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THE NEW YORK RECOVERY NETWORK IS NOW AVAILABLE!

You are invited to join the **New York Recovery Network (NYRN)**, a max.gov online community of disaster recovery professionals like yourself who are working toward long-term recovery in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

At NYRN, you will find tools and resources to help you do your job: news, reports, research, grant announcements, conferences, training sessions and program guidance will all be as close as your computer. NYRN aims to help professionals in governmental and nongovernmental agencies and organizations share ideas, updates and best practices with others in the recovery community. Joining is simple: just email us at NYRN@fema.dhs.gov to get started.

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FOCUS: NEW LOANS TO AID HURRICANE SANDY CONTRACTORS

New York City has announced a new [\\$3.5 million loan program](#) administered by the Department of Small Business Services to support small construction firms, including those contracted by the New York City Build It Back (BIB) program.

Contractors often wait for months for payment from the city. This [private financing](#) could help these firms cover early labor and equipment costs for rebuilding projects. The financing is aimed to make the BIB program more appealing to small construction firms and expedite the process of rebuilding for Hurricane Sandy survivors.

Among other requirements, companies must be authorized to do business in the city, be at least two years old, have two or more employees and have a clear plan for growth to be eligible. Applicants must also have annual revenues between \$100,000 and \$7 million and be in possession of a secure construction contract. For more information, click [here](#).

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IN THE NEWS

NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Options considered for pond breached by Hurricane Sandy

The New York Times, February 10, 2014

When Hurricane Sandy broke through a berm separating a pond in Jamaica Bay, it left a permanent breach for saltwater to fill the pond. The National Park Service, which manages the wildlife refuge as part of [Gateway National Recreation Area](#), is planning to hold a series of workshops this summer to gather ideas for the future of West Pond. A critical question is whether to leave the channel open or close it to retain a freshwater magnet for migrating birds.

Damaged by Hurricane Sandy, Lindenhurst marina may open by spring

Newsday, February 12, 2014

Lindenhurst Village may open its marina to boats on April 1 for the first time since Hurricane Sandy damaged the structure in 2012. Last spring the boardwalk was available for use but boats could not dock at the marina's 47 slips for the rest of the year because conduits for electricity and water were still needed. The repairs are expected to cost more than \$1 million.

State outlines anti-flood plans for Howard Beach

TimesLedger, February 17, 2014

New York's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) plans to landscape Spring Creek Park into a flood prevention barrier by dredging 765,000 cubic yards of historic fill to create a surge buffer. New salt marshes, grassland habitats and forested areas would also be created. FEMA awarded DEC \$50 million for storm mitigation work in Howard Beach, including \$3 million to design the 150-acre project.

\$178 million federal plan set to protect Long Beach shore

Newsday, February 13, 2014

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released for public comment a \$178-million plan to protect Long Beach from future storms. The plan would include nearly 5 million cubic yards of sand and a system of protective structures, including dunes, berms and groins. According to the article, the project is pending approval from the DEC.

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MITIGATION

The Rockaway neighborhood that survived Hurricane Sandy

Next City, February 13, 2014

Arverne By The Sea, the largest residential development on the Rockaway Peninsula, survived Hurricane Sandy with little damage. Through discussion with the project director, the article explores how a planning process that incorporated resilient and storm-resistant designs protected the 172-acre condominium complex.

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ECONOMY

Free mentoring program for small businesses recovering from recent storms

New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery

Gov. Cuomo recently announced Business Mentor NY, a program that may assist small businesses recovering from Hurricane Sandy and other recent storms. The program connects applicants with a network of volunteer mentors, including lawyers, accountants, business consultants and successful entrepreneurs. For more information, click [here](#).

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Some Hurricane Sandy helpers may have "compassion fatigue"

Brooklyn Daily Eagle, February 10, 2014

According to Dr. Paula Madrid, many people assisting Hurricane Sandy survivors may be experiencing "compassion fatigue." The trauma specialist recently led a workshop in Gerritsen Beach to help healthcare workers, social service employees, and volunteer organizations recognize symptoms and learn coping strategies.

