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The New York Recovery Network Bulletin is an electronic dispatch produced weekly by the Sandy Federal Disaster Recovery Coordination team. The bulletin includes information, resources, news and events to serve your recovery efforts.

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Thanks for reading and keep up the good work!

FOCUS: STILL TIME TO ENROLL LAND FOR FLOODPLAIN EASEMENTS

The [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) will accept applications for easements from landowners who want to enroll floodplain acres impacted by Hurricane Sandy. These easements may limit the use of floodplain areas and make them available to store floodwater.

The deadline for this second round of applications is April 18, 2014.

Funding for this program is available through Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program-Floodplain Easements. The grants are available in counties affected by the storm and vary by location. To determine eligibility, visit the FEMA [Flood Map Viewer](#).

Many landowners didn't apply in the first sign-up because they weren't aware of the program, didn't know that they were eligible or didn't have enough time to apply. More easements would improve floodwater control regionally, making New York safer for all. Interested landowners should contact their local [USDA Service Center](#). More information is also available on the [NRCS floodplain easement website](#).

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IN THE NEWS

COASTAL RESILIENCY

Report: parts of Brooklyn still reeling from Hurricane Sandy

Brooklyn Daily Eagle, January 30, 2014

The Brooklyn Recovery Fund has released a report on conditions in six coastal Brooklyn neighborhoods impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Researchers found that many residents and businesses in those areas are not fully recovered. The report includes a list of recommendations and a detailed action guide for government agencies to address these challenges. To view the entire report click [here](#).

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HOUSING

Public comment period for action plan amendment to remain open

The City of New York

The public comment period for CDBG-DR Action Plan Amendment 5, originally scheduled to close on Jan. 25, has been extended and will remain open until after the rescheduled public hearings regarding the amendment are held. Hearing dates and locations are currently being finalized. All updates will be posted on http://www.nyc.gov/html/cdbg/html/info/public_hearing.shtml.

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NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Large crowd at South Street Seaport meeting on land use

Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, January 23, 2014

According to the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, several hundred people attended a meeting on the future development of South Street Seaport in lower Manhattan. The meeting is the first step in the planning and land-use process as the area rebuilds from Hurricane Sandy. The Landmarks Preservation Commission is expected to review the proposal this spring.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

\$145 million in federal aid awarded to LIRR for Sandy repairs

LongIslandPress.com, January 25, 2014

The Federal Transit Administration approved funding of \$145 million for Long Island Rail Road projects to repair and rebuild infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Sandy and to protect the transit system against storms.

\$130.5 million in federal aid to repair Metro-North power equipment

The Journal News, January 26, 2014

The Metro-North Railroad has been granted \$130.5 million from the Federal Transit Administration to repair damages caused by Hurricane Sandy and to fortify the systems against storms. Metro-North will use the funds to rebuild the power system, replace thirty miles of fiber optic cable and other signal and communications equipment, remove trees and restore the shoreline.

Two escalators now working at Staten Island Ferry's Manhattan terminal

Silive.com, January 28, 2014

After being out of service since Hurricane Sandy, two "up" escalators at the Whitehall Ferry Terminal are back in service. The Department of Transportation attributed the delay to repair the escalators on the procurement process of acquiring the necessary parts.

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ECONOMY

River Café rebounds from Hurricane Sandy

NY1, January 24, 2014

A popular New York City institution that was shut down by Hurricane Sandy is now preparing to once again serve customers. According to this report, owners took care to exceed mandatory elevation codes and replace many of the items that were destroyed. The café should be open by Feb. 1.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

Gov. Cuomo announces Citizen Preparedness Corps training program

Staten Island Advance, January 27, 2014

On Feb. 1 New York state will launch the Citizen Preparedness Corps training program to provide New Yorkers with the tools and resources needed to prepare for emergencies and disasters. The goal is to train 100,000 New Yorkers in 2014. Information is available at <http://www.nyprepare.gov/aware-prepare/nysprepare/>.

Volunteers help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy

Silive.com, January 18, 2014

Nearly 80 volunteers helped Sandy survivors rebuild their homes on the Saturday before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The effort was part of HOPE Worldwide's Hurricane Sandy recovery program, which includes partners Yellow Boots, World Cares Center and Project Hospitality. Organizers, who have a list of 175 houses that still need repair, hope the event will kick off monthly repair and rebuild service projects.

Residents weigh in on Fire Island's conceptual plan to rebuild

Newsday, January 25, 2014

Fire Island residents are providing feedback on [Fire Island's New York Rising Conceptual Plan](#) for rebuilding the community after Hurricane Sandy. The draft plan was unveiled by the Fire Island Planning Committee at a meeting attended by approximately 40 residents. Potential projects include a bayside buffer with improved shoreline protection through bulkheads and dunes.

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MITIGATION

Funds will help pay for fire sprinklers in homes elevated after Hurricane Sandy

Newsday, January 27, 2014

Long Islanders who must add fire sprinklers when they elevate their storm-damaged homes may be eligible for federal funds to pay for the systems, which can cost \$15,000 or more for a typical house in the area. According to NY Rising, the state agency distributing the aid, 500 to 1,000 homeowners will need to install sprinklers when they elevate their homes.

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RECOVERY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 8: Center for NYC Neighborhoods

Homeowner assistance day in Canarsie

Free help will be available for homeowners who are in need of foreclosure prevention assistance, renovation loans, flood insurance or other disaster-related assistance.

FEBRUARY 8: Architecture for Humanity

Sandy Design Help Desk

Free design and technical consultation will be provided to residents and property owners impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Saturday Feb. 8 to Monday Feb. 10, at Red Hook Volunteers, 360 Van Brunt St.

FEBRUARY 12: Webinar

Coordinated Assistance Network orientation webinar

This orientation provides agency program leads and community leaders in disaster preparedness and recovery an overview of the Coordinated Assistance Network program.

FEBRUARY 13: Salvation Army

Rebuild and repair in NYC Sandy symposium II

This symposium is designed to familiarize recovery staff and advocates with disaster recovery best practices and provide updates and advice on city, state and federal recovery assistance programs. The schedule is designed to allow participants to network and collaborate across organizations.

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GRANT DEADLINES

NEW DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 10, 2014

NYD Volunteer Group Housing Capital Grants

New York Disaster Interfaith Services is accepting proposals for its Volunteer Group Housing Capital Grants program. This program will fund reconstruction or equipment purchases, up to \$10,000, for nonprofit organizations that wish to house Hurricane Sandy rebuild volunteers.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 13, 2014

Request for proposal: business resiliency investment program

New York City Economic Development Corporation is seeking a program or consultant team to perform the functions of a Program Management Office to implement the Business Resiliency Investment Program. This initiative provides funds to assist eligible business tenants and owners and to encourage them to make certain improvements to enhance their resiliency to severe weather.

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SANDY RECOVERY GRANTS AWARDED

FEMA to fund repairs for bridge and parkway damaged in Sandy

\$75 million allocated in bill for fishery disasters

\$5.9 million in federal grants to preserve and enhance Long Island Sound and help coastal communities better prepare for future storms

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JOB OPENINGS

Counseling Manager, Build It Back, Center for New York City Neighborhoods

Crew Unit Lead, FEMA II

Disaster Assistance Construction Specialist – Housing Repair Inspector, CDM Smith

Office Manager and Crew Leads, Mennonite Disaster Service

Program Associate, Build It Back, Center for New York City Neighborhoods

Recovery and Resiliency Fellows, MTA NYC Transit

Staten Island Sandy Response Organizer, Make the Road NY

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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