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As we move closer to 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: \$810 MILLION APPROVED FOR BAY PARK PLANT

Nassau County was approved for an [\\$810 million grant](#) to repair and mitigate the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant. FEMA is covering 90 percent of the cost.

The plant, built in 1949, processes 40 percent of the county's sewage, serving [550,000 residents](#). The funding will be used to repair damage from Hurricane Sandy and strengthen the facility against future storms, including building a state-of-the-art levee to protect against future flooding.

The plant was knocked out of service for more than two days after being hit with a 9-foot tidal surge during Hurricane Sandy. An estimated 200 million gallons of raw sewage flowed into the bay waterways and channels for 44 days — the worst sewage overflow event in New York state history.

According to a report in the [Long Island Herald](#), officials at the Bay Park Wastewater Treatment Plant also plan to construct an ocean outfall pipe that would help mitigate against rising nitrogen levels in Long Island waters. The pipe would take treated sewage from the plants in Bay Park and Long Beach and release it two to three miles out into the Atlantic Ocean.

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IN THE NEWS

NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

With university's help, new park on Harlem River is marshland sanctuary

The New York Times, January 20, 2014

In collaboration with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, Columbia University built a new park called Muscota Marsh, a unique juxtaposition of a saltwater marsh and a freshwater wetland that is expected to draw a variety of wading birds. The park's completion was delayed because floodwaters from Hurricane Sandy damaged plantings and part of the electrical system. The park should be open this spring.

Rockaway boardwalk projects delayed by rare-bird nesting

DNAinfo, January 15, 2014

The completion of the Rockaway boardwalk reconstruction will be delayed because of the "piping plover moratorium" that prohibits work during the endangered bird's mating season from April to September. The timeline for the \$250 million project has been revised to protect the nesting grounds of the piping plover.

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HOUSING

State to release another \$100 million in Sandy aid

Newsday, January 20, 2014

\$100 million in funding under the Interim Mortgage Assistance program will help pay rent or mortgages for Hurricane Sandy survivors 20 months after their FEMA housing allowance has been used. The funding can be applied retroactively for up to six months.

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ECONOMY

Sales-tax revenue in New York jumps after Hurricane Sandy

Stargazette, January 16, 2014

Sales tax revenue in New York state increased in 2013 compared to 2012 as a result of purchases in Long Island and New York city after Hurricane Sandy. However, sales-tax revenue upstate, which increased in 2012 after tropical storms Lee and Irene, fell in 2013.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

First teen disaster preparedness class in Long Beach graduates 36

Press-Telegram, January 14, 2014

A total of 36 teens graduated from the first Long Beach Fire Department and Long Beach Poly High School Teen C.E.R.T. Class. Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T.) focus on disaster preparedness and emergency response.

\$1.4 million to fund Hurricane Sandy social-science projects

Newsday, January 16, 2014

Federal and state authorities announced \$1.4 million in funding for 10 social science research projects relating to Hurricane Sandy. The projects' aim is to improve response and community understanding of hazard warnings.

NYC Council committee will monitor funds earmarked for Hurricane Sandy

Daily News, January 22, 2014

Oversight of Hurricane Sandy relief funds and rebuilding projects has been assigned to the newly-created Recovery and Resiliency Committee of the New York City Council. The committee will start by looking at the temporary boilers still in use at many New York City Housing Authority buildings.

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COASTAL RESILIENCY

Tide gauges needed for research are often victims of storms

The New York Times, January 13, 2014

During the height of Hurricane Sandy, the record tidal surge destroyed the tide gauges that were transmitting critical readings at a time the data was needed most. Climate scientists need precise readings from tide gauges to help determine surge risks to nearby coastal areas. Tide gauges and stations that can withstand Category 4 hurricanes can cost \$500,000.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Sinkholes from Sandy plague the Rockaways

TimesLedger, January 10, 2014

Since Hurricane Sandy, there has been an increase in the number and size of the sinkholes that have appeared in the Rockaways. A capital sewer project may provide relief when it is completed in the spring.

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MITIGATION

A green vision for post-Sandy Brighton Beach

SustainableCitiesCollective, January 22, 2014

The "Bright 'n Green" project in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn is a unique example of green building innovation. It is a mid-rise, multi-unit residence with a storm-resistant design that helped minimize damage during Hurricane Sandy. The project's energy system was able to generate power for its immediate neighbors who had lost electricity during the storm.

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RECOVERY EVENTS

FEBRUARY: *Office of Emergency Management*

New York City: Community Emergency Response Team training

NYC Office of Emergency Management is accepting applications for C.E.R.T., a 10-week training cycle that begins in February. The program focuses on emergency preparedness, fire safety, traffic control and disaster medical operations.

FEBRUARY 4: *Nassau County*

Nassau County: Community Emergency Response Team training

C.E.R.T. training sessions are free for Nassau County residents 18 and over. A background check will be conducted prior to acceptance into the program.

FEBRUARY 5: *New York Disaster Interfaith Services*

NYC unmet needs roundtable training for disaster case managers

NYDIS will be training Disaster Case Managers about the New York City unmet needs roundtable process. The course is required to be eligible for roundtable cash assistance, loans and discounted/tax-free appliances and building supplies. Seating is limited; please register for the event.

FEBRUARY 6: *Enterprise Community Partners*

Training: water management to lower costs in multifamily buildings

This free training will review current sewer and water rates and trends and best practices on managing water conservation. The training is geared toward owners of affordable housing, specifically directors of maintenance, property managers and fiscal staff that support building operations.

FEBRUARY 7: *National Disaster Preparedness Training Center*

Training: coastal community resilience

This one-day awareness level course will provide participants with an understanding of the concept of resilience as it applies to coastal communities with a focus on resilience as a unifying framework for community-based planning, preparedness, response and recovery.

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GRANT DEADLINES

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 3, 2014

Volunteer group housing capital grants

New York Disaster Interfaith Services is accepting proposals for its volunteer group housing capital grants. This program will fund reconstruction or equipment purchases, up to \$10,000, for nonprofit organizations that will provide housing for Hurricane Sandy rebuild volunteers.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14, 2014

#ConeyRecovers Mental Health grants

#ConeyRecovers announced a new request for proposals with grants available for mental health organizations.

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SANDY RECOVERY GRANTS AWARDED

MTA to receive \$886 million to repair subway tunnel damage caused by Hurricane Sandy

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JOB OPENINGS

Borough Coordinator Business Recovery, NYC Department of Small Business Services

Project Manager, New Construction Rebuild Sandy, Housing Preservation & Development

Build It Back Electrical Inspector, NYC Department of Buildings

Build It Back Construction Inspector, NYC Department of Buildings

Director, Build It Back, Engineer, NYC Department of Buildings

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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