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FOCUS: REBUILD BY DESIGN CONSIDERS CLIMATE THREATS

Teams of designers and architects presented their solutions for protecting residents from future climate-related vulnerabilities at community meetings in [Manhattan](#) and Staten Island. In Manhattan, eight renderings of a re-imagined waterfront for the Lower East Side were shown to local residents for their feedback. In Staten Island, landscape architecture firm [SCAPE](#) held a workshop on its "Living, Growing Breakwaters" project to strengthen the south shore of [Staten Island](#) and Raritan Bay.

[Rebuild by Design](#), an initiative of the Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force and HUD, aims to address vulnerabilities that Hurricane Sandy exposed throughout the region. It develops practical solutions to protect residents from future climate events. Each of 10 participating design teams, selected by the President's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, brings together experts from the fields of planning, design, engineering and science to consider rebuilding options.

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IN THE NEWS

HOUSING

Funds remain available for Hurricane Sandy survivors

LIHerald.com, March 12, 2014

New York State has authorized \$405 million in payments to 6,330 individual Long Island homeowners for Sandy repairs and buyouts, according to a [NY Rising news release](#). A total of 3,064 homeowners have received \$104 million in repair reimbursement checks for work that was already completed. Funds to hire a contractor to complete any additional work were also disbursed. The deadline for any new applications is April 11.

Interfaith volunteers help rebuild Sandy-ravaged communities on Staten Island

Silive.com, March 9, 2014

Volunteers from HOPE Worldwide joined local groups to rebuild homes on Staten Island damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Together, volunteers rebuilt nearly 500 homes, but Derek Tabacco with Guyon Rescue said funds are running out and building materials and skilled laborers, including plumbers, electricians and roofers, are still needed.

Deadline set for state buyouts in Staten Island neighborhoods affected by Hurricane Sandy

Silive.com, March 11, 2014

The deadline for Oakwood Beach and Ocean Breeze residents to opt in to a state buyout is April 11, according to the NY Rising Housing Recovery Program. The deadline applies only to those who are within the state's "enhanced buyout areas." Offers for 709 home buyouts in Oakwood Beach, Ocean Breeze and Suffolk County on Long Island have already been made. The homes will be demolished and the land will be maintained as coastal buffer zones or for other non-residential/commercial uses.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

Sandy disaster recovery center opens in Central Islip

LongIslandPress.com, March 7, 2014

The American Red Cross announced a \$600,000 grant to the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island to fund a disaster recovery center in Central Islip. The center is set to serve as a command center for rebuilding homes, providing a hub for volunteer groups and other agencies assisting residents affected by Hurricane Sandy.

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NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

\$23 million in federal funds to strengthen shoreline protections at Robert Moses State Park

New York State Governor's Office, March 7, 2014

Gov. Cuomo announced \$23 million in federal funds to repair Robert Moses State Park in Suffolk County, Long Island. The money will be used to nourish park beaches, strengthen shoreline buffers and protect nearby roadways.

Martha Graham: Myth and transformation after Sandy

The New York Times, March 7, 2014

Sixteen months after Hurricane Sandy caused an estimated \$4 million in damage to costumes and sets, the Martha Graham Dance Company will begin its second season as it continues to rebuild.

Hundreds of Sandy-damaged trees may be cut down in Staten Island

Silive.com, March 5, 2014

The NYC Parks Department is evaluating the health of trees damaged by Hurricane Sandy in Staten Island. More than 10,000 trees were affected by salt water during the storm. More than 300 did not "leaf out" over the last two seasons and may be removed completely.

Fort Tilden beach in the Rockaways set to open this summer after cleanup

DNAinfo New York, March 7, 2014

A spokeswoman for the National Park Service said the Sandy-damaged beach at Fort Tilden in Rockaway Park is being cleaned up and is scheduled to open this summer. She explained that last year's priority was to open life-guarded beaches before addressing the damage at the dune-filled shores at Fort Tilden that are unmonitored.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

General Accounting Office says climate change threatens energy infrastructure

Climate Central, March 10, 2014

The General Accounting Office released a [report](#) on the vulnerability of the United States' energy infrastructure to climate change. The report includes the steps taken by energy and power companies to build resilience and identifies how the government can support the private sector through regulatory oversight and technology research and development.

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RECOVERY EVENTS

MARCH 20: *World Cares Center, Inc.*

Leading and managing your constituents in disaster response

This training workshop will improve participants' ability to respond to disasters through the management of affiliated and spontaneous volunteers.

MARCH 23: *Rebuild by Design*

I love my shoreline

This event is presented by Rebuild by Design to show how New York's rich maritime past is shaping its resilient future through interactive exhibits at the Staten Island Museum.

MARCH 28: *National Center for Medicine and Public Health Webinar*

CDC responder workforce needs assessment

The National Center for Medicine and Public Health presents a learning series featuring subject matter experts in disaster medicine and public health.

MARCH 31: *New York Institute of Technology*

Regional recovery working group workshop

This day-long workshop is geared toward stakeholders across the four-state region working in coastal communities at all levels of rebuilding and planning. Attendees will gain real tools for rebuilding and insight into codes and regulations.

APRIL 8: *Hudson River Foundation*

Modeling New York/New Jersey harbor storm surge flooding and influences of barriers and natural systems

This is a free seminar where presenters will review scientific issues related to the environmental quality and resource management of the New York/New Jersey harbor estuary.

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GRANT DEADLINES

DEADLINE: APRIL 11, 2014

NY Rising Housing Recovery assistance in counties outside NYC

This deadline does not affect homeowners already in the program, those in process of receiving an award, or those seeking clarification on their award.

DEADLINE: APRIL 25, 2014

Living wage capital fund request for proposal

The New York City Economic Development Corporation intends to disburse up to \$10 million to subsidize the costs of capital improvements for selected projects.

DEADLINE: APRIL 29, 2014

National Science Foundation competition 2014 focus: urban sustainability

The goal of the Sustainability Research Networks competition is to bring together multidisciplinary teams of researchers, educators, managers, policymakers and other stakeholders to conduct collaborative research.

DEADLINE: JUNE 11, 2014

Transportation Alternatives Program

Gov. Cuomo announced the availability of \$50 million for the Transportation Alternatives Program. Recipients may be reimbursed for 80 percent of eligible costs of their proposed project.

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SANDY RECOVERY GRANTS AWARDED

Urban Land Institute in New York receives 2014 resiliency grant for \$20,000 through Kresge Foundation

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JOB OPENINGS

Community Outreach Coordinator, Bridge Street Development Corporation

Disaster Case Program Director, Neighborhoods Housing Services of Jamaica, Inc.

Federal Compliance Coordinator, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Marketing, Public Relations and Communications Coordinator, AmeriCorps

Multifamily Storm Recovery Lending Program Project Manager, NYC Housing Preservation and Development

Regional President / Market Leader - Infrastructure, Precision Executive Search

Staff Attorney, South Brooklyn Legal Services

Subways Recovery and Resiliency Generalist Fellow, NYC Transit

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