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In anticipation of the launch of the New York Recovery Network, we've redesigned the recovery bulletin with an updated look. In the coming months, you'll also see some new features. What remains the same is our guiding editorial philosophy: news and tools that recovery workers can use to do their jobs more effectively. Please let us know how we can serve you better. To send comments or submit items of interest, please email us at [editorNYrecovery@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:editorNYrecovery@fema.dhs.gov). To subscribe [click here](#).

In observance of the upcoming holidays, our next issue will be January 8, 2014.

Thanks for reading, and keep up the good work!

### FOCUS: 2014 NYC HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announced the release of the draft 2014 New York City Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) this week. The plan represents the collaboration of more than 41 governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders with input from the private sector, academic institutions and community organizations. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will be available for a 31-day comment period that began Dec. 16, 2013 and ends Jan. 15, 2014. Starting today, you may review and comment on the HMP [here](#).

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### IN THE NEWS

#### COMMUNITY PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

##### **YMCAs to provide jobs, community spirit to Coney Island and the Rockaways**

*CBSNewYork*, December 7, 2013

New YMCAs are opening in Coney Island and the Rockaways, two beachfront neighborhoods devastated by Sandy. Local officials say these new Ys will be a great resource for youth development and create jobs for local residents. The new Coney Island Y was scheduled to open Dec. 16 and the Rockaway facility is slated to open Feb. 14.

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#### ECONOMIC

##### **Incoming NYC Council members call for new committee to oversee Sandy recovery**

*Politicker*, December 9, 2013

Carlos Menchaca and Mark Treyger, two incoming New York City Council members who will represent Brooklyn districts ravaged by Sandy, have proposed the creation of a new committee to vet the billions of dollars in federal funding allocated for the city's recovery. New committees must be approved by the council's rules committee and then voted on by the full council. Others have suggested that existing committees could provide the same oversight on transparency and accountability.

##### **Insurers and cities forge new path toward climate resiliency**

*Kansas City InfoZine*, December 9, 2013

City leaders and urban planners have new tools to better protect residents from extreme weather events like Sandy. Developed in partnership with insurance-industry leaders, the tools are designed to expand cross-sector collaboration, strengthen resiliency, and assist city leaders in organizing follow-up actions. These tools reflect input and best practices from more than 150 insurance-industry executives, developers, city leaders and other stakeholders in Boston, San Diego and Toronto, who met for a series of climate resiliency workshops.

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#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

##### **Workers sue Sandy-devastated hospital as bankruptcy looms**

*NBCNewYork.com*, December 10, 2013

Long Beach Medical Center, devastated by Hurricane Sandy, will file for bankruptcy. It has been closed since the storm hit last year, leaving hundreds without jobs. The center once employed 1,200 workers.

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#### NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

##### **Waterfront Assets for NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Red Hook Committee**

*PortSide New York*, December 9, 2013

Carolina Salguero, director of PortSide New York and member of the Red Hook Committee for the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, discusses the importance of the Red Hook waterfront to the community's economic resiliency in addition to issues of recovery, flood prevention and mitigation. She hopes the committee includes these "waterfront assets" in the conceptual plan for the community's funding priorities.

##### **Senator Schumer calls for federal Hurricane Sandy relief funds to build Breezy Point dunes**

*New York Sen. Charles E. Schumer press release*, December 9, 2013

The Breezy Point community lacked the critical protection that destroyed 300 homes and flooded an additional 2,100 others during Hurricane Sandy. Schumer proposes a double-dune coastline protection system that would keep residents safer and resilient to storms.

##### **NYC parks department unveils plans for Rockaway boardwalk**

*NY1*, December 11, 2013

The Rockaway boardwalk was severely damaged by Sandy. New York City officials have decided on the best reconstruction methods to ensure a more resilient boardwalk. Because it was determined that most of the structure would have to be removed, the timeline to complete the project has not been released.

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#### INFRASTRUCTURE

##### **City announces \$100 million in infrastructure upgrades for New Dorp Beach and South Beach in Staten Island**

*NYC Department of Environmental Protection*, December 10, 2013

In these two communities hit hard by Hurricane Sandy, infrastructure upgrades include miles of storm and sanitary sewers, water mains and rebuilt roadways. These projects will alleviate flooding and drainage during storms. Residents of South Beach and New Dorp Beach were repeatedly subjected to flooding in front of their homes during heavy rains. The upgrades will help the neighborhoods recover more quickly after devastating storms like Sandy.

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### RECOVERY EVENTS

**JANUARY 3:** *Brooklyn Arts Council*

##### **Brooklyn Arts Council Gallery**

DUMBO Arts Festival will feature "For & About: Art & Reactions to Superstorm Sandy," works by 14 emerging Brooklyn-based visual artists. Includes work made for those who were and continue to be affected by the aftermath of the storm, and art made about the storm and its impact. It is BAC's hope that the show will inspire, commemorate and remember all who were affected by the storm.

**JANUARY 13:** *Center for Architecture*

##### **Oculus Book talk by Alexandros Washburn, The Nature of Urban Design: A New York City Perspective on Resilience**

Alexandros E. Washburn, AIA, is the chief urban designer of the City of New York, Department of City Planning. The Nature of Urban Design uses real-life examples, drawing heavily from the New York experience, to show how to design beautiful urban spaces that achieve multiple goals and objectives—such as greater resilience, livability and equity—while addressing the political and financial challenges that can accelerate or slow implementation. Includes examples from the High Line to the post-Sandy recovery of Red Hook, Brooklyn.

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### GRANT DEADLINES

**MARCH 14, 2014**

##### **FY 2014 Economic Development Assistance Programs: Economic Development Administration — Department of Commerce**

Under a Federal Funding Opportunity announced on November 25, 2013, the Economic Development Administration is still soliciting applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs.

**FEBRUARY 15, 2014**

##### **National Science Foundation: Hazard Mitigation and Structural Engineering**

The Hazard Mitigation and Structural Engineering program supports fundamental research to mitigate impacts of natural and human-caused hazards on civil infrastructure and to advance the reliability, resiliency, and sustainability of buildings and other structures.

**JANUARY 31, 2014**

##### **Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grants Program**

More than \$100 million in funding is being provided by the Department of the Interior to support the Competitive Grants Program. These funds are focused on rebuilding, restoring and researching natural defense systems in states that declared natural disasters as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

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### SANDY RECOVERY GRANTS AWARDED

##### **CDC Awards Grant to Queens College and Immigrant Organization - Make the Road**

##### **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Awards a \$210,450 Grant to New York University**

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### JOB OPENINGS

##### **Emergency Management Planner, Senior, Booz Allen Hamilton**

##### **Data and Reporting Analyst, Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc.**

##### **CDBG Recovery Manager, URS Corporation**

##### **Community Recovery Specialist, The American Red Cross**

Don't forget to check the [USAJobs.gov](http://USAJobs.gov) website for Hurricane Sandy recovery employment. Enter "FEMA" and "New York" for our latest offerings.

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