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THIS WEEK: LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

We'd like your feedback on how we're doing and what you'd like to see in future issues of the **New York Recovery Bulletin**. Attached is a questionnaire where you can tell us your thoughts.

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IN THE NEWS

HOUSING

Mayor appoints rebuilding team for Sandy recovery

WCBS New York, March 29, 2014

Mayor de Blasio announced the appointment of three officials who will lead the city's recovery process. William Goldstein will be a senior adviser to the mayor for recovery, resiliency and infrastructure. Amy Peterson will direct the city's Housing Recovery Office. Daniel A. Zarrilli will serve as director of the newly formed Office of Recovery and Resiliency.

\$100 million more to help New York City homeowners rebuild

The New York Times, March 29, 2014

In a press conference in Rockaway Park, Mayor de Blasio announced an additional \$100 million of Sandy recovery funds will be allocated to help rebuild storm-damaged homes. The funding should help NYC Build It Back applicants who were considered "priority two" and "priority three," and is expected to help about 500 more homeowners.

Sandy-damaged homes in Graham Beach to qualify for state buyouts

Silive.com, April 5, 2014

Owners of Sandy-damaged homes in Graham Beach will now qualify for buyouts through the New York Rising Housing Recovery Program. Residents may be eligible to receive the pre-storm value of their home plus incentives. Ocean Breeze and Oakwood Beach also qualify.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

\$24 million upgrade of water and sewer systems on Staten Island completed

New York City Department of Environmental Protection, April 1, 2014

A \$24 million water and sewer infrastructure upgrade on the south shore of Staten Island has been completed. New catch basins are designed to alleviate street flooding during heavy rain and new sanitary sewers will enable homeowners to discontinue the use of septic tanks.

East River subway lines to undergo Sandy-related tunnel repairs

DNAinfo New York, April 1, 2014

Portions of the A, C and F subway lines are scheduled to undergo Sandy-related repairs this year. The rebuilding of damaged subway tubes will shut down service between Brooklyn and Manhattan over several weekends.

Resilience among priorities in state's 2014-2015 budget

State of New York Division of the Budget, March 31, 2014

Gov. Cuomo and Senate and Assembly leaders announced the passage of New York's 2014-2015 budget. Resilience-related priorities include establishing a new weather detection system, creating a College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity, equipping gas stations with back-up power and expanding strategic fuel reserves.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

Volunteers convert Sandy-damaged Rockaways facility for universal Pre-K

CBS New York, March 31, 2014

New York Cares volunteers are converting an old caretaker's house that was damaged during Hurricane Sandy into pre-kindergarten classrooms. This converted space located at the West End Temple in the Rockaways will allow the existing nursery school to expand its educational offerings.

The new age of volunteering

USA Today, March 21, 2014

The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently reported that the volunteer rate in America decreased slightly this year. However, the author of this article points out that the traditional means of tracking volunteerism has been replaced by the use of social media, especially by young people, to drive fundraising and mobilize awareness to effect action.

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ECONOMY

Staying home for the next Hurricane Sandy

Crain's New York Business, March 21, 2014

This article describes how an effective telecommuting plan and a flexible hazardous weather policy can ensure that businesses are able to offer uninterrupted service to their clients and keep their workers productive and safe during severe weather conditions.

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NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Designing for resiliency

Urban Green Council

Throughout June, the Urban Green Council is offering a free 90-minute seminar to educate architects, engineers and other building professionals on how law and code changes will prepare the city for extreme weather events. To schedule a seminar for your organization, contact programs@urbangreencouncil.org.

New process to expedite removal of Sandy-damaged homes near wetlands

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, March 25, 2014

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced a new, streamlined permitting process which will expedite the demolition and removal of homes and structures that were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. This process will be applied to structures located within 100 feet of DEC-regulated freshwater wetlands.

Salt levels in soil drop from post-Sandy high

Sheepshead Bites, March 20, 2014

The director of forestry for the New York City Parks Department told a local community group that more resilient trees would replace those that were removed because of salt damage. He said that recent samplings of soils have indicated the presence of less salt because of the rain and heavy snows this past winter.

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RECOVERY EVENTS

APRIL 11: *National Collaborative of State Planners Webinar*

Is your state resilient? Planning for climate change

This webinar will focus on state level plans, policies and laws that address the impacts of climate change. Climate change policy experts from California, Maryland and Florida will be sharing their work on how forward-thinking policies can alleviate the impacts of climate change.

APRIL 24: *Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance*

2014 Waterfront Conference

This conference will be held aboard the Hornblower Infinity yacht and will focus on grassroots and community-based waterfront plans developed before and after Hurricane Sandy.

APRIL 24: *Urban Land Institute*

Building Healthy Places: Exploring the intersection between public health and the built environment

This event will provide an overview of the local initiatives that are underway to promote health and healthy places. Promoters will also discuss how to create an imperative and encourage development practices that promote more positive outcomes.

APRIL 24-25: *The Center for Public Scholarship*

Climate change demands we change. Why aren't we?

This free event examines how government, corporations and the public can help foster urban resilience.

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GRANT DEADLINES

DEADLINE: APRIL 24, 2014

2014 Healthy communities grant program

The Environmental Protection Agency's grant program will identify and fund projects that target resources to benefit at-risk communities and to advance emergency preparedness and resilience. Initial project summaries are due in April and final proposals are due June 13.

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 2014 is to bring together multidisciplinary teams of researchers, educators, managers, policymakers and other stakeholders to conduct collaborative research.

DEADLINE: MAY 6, 2014

New York City Department of Environmental Protection

The [Department of Environmental Protection](#) has made \$6 million available in grants for community groups, nonprofits and property owners building green projects. There will be three workshops to explain the eligibility requirements and guide users through the application process.

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

Touro Law awarded \$25,000 grant from United Way of Long Island

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service awarded \$5 million to modernize Coastal Barrier Resources System Map

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JOB OPENINGS

Construction Manager, Hepco, Inc.

Director of Development, St. Bernard Project

Executive Director, Alliance for Coney Island, Inc.

Housing Specialist, Queens Community House

Program Administrator, New York State Office of Storm Recovery

Sandy Outreach Workers, Make the Road New York

Vice President, Strategic Investments Group

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