



FOCUS IN THE KNOW EVENTS GRANT DEADLINES GRANTS AWARDED JOB OPENINGS

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. To subscribe click [here](#).

Thanks for reading, and keep up the good work!

FOCUS: PRELIMINARY FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS FOR NYC

Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) have been released for New York City and can be viewed through the [Preliminary FIRM Data Viewer](#). These maps follow the release of the preliminary work maps which included the full results of the coastal flood study conducted after Hurricane Sandy. To learn more about how to use the viewer, read the Preliminary FIRM Data Viewer User Guide and the [Preliminary FIRM FAQ](#) available through the [Region 2 Coastal Analysis and Mapping website](#). Online tutorials are also available. Note that the flood hazard information shown on this map will not affect flood insurance rates or the requirement to purchase federal flood insurance. Only the effective FIRM, which has been officially adopted by community officials, can be used to rate flood insurance policies or require the purchase of flood insurance.

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IN THE KNOW**ECONOMIC****Thousands on Long Island await aid to rebuild after Sandy**

Newsday, November 30, 2013

State officials said that the length of time it was taking to distribute hundreds of millions of dollars to homeowners was caused by the need to properly vet each application before approving funds.

Nassau County offers tax relief for survivors

LIHerald.com, November 29, 2013

To help ease the financial burden on Sandy victims, the Nassau legislature passed a resolution to adopt the state's Superstorm Sandy Tax Assessment Relief program, which cleared the way for residents to apply for tax refunds on properties damaged by Hurricane Sandy. To qualify for a reduction, property owners must make a written request to the county assessor's office by Jan. 21, 2014.

Sandy funding tracker on NYC website

NYC.gov

New York City's newly released Sandy Funding Tracker gives an overview of disaster recovery and resilience dollars allocated to New York City to date by funding type and funding details. The tracker also provides information about projects and programs in each major category of disaster relief funds.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING**Task force issues recommendations for long-term recovery**

Emergency Management, November 27, 2013

The report discusses how task force recommendations require compliance with an executive order for 24 federal agencies to consider the long-term recovery process. The executive order also calls for linking with White House directives that deal with climate change and for fostering more resilient communities.

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**Teens on probation help Sandy survivors in the Rockaways**

NY1, November 30, 2013

New York's Probation Department assigned more than 500 juveniles and young adults to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy. A grant pays the teens about \$1,500 for two months of weekend labor. Probation officers selects for the program individuals who are trying to turn their lives around.

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HOUSING**State, city differ on focus of Sandy aid**

The Wall Street Journal, November 28, 2013

The city and state differ on how and where to distribute federal funds they received to help the region recover. The city has decided to spend about \$300 million of the nearly \$1.8 billion it received on resiliency efforts to protect against future storms. The state, by contrast, has set aside just \$30 million of the \$1.7 billion it received on resiliency.

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NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES**Lights slowly come back in a storm-crippled park**

New York Times, November 29, 2013

The damage to Hudson River Park from Hurricane Sandy stands at \$31 million, three times the initial assessment. Restoring power is the major challenge.

Creating a more flood-resistant Jamaica Bay

City University of New York, City College, November 21, 2013

The City College of New York is one of four colleges and universities awarded grants from the Rockefeller Foundation to develop design strategies to improve resiliency in coastal zones subject to flooding. The CCNY project will focus on developing proposals for Jamaica Bay, a 31-square-mile estuarine bay located in Brooklyn and Queens.

Major project to upgrade storm protections for Howard Beach, Queens

EmpireStateNews.net, November 30, 2013

Federal funding has been approved for a resiliency project to better protect homes and businesses from destructive storm surges along Spring Creek and Jamaica Bay in Queens. Approximately 3,000 homes in Howard Beach suffered serious damage from Hurricane Sandy. The 150-acre project includes \$3 million in engineering and design work and an estimated \$47 million for resiliency efforts.

On Long Island coast, an unexpected gift from Hurricane Sandy

The Atlantic, November 13, 2013

In the 1980s the brown tide in Long Island's Great South Bay was a symbol of pollution from the island's septic systems. A year ago, Hurricane Sandy blasted a new inlet across Fire Island from the bay to the Atlantic Ocean. The breach has improved the quality of the water and recreational opportunities in the bay but now a debate ensues about whether this breach should be closed.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD**Marine Debris Assessment and Removal**

Storm-related marine debris, including lumber from destroyed coastal structures, uprooted trees, sunken boats, hazardous materials, derelict fishing nets and other material, can pose a threat to shipping and recreational boating, a safety hazard to people and animals, an environmental contaminant and a major eyesore. The destructive forces of Hurricane Sandy added considerably to New York's existing marine debris dilemma.

