropy can do to support systems development and capacity building.

Event Date: Oct. 22

The power of the sea: Tsunamis, storm surges, rogue waves, and our quest to predict disasters

Hudson River Foundation

This seminar is part of a series focusing on scientific issues related to the environmental quality and resource management of the New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget to check the USAJobs.gov website for Hurricane Sandy recovery employment. Enter "FEMA" and "New York" for our latest offerings.

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