Local hospitals receive FEMA grants to repair damages from Hurricane Sandy

FEMA, February 4, 2014

FEMA has approved Public Assistance grants to NYU Langone Medical Center and Services for the UnderServed (SUS) Mental Health Program to reimburse costs for damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. NYU Langone received \$2.8 million for damaged equipment at the Smilow Research Center, and SUS received more than \$2 million to repair a 71-bed residence facility.

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HOUSING

State releases plan to spend \$2.1 billion in Sandy recovery money

Newsday, February 18, 2014

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery unveiled plans for dividing the second allotment of \$2.097 billion from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program among housing, community reconstruction and infrastructure needs.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

East Rockaway and Bay Park residents learn about project allocations

LIHerald.com, February 14, 2014

The Bay Park/East Rockaway Planning Committee for the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program unveiled how it plans to spend the \$6.5 million allocated to the two communities. Projects include improvements to storm water drainage, floodgates and flood-proofing the downtown business area. The community leaders are looking to identify additional sources of funding.

Wounded Warriors Project donates \$64,000 for Sandy survivors in Babylon

Farmingdale Patch, February 19, 2014

The [Wounded Warriors Project](#) donated more than \$64,000 to the Town of Babylon Fire Chiefs Association Hurricane Relief Fund, which will provide eligible Sandy survivors \$250 gift cards to home improvement stores for home repairs this spring. Recipients must apply for assistance and are then selected by a lottery.

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RECOVERY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 27: *NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program*

NY Rising public engagement events

Public engagement meetings are being held at multiple communities to review plans proposed through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction program. The public is invited to attend and share ideas with each planning committee.

MARCH 5: *Brownfield Coalition of the Northeast*

5th Annual Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop

This conference will challenge assumptions upon which current sustainability principles are based, and seek to identify pathways to a future that can stand up to the challenges ahead.

MARCH 5: *Philanthropy New York*

Economies of Inclusion: Building Strong Local Businesses and Communities

This event will examine social impact as a key aspect of business success, and how this can pave the way for low-income communities and communities of color to increase their ownership potential and job quality.

MARCH 6 and 13: *Philanthropy New York*

Looking at the 990 Part I and Part II

This webinar or in-person series looks at how funders can use IRS Form 990 as a tool to track and scrutinize the finances, governance and accomplishments of grant applicants and recipients.

MARCH 6: *Long Term Recovery Group*

Opening of the Long Island Disaster Recovery Center

Members and supporters are invited to attend a ribbon cutting and press conference for the long-term recovery group's new Long Island Disaster Recovery Center.

MARCH 13: *International Economic Development Council Webinar*

Webinar: establishing a 501(c) (3) for economic development and recovery

In this disaster preparedness and recovery webinar participants will learn the critical steps for creating a 501(c)(3) economic development organization, including advice on the IRS application process.

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SANDY RECOVERY GRANTS AWARDED

FEMA Public Assistance grants total \$2.4 billion for Hurricane Sandy recovery, including:

- \$1.8 million to the Long Island Power Authority to protect 13 substations from additional damage and flood waters by installing flood protection barriers and providing temporary generator connections.

- \$3.4 million to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for repairs to the Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge. The four-lane bridge connects Beach Channel Drive in Far Rockaway, Queens to Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn.

- \$5.8 million to the New York City School Construction Authority for emergency protective measures at the John C. Thompson building located in Staten Island, and at P.S. 105 The Bay School and The Scholars' Academy, both in Queens.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Disaster rebuilding opportunities, Catholic Charities

Construction and critical home repair volunteers, Habitat for Humanity NYC

Sandy Rebuilding Foundation volunteer opportunities, Sandy Rebuilding Foundation

Rebuild Staten Island volunteers, St Bernard Project

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JOB OPENINGS

Disaster Assistance Technician/Quality Assurance Quality Control, CDM

Technical Advisor Hurricane Sandy Relief, Lawler Environmental Group

Buildings and Facilities Manager, South Street Seaport Museum

Special Projects Manager, Dept. of Environmental Protection

Helping Center Coordinator, Dept. of Environmental Protection

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