

FOCUS IN THE NEWS EVENTS GRANT DEADLINES GRANTS AWARDED JOB OPENINGS

In anticipation of the launch of the New York Recovery Network, a platform providing access to information and connection to other professionals involved in New York's recovery from Hurricane Sandy, we've redesigned the recovery bulletin with an updated look.

What remains the same is our guiding editorial philosophy: news and tools that recovery workers can use to do their jobs more effectively. Please let us know how we can serve you better. To send comments or submit items of interest, please email us at editorNYrecovery@fema.dhs.gov. To subscribe [click here](#).

Thanks for reading, and keep up the good work!

FOCUS: REIMAGINING NEW YORK FOR A NEW REALITY

Last Tuesday, Gov. Cuomo unveiled a \$17 billion plan titled "Reimagining New York for a New Reality," which aimed to strengthen infrastructure systems to withstand future storms. His plan would leverage the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013, an appropriations bill authorizing \$60 billion in federal disaster aid. Under Cuomo's plan, the state would begin using its share of the \$60 billion appropriation on more than 1,000 projects. Plans include increasing the number of weather stations from 27 to 125, replacing or repairing 104 bridges at risk of flooding, and establishing a public college for emergency preparedness and homeland security under the State University of New York (SUNY).

Five billion dollars would be dedicated to implementing a massive redesign and reconstruction of New York City's mass transit infrastructure, including a protective system to seal off more than 500 subway tunnels to prevent the kind of damage that was caused when sea water flooded subway tunnels in lower Manhattan. Gas stations near major highways would be required to have backup power systems and the state's energy grid would be expanded by adding community-based "micro-grids" to prevent power outages.

The NY Rising Community Reconstruction program is expected to expand by 22 to total 124 communities receiving support. The governor will also seek to recruit and train 100,000 citizen volunteers who could be called upon during major disasters. Other projects include coastal wastewater mitigation systems, home construction programs and assistance, and health and human services support. For a full transcript and video of the governor's speech, click [here](#). For the detailed plan click [here](#).

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IN THE NEWS

COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

One year of Sandy response

Make the Road New York, December 18, 2013

This report outlines the challenges that face working class immigrant communities devastated by Hurricane Sandy. Citizenship status limited some immigrants' ability to claim benefits and a lack of multilingual staff at relief sites meant that early help was inaccessible to those with limited English proficiency. The report points out that even after one year many immigrants continue to struggle to find new jobs and homes. Make the Road New York continues to work on multiple fronts, including providing legal assistance and training workers for new jobs and conducting affordable housing advocacy, mold remediation and coalition building.

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Medical residency training and hospital care after Hurricane Sandy

The American Journal of Medicine, November 2013

This article follows the timeline of Hurricane Sandy's impact on Metropolitan Hospital Center, a public hospital in East Harlem. It details the preparations made for continuous patient care as Sandy approached and the challenges faced as the hospital mobilized to receive patients when flooding forced the evacuation of Bellevue Hospital.

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HOUSING

Homeowners seeking Hurricane Sandy buyout in Great Kills and Eltingville meet to weigh their options

Silive.com, January 5, 2014

Nearly 100 residents in Great Kills and Eltingville in Staten Island met to petition the governor for a buyout of their storm-damaged homes. Local representatives had suggested the homeowners organize to urge the governor to declare their community an "enhanced buyout area," as other groups had successfully done.

Urban post-disaster housing prototype

NYC.gov

A program created to develop a new approach to post-disaster housing for densely-populated urban areas meets New York City's mission to resettle disaster survivors in their former neighborhood by providing more suitable spaces than conventional interim housing. The Office of Emergency Management secured funding to design and build a prototype of a multi-story, multi-family interim housing unit. The prototype, based on a shipping container-style modular system, is scheduled to be built and tested in Brooklyn.

Swath of Emmons Avenue's waterfront bungalow colony up for sale

Sheepshead Bites, January 8, 2014

The bungalow communities along Sheepshead Bay sustained severe damage when Hurricane Sandy flooded the waterfront. The small waterfront homes were built for summer stays beginning in the 19th century, and later became year-round homes as Sheepshead Bay became more residential. Twenty-two bungalows are now being sold through a real estate developer and the future of this historic waterfront community is in doubt.

