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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: THE POWER IN RECOVERY

What if Sandy happened today?

Crain's New York Business, Oct. 18, 2013

If another hurricane the size and scope of Sandy were to hit New York today, would the city fare any better? This is a question many New Yorkers are asking as the storm's first anniversary approaches. Sandy wreaked havoc on infrastructure when it barreled down on New York. Transit halted, power outages occurred throughout the city, health care facilities were severely damaged, cellphone towers died and gas pumps failed.

A year later, Con Edison is spending millions to move miles worth of power lines underground with plans to install "isolation switches," which will shrink the size of electrical networks so power doesn't have to be shut off across an entire neighborhood. The city plans to build offshore breakwater infrastructure that will deepen beaches and strengthen the shore's ability to repel and drain water. The transit authority has long-term plans to flood-proof the entire subway system and hospitals are working to secure backup fuel and power supplies, and rethink their electrical systems. The storm that changed everything changed the way we look at recovery.

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IN THE KNOW

Housing

Nearly 4,000 Long Islanders to get more than \$110,000 each in Hurricane Sandy funds

Newsday, Oct. 15, 2013

Survivors from Hurricane Sandy and tropical storms Irene and Lee, who sought help from the state's New York Rising program, are set to receive letters informing them that \$484.3 million has been allocated to homeowners with unmet needs. Nearly 4,000 Long Island homeowners will receive on average more than \$110,000 each under the post-Sandy housing reconstruction program. The money comes from the first allocation of Community Development Block Grant assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Infrastructure

Smart grid resiliency: A Florida success story

Smart Grid News, Oct. 17, 2013

In the wake of the destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy nearly a year ago, the power industry has recognized and communicated to stakeholders that critical infrastructure cannot be completely protected from physical damage during such extreme events. Instead, the industry, including Florida Power & Light, is pursuing the twin paths of vigorous preparation and rapid recovery.

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HEALTH CARE THEN AND NOW

Health and Social Services

Psychological recovery from disaster: Key concepts for delivery of mental health services

International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

In the spring of 1994, Diane Myers, a licensed psychiatric mental health nurse and psychiatric clinical nurse specialist, published an article on key concepts that should be considered in designing techniques for mental health programs following disasters. Almost two decades later, Myers' assessments still ring true for survivors and mental health professionals dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Research and experience consistently indicate that mental health services after a disaster must differ significantly from traditional mental health programs in order to be effective. The concepts outlined in this article illustrate basic differences between disaster mental health services and traditional mental health programs.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Hurricane Sandy: New York City rebuilds

NYC Service

Volunteers are still needed to assist with the recovery process by supporting Hurricane Sandy revitalization and rebuilding efforts through service.

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GRANT DEADLINES

Deadline: Nov. 1, 2013

Community-Based Marine Debris Removal

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has announced that funding of up to \$2 million may be available to implement locally driven, community-based marine debris prevention, assessment and removal projects that will benefit coastal habitat and waterways.

Deadline: Nov. 7, 2013

North American Wetlands Conservation Act

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The Small Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. The projects must involve long-term protection, restoration and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all affected wetlands-associated migratory birds.

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CALENDAR

Event: Oct. 30

Hurricane Sandy sustainable recovery symposium

The Salvation Army Greater New York, American Red Cross, New York Disaster Interfaith Services, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York

The Hurricane Sandy Sustainable Recovery Symposium will provide an opportunity for disaster case managers, long-term recovery groups, members of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters and Sandy recovery workers to discuss key factors for achieving sustainable recovery.

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JOB OPENINGS

Verification of Benefits Specialists - Disaster Recovery in Woodbury

Disaster Assistance Technician/Analyst in Woodbury

Crisis Counseling Program Team Leader/White Plains

Operation HOPE/Restore HOPE Hurricane Sandy

Project Manager - Hurricane Sandy Build It Back Program

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