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### FOCUS: CON EDISON MUST PREPARE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

The New York State Public Service Commission recently issued an [order](#) requiring Con Edison to implement measures to protect its electric, gas and steam systems from the effects of climate change.

Con Edison had petitioned for changes to its rates to help raise \$1 billion to pay for a proposed [“storm-hardening” plan](#) to protect its energy delivery systems. The Attorney General found the rate hikes were unnecessary and a settlement requires that Con Edison [develop long-term plans](#) to make its utility lines more resistant.

Although specific to Con Edison, the commission encouraged other utility companies also consider how sea level rise, extreme weather and other effects related to climate change will affect their operations and reliability as they make construction plans and budgets.

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### IN THE NEWS

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

##### **Gov. Cuomo announces \$1.4 billion for Long Island’s utility system**

*State of New York*, February 21, 2014

Gov. Cuomo announced an agreement with FEMA that allocates \$1.4 billion to repair damage from Hurricane Sandy and strengthen the power grid on Long Island to mitigate against storms. The grant will cover the elevation of damaged substations, automatic sectionalizing of switches across the grid and strategic undergrounding of appropriate power circuits.

##### **Nassau County issues bids for second phase of post-Sandy road reconstruction**

*LongIslandPress.com*, February 18, 2014

Nassau County’s Department of Public Works has issued bids to reconstruct and harden West Shore Road, which was damaged during Hurricane Sandy. The project is set to begin in October and is the second phase of the ongoing reconstruction of the major road that connects Oyster Bay and Bayville.

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#### HOUSING

##### **Mayor de Blasio expects to make changes to Hurricane Sandy recovery plans**

*Silive*, February 24, 2014

According to this report, Mayor de Blasio said he planned to revise the Hurricane Sandy recovery process at a public meeting in Staten Island. Changes to the Build it Back program are possible. He expects the revised plan to be released in coming weeks.

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#### COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

##### **New York state releases sixth Sandy action plan amendment for public comment**

*Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery*, February 17, 2014

New York state released its [sixth Sandy Action Plan Amendment](#) which describes how it will spend the nearly \$2.1 billion second round of Community Disaster Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) funding. The amendment includes adjustments to an unmet needs analysis and budget adjustments for various programs. The public comment period ends on March 19, 2014.

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#### NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

##### **Strategies to strengthen Long Island’s south shore shared at recovery forum**

*Newsday*, February 22, 2014

Long Island residents and community leaders met to share ideas for making Nassau County’s south shore more storm-resistant. Interboro Partners, an architecture and urban design firm, organized the forum. Interboro is one of the ten design teams in the “Rebuild by Design” program. Its project addressed flooding threats using various solutions including bridges and new marshes.

##### **Nassau County receives \$12 million to remove Sandy-related debris**

*LongIsland.com*, February 25, 2014

FEMA has approved more than \$12 million to Nassau County for Sandy-related debris removal at seven waterways. The grant reimburses the county for the removal of vegetative, construction and demolition debris, as well as the wreckage of 112 abandoned or derelict vessels.

##### **Environmental assessment on Fire Island dunes available for public comment**

*Newsday*, February 23, 2014

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of the Interior have agreed on “refinements” to a plan to build 15-foot protective dunes on the barrier island. The \$140 million contract cannot be completed until public comments on the environmental assessment have been reviewed and incorporated.

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#### ECONOMY

##### **Governor signs relief bill to help Long Beach recovery efforts**

*LI Herald*, February 24, 2014

Gov. Cuomo approved a \$12 million borrowing measure to help Long Beach cover costs associated with Hurricane Sandy and a deficit that created a fiscal crisis two years ago. The approval enables the city to issue bonds to finance rebuilding and recovery efforts that are not eligible for reimbursement from state or federal government.

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#### MITIGATION

##### **Resilience is priority for new Department of Environmental Protection commissioner**

*Silive*, February 19, 2014

Emily Lloyd was recently appointed commissioner for the New York city Department of Environmental Protection. The agency has been tasked with making the city safer over the long term and Commissioner Lloyd said that Hurricane Sandy rebuilding and resiliency efforts will be among her top priorities.

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#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

##### **SAMHSA disaster response phone app now available**

*Samhsa.gov*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has a new application where users can access critical, disaster-related behavioral health resources from a smart phone.

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### RECOVERY EVENTS

#### **MARCH 6:** *American Institute for Architects*

##### **Recent local laws: Post Hurricane Sandy legislation**

This presentation will review recently enacted laws passed by the City Council that amend 2008 construction codes and affects building design.

#### **MARCH 6-12:** *New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program*

##### **New York Rising public engagement events**

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

- Bay Park and Village of East Rockaway Community, Long Island
- City of Long Beach Community, Long Island
- Fire Island Community, Long Island
- Town of Shandaken and Town of Hardenburgh Community, Catskills/Hudson Valley
- Village of Cedarhurst, Hewlett, Village of Lawrence, Woodmere, Village of Hewlett Neck, Village of Hewlett Harbor, Meadowmere, and Inwood Community, Long Island
- Village of Margaretville Community, Catskills/Hudson Valley

#### **MARCH 7:** *International Network of Women in Emergency Management*

##### **Webinar: Partnerships and inclusiveness**

Women leaders in emergency management and homeland security will discuss one of FEMA’s 2011 National Disaster Recovery Framework’s core principles that include partnerships and inclusiveness.

#### **MARCH 10:** *Philanthropy New York*

##### **The city budget: Understanding a vital lifeline for New York’s nonprofits**

Budget experts will discuss how to make foundations better grant makers and agents of change in communities through greater awareness of the New York City budgeting process.

#### **MARCH 11:** *SBA.gov*

##### **Webinar: Preparing for severe spring weather**

The Small Business Association and co-sponsor Agility Recovery will share practical, applicable tips and best practices to mitigate the risks posed by spring weather conditions.

#### **MARCH 11:** *Urban Green*

##### **Shelter from the storm**

New York city officials, builders and property managers will review the findings of the Urban Green Council’s study comparing the resilience of typical construction to high-performance buildings.

#### **MARCH 12:** *Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Network*

##### **Webinar: Continuity of operations and primary care centers**

This course will assist primary care centers in identifying essential functions to ensure resilience and the continued key services through a disaster.

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### GRANT DEADLINES

#### **NEW EXTENSION: MARCH 14, 2014**

##### **Rise NYC will fund projects up to \$30 million available**

This competition has recently be extended and is designed to identify and deploy creative new technologies and solutions to make New York City businesses more resilient against storms, sea-level rise and other effects of climate change.

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### JOB OPENINGS

#### **Assistant Commissioner, Planning and Resiliency, NYC Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications**

#### **Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget**

#### **Disaster Case Manager, The Arab-American Family Support Center**

#### **Landscape Architect, Whitehouse Landscape Architects and Planners**

#### **Non-Profit Liaison, Department of Environmental Protection**

#### **Paralegal, Staten Island Services**

#### **Policy Analyst, Department of Environmental Protection**

#### **Program Associate, Enterprise Community Partners**

#### **Program Manager, The Fund for Public Health in New York, Inc.**

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