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FOCUS: INVESTING IN NEW YORK'S AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

The Center for an Urban Future provides an assessment of New York City's infrastructure vulnerabilities in its report: [Caution Ahead: Overdue Investments for New York's Aging Infrastructure](#). Detailing the current state of aging water mains, roads and schools, the city's infrastructure needs extend beyond the coastal challenges that were exposed after Hurricane Sandy.

The authors advise that much of the city's infrastructure is more than 50 years old and may be susceptible to breaks and failures. This report finds that city agencies may need to invest more than \$47 billion to repair or improve New York City's infrastructure.

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IN THE NEWS

HOUSING

Long Island survivors face limited rental options

Newsday, March 18, 2014

The number of damaged rental units from Hurricane Sandy, Irene and Lee rose to nearly 9,000 on Long Island. The rental vacancy rate of 4.3 percent reflects fewer available units than other suburban areas in the region. Limited rentals have decreased affordable housing options for survivors who were displaced by Hurricane Sandy.

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ECONOMY

Building fees waiver extended for Hempstead Sandy survivors

Newsday, March 12, 2014

The town of Hempstead extended the waiver for home reconstruction and other building permit fees for Sandy-related repairs to June 30. Fees to replace the loss of government documents as a result of Hurricane Sandy were also waived.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Winning design for Breezy Point home is both affordable and storm-resistant

Curbed New York, March 14, 2014

Two Australian architects won The Urban Green Council's R3Build competition with their design for an affordable, storm-resistant home for Breezy Point's redevelopment. The "Bayside Bunker" can be built for \$150,000 or less and includes a solar energy system, gray water recycling and debris-proof windows.

A Long Island energy savings project wins award

LIHerald, March 13, 2014

Lynbrook's energy savings project won the New York State American Public Works Association Project of the Year Award. Trimming electrical usage and other innovative energy savings measures proved to be a cost effective way to reduce expenses and offset tax burdens for residents.

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Health care facilities are asked to improve their disaster plans

The New York Times, March 12, 2014

A proposed rule by the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) would include [new requirements](#) for health care facilities to ensure their readiness to care for patients during disasters and prevent disruptions that sometimes follow afterward. More than 68,000 institutions would be affected.

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NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Resilience projects planned for Howard Beach

Queenstribune.com, March 13, 2014

The Howard Beach New York Rising Community Planning Committee held a public meeting to discuss plans to spend \$18.3 million on projects to protect the neighborhood from future storms. Plans include coastal construction projects, studies on flood protection and the establishment of relief centers throughout the community.

White House unveils plans for climate data portal

The Hill, March 19, 2014

The administration unveiled the Climate Data Initiative, hosted on climate.data.gov, which consolidates data from multiple federal agencies to help communities prepare for climate change.

Staten Island residents propose resilience measures for Sandy-damaged promenade

DNAinfo New York, March 11, 2014

The [St. George-Tompkinsville Promenade](#) committee developed a plan to replace the damaged promenade and add resilience measures including berms, wetlands and oyster reefs. The group participated in the Rebuild by Design's ["I Love My Shoreline"](#) day at the Staten Island Museum on March 23.

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RECOVERY EVENTS

MARCH 29: NYC Mayor's Housing Recovery Office

Outreach volunteers needed to encourage Build It Back applicants

Volunteers are needed to assist the Mayor's Housing Recovery Office to contact applicants that have not completed their applications for the Build It Back program. To volunteer, email Charlie Aidinoff at charlie.aidinoff@gmail.com or call 917-584-8950.

MARCH 31: American Institute for Architecture New York Chapter

Workshop on coastal community tool for resilient reconstruction

This workshop is geared to stakeholders in coastal communities working on rebuilding from Hurricane Sandy. Attendees will learn about tools for rebuilding and receive insight on codes and regulations.

APRIL 2: Philanthropy New York

Grantee Executive Transitions – when and how to engage as funders

This workshop examines what happens when the leadership at a grantee institution transitions. Participants will learn how the nonprofit sector is experiencing different trends and transitions.

APRIL 3: Rebuild by Design

Unveiling of the final work

Rebuild by Design teams will showcase their final designs and proposals to help rebuild communities affected by Hurricane Sandy.

APRIL 6: Rockaway Waterfront Alliance

Dune Planting

The Rockaway Waterfront Alliance is creating a natural protective buffer of dunes with indigenous grasses along the east end of the Rockaways. Adults and children are welcome to participate in the planting. Registration is suggested.

APRIL 8: National Association of Development Organizations Webinar

Lessons from the storm: using community and economic development strategies to build disaster-resilient economies

This free webinar will cover business and regional economic resilience measures against disasters with a creative mix of land use, hazard mitigation, capital improvement, economic development and other approaches.

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GRANT DEADLINES

DEADLINE: APRIL 11, 2014

Coastal resilience networks grants

The U.S. Department of Commerce is accepting proposals for grants up to \$300,000 for eligible organizations to implement activities that enhance resilience of coastal communities to natural hazard and climate risks.

DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2014

National wetland program development grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is awarding three to eight grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$200,000 to help increase the quantity and quality of wetlands by conserving and restoring acreage and improving conditions.

DEADLINE: MAY 2, 2014

Region 2 wetland program development grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is awarding three to six grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$300,000 to help increase the quantity and quality of wetlands by conserving and restoring acreage and improving conditions.

DEADLINE: MAY 7, 2014

HUD capacity building (Section 4) grants

HUD is awarding up to \$150,000 to build capacity in nonprofit community development organizations such as community housing development organizations and community development corporations.

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SANDY RECOVERY GRANTS AWARDED

Columbus Foundation and affiliated organizations award \$40,000 grant to the USO of Metropolitan New York

Columbus Foundation and affiliated organizations award \$500,000 grant to American Red Cross of Greater New York

Flatley Foundation awards \$200,000 grant to AmeriCares

North Star Fund, Inc. awards \$15,000 grant to the New York Immigration Coalition

North Star Fund, Inc. awards \$10,000 grant to El Centro del Immigrante

Overbrook Foundation awards \$50,000 grant to North Star Fund

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JOB OPENINGS

Communications/Marketing Manager, World Cares

Director of External Reimbursement, New York City Citywide Administrative Services

Field Coordinator, Sandy Recovery Phase II, National Opinion Research Center

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Sandy Payment Coordinator, New York City Housing Preservation and Development

Vice President and New York Market Leader, Enterprise Community Partners

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