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NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Planning group looking to buffer Staten Island's north shore from future storms

Silive.com, January 5, 2014

Portions of the north shore of Staten Island suffered damage during Hurricane Sandy and local residents are hoping to establish preventative measures against future storms. The group has presented the St. George-Tompkinsville Promenade Proposal and Coastal Protection Plan to public officials in order to raise start-up funding for their proposal. A preliminary step requires transferring ownership of part of the promenade to the state through the Open Space program. But that is just one part of a lengthy process that will require extensive local and federal support.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

In 2013, "climate resiliency" officially entered the lexicon

Inside Climate News, December 31, 2013

According to this report, the term "climate resiliency" is moving from a trending buzzword into a core principle of urban planning. The concept includes preparing cities for unforeseen and destructive disasters and building resilient communities so they can recover quickly. New York City has taken the lead in launching a comprehensive \$19.5 billion resiliency plan to safeguard the city from future disasters.

Treyger says snowstorm exposed lingering Sandy problems in Coney Island

Brooklyn Daily Eagle, January 10, 2014

In a public housing development in Coney Island 600 families were left with no heat or hot water when a temporary boiler broke down during recent frigid weather. The boiler was installed to replace the original one that was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. A local council member expressed concern that many temporary boilers were still in use and may be vulnerable to another round of freezing temperatures. New York City Housing Authority officials said that they are waiting for funding to build new and resilient boiler systems in all buildings damaged by the storm.

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RECOVERY EVENTS

JANUARY 16: *Museum of the City of New York*

NY1 talks Sandy with community leaders

Community leaders will discuss their work, what still needs to be done to restore their neighborhoods and how government and nonprofits can be better prepared for future storms. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

JANUARY 22: *Environmental Protection Agency*

Webinar: emergency power in disasters

The webinar hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will feature two water utility speakers who will share their perspectives on backup generators, covering topics such as: sizing, maintenance, and fuel storage and delivery. They will also share lessons learned from significant storm events that impacted their utilities, including Hurricane Sandy.

JANUARY 23: *NYC Office of Emergency Management*

Natural disaster training for caregivers of senior citizens

Offered by the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, this training is designed to enhance caregivers' awareness of vulnerability factors associated with senior citizens. Participants will learn how to identify, prepare and perform a number of support activities that will ensure the safety and security of elderly residents during hazardous events.

JANUARY 27: *LaGuardia Community College*

Emergency preparedness and building resilient communities

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NYC OEM and The Jewish Community Relations Council of NY, in conjunction with the Queens Forum, present this four-part series on building resilient communities. Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all four sessions, which are free of charge. Registration is required. For more information, email [Hannah Weinerman](mailto:Hannah.Weinerman@nyc.gov) or call 212-983-4800, extension 144.

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Grant Deadlines

JANUARY 21, 2014

Request for Expressions of Interest to enhance Staten Island beachfront

The New York City Economic Development Corp. and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the NYC Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability, seek responses to this Request for Expressions of Interest to enhance and re-invigorate the public beachfronts and open spaces on the east and south shores of Staten Island.

JANUARY 27, 2014

Citizens Committee for New York City neighborhood grants

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to grassroots groups across the city working on projects that support everything from gardens to tenant organizing, as long as the effort is volunteer-driven and community-based. The Citizens Committee prioritizes groups based in low income neighborhoods and Title I public schools.

FEBRUARY 1, 2014

City Parks Foundation capacity grants

City Parks Foundation capacity grants that range from \$200 to \$5,000 support events, activities, and programs that take place on NYC Parks Department property. Small, volunteer-run groups demonstrating a long-term commitment to their neighborhood parks and street trees will receive preference.

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SANDY RECOVERY GRANTS AWARDED

The New York Community Trust awards \$100,000 to Neighborhood Housing Services of Staten Island

The New York Community Trust awards \$56,000 to Project Hospitality

The New York Community Trust awards \$44,000 to Staten Island NFP Association

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JOB OPENINGS

Landscape Designer / Project Manager, Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects and Planners

DataShare Developer, BrickLogix

Procurement Associate, NYS Office of Storm Recovery

Structural or Civil Engineer/CM, Parsons

Long-Term Recovery Committee Liaison, VISTA

Field Manager, VISTA

Outreach, VISTA

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

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