The identification, mapping and removal of marine debris involve many partners. Three main federal agencies participate in such efforts. The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for the mapping and removal of all debris that is hazardous to maritime navigation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maps and removes debris from federally maintained channels, while the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is responsible for any marine debris in coastal habitats and trust resources. NOAA trust resources include marine life and their habitats and areas with important ecological functions. Information on cleanup and prevention is available on NOAA's website at <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/>.

Effective marine debris management also involves state and local partners, who will soon have another tool at their disposal. Through the collaborative efforts of NOAA and their partners the mapping of marine debris will be made available to the public on the SeaSketch website at <http://www.seasketch.org/>. SeaSketch is an Environmental Systems Research Institute GIS-based mapping tool created by the University of California's McClintock Lab to enable users to study human impacts on the ocean and plan responsible resource management. Data should be available to the public by the summer of 2014.

For further information on marine debris and Hurricane Sandy recovery contact William Ypsilantis, the Natural and Cultural Resources field coordinator with the Federal Disaster Recovery Coordination group, at William.Ypsilantis@fema.dhs.gov.

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INFRASTRUCTURE**City to place holiday lights along the boardwalk**

Long Beach Herald, November 29, 2013

Long Beach will encourage winter tourism with a winter marketing initiative. The centerpiece of the initiative is Boardwalk Lights, a free holiday- and nautical-themed light show display on Long Beach's newly rebuilt boardwalk.

Money for building a stronger New York

The Wall Street Journal, December 2, 2013

New York is one of 33 cities that will receive first-round grants from a \$100 million fund supported by the Rockefeller Foundation to help cities create long-term resiliency plans to guard against natural disasters, terrorism and other crises.

Department of Environmental Protection announces new initiative to manage stormwater

New York City Department of Environmental Protection, December 3, 2013

New initiatives to manage stormwater and alleviate local roadway flooding in neighborhoods throughout southeast Queens were announced by DEP. Engineers have been able to find fast, focused solutions to the chronic flooding problems of these areas.

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RECOVERY EVENTS

DECEMBER 11: *Gowanus Canal Conservancy*

Mannahatta 2409: Crowd-Sourcing Designs for a Sustainable and Resilient City

Speaker Dr. Eric Sanderson will discuss ecological problems including storm water management, greenhouse emissions, invasive species, and fouled waterways that challenge long-term sustainability and resilience, with the standpoint of the city as an ecosystem.

[Mannahatta 2409.org](http://Mannahatta2409.org) is a new website, to be launched in January 2014, which will enable New Yorkers to develop and share their ideas for climate-resilient neighborhoods.

DECEMBER 13: *Center for Architecture*

MTA Capital Needs Assessment Part 1: Looking Ahead - A Context for the Next 20-Year Capital Plan

William Wheeler, MTA director of Special Project Development and Planning, will discuss changes in system use patterns and regional socio-economic trends, and how these changes are helping to define the MTA's identified capital needs over the next 20 years. Price: Free for American Institute of Architects members; \$10 for non-members.

DECEMBER 13: *Enterprise Community Partners*

Business Continuity Planning for Affordable Housing Organizations

This all-day training hosted by Enterprise Community Partners and NeighborWorks will help those involved in community-based housing organizations develop a viable business continuity plan.

DECEMBER 14: *Jewish Community Center of Staten Island*

Insurance Fair

Learn about insurance policies and discover options to better prepare by speaking with local nonprofits, government agencies, community leaders, and private insurance companies for information on health insurance, flood insurance, homeowner's insurance, pet insurance and more. Featuring: New York Dept. of Financial Services and New York Department of Health. To RSVP 718-442-9932 or email titonem@assembly.state.ny.us

DECEMBER 17: *Research Innovative Technology Administration*

Webinar: Gregg Fleming, Director, Center for Environmental and Energy Systems

Special series on Transportation System Resilience, Extreme Weather and Climate Change. See website for registration information.

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GRANT DEADLINES

DECEMBER 23, 2013

Community Development Financial Institutions Program

This program promotes economic revitalization in low-income communities by investing federal resources in CDFIs to build their capacity to serve people that lack access to affordable financial products and services. The CDFI Fund provides two types of monetary awards to CDFIs: financial assistance awards and technical assistance awards.

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SANDY RECOVERY GRANTS AWARDED**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Awards a \$575,000 Grant to Northeastern University****American National Red Cross Awards a \$100,000 Grant to Children's Health Fund**

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JOB OPENINGS**Training Coordinator, Disaster Distress Helpline****Designer, NYC: Hurricane Sandy Recovery, House Lifting, Perez Architecture****Architect, NYC: Hurricane Sandy Recovery, House Lifting, Perez Architecture**

Don't forget to check the USAJobs.gov website for Hurricane Sandy recovery employment. Enter "FEMA" and "New York" for our latest offerings.

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