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Welcome to the *Disaster Recovery Bulletin*, an electronic dispatch for recovery workers produced weekly by the Hurricane Sandy federal disaster recovery coordination team. The bulletin includes information, resources, news and events to serve the recovery effort. Most of the content is organized by sector, allowing readers from a wide range of perspectives to easily find the items of greatest interest to them. If you have questions, comments or calendar items you'd like to submit, please email us at editorNYrecovery@fema.dhs.gov. To subscribe click [here](#). Please help us reach more recovery workers by emailing this to a friend.

Thanks for reading, and keep up the good work!

FOCUS: RECOVERY DOLLARS AT WORK

Red Cross awards grant to Jewish Community Council of the Rockaway Peninsula for Hurricane Sandy recovery

The American Red Cross awarded more than \$239,000 in grant money to the Jewish Community Council of the Rockaway Peninsula (JCCRP) to support long-term recovery services for people affected by Hurricane Sandy. The JCCRP will use the grant to provide disaster case management and emergency feeding services on the Rockaway Peninsula.

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IN THE KNOW

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Rockaway Flats: Hurricane Sandy damage and recovery

MTA.info

Photos show before and after conditions of the subway service along the Rockaway Flats rail line which carried some 30,000 riders per day before Hurricane Sandy between Howard Beach and the barrier island known as the Rockaways. After the storm, Hurricane Sandy's devastation to the subway infrastructure was revealed, stretching over some 3.6 miles south of the Howard Beach Station/North Channel Bridge extending to the Hammels Wye Station/South Channel Bridge.

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ECONOMY

Are microgrids the answer to city disrupting disasters?

Scientific American, Sept. 11, 2013

Spurred by Hurricane Sandy, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) are conducting a yearlong study on the role of microgrids in providing mission-critical backup power generation. The microgrids NYSEDA envisions would not necessarily generate electricity year-round but would come online only in the event of an extended power outage, according to Mark Torpey, director of research at NYSEDA.

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NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Department of the Interior and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to administer \$100 million Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Aug. 12, 2013

The U.S. Dept. of the Interior has selected the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to administer the \$100 million Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program. Funded by the Hurricane Sandy disaster relief appropriation, the competition will fund projects that promote resilient natural systems while enhancing green spaces and wildlife habitat in areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy, enabling coastal communities and key habitats to withstand the impacts of future storms.

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HOUSING

Architecture in tune with the climate

NY Times, Sept. 4, 2013

Architects are making a concerted effort to think along broader lines when it comes to countering climate change. They are learning to solve issues with systems, not style, focusing on altering the design of buildings and the design of the larger systems in which they function. Two design programs will roll out this year and next, both inspired by the impact Hurricane Sandy had on New Yorkers.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Army Corps anti-flood plan: Elevate 4,500 homes on Long Island

WNYC News, Sept. 9, 2013

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to elevate nearly 4,500 homes on eastern Long Island in order to prevent damage from future flooding.

Three cities that used natural disasters to revitalize their futures

Governing, August 2013

This article includes a case study of three cities affected by different disasters – Tuscaloosa, Ala., Greensburg, Kan, and San Francisco – and how they developed plans to use federal funding to revitalize sections of their city.

Staten Island eyes changes in waterfront

The Wall Street Journal, Sept. 2, 2013

A novel proposal for Staten Island's storm-battered seaside is on the horizon: elevating clusters of homes, potentially on a common platform around lawns or even swimming pools.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

New York State Department of State Offshore Atlantic Ocean study

NYS Department of State, July 2013

New York State Department of State (DOS) released a two-year study of the waters off the Atlantic coast of New York state in July 2013. The DOS has collaborated with state, federal and non-governmental partners to assemble an offshore Atlantic Ocean study highlighting known or predicted locations of ocean resources. DOS is working with partners to obtain and analyze additional data and anticipates making these future datasets publicly available.

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CALENDAR

Event: Sept. 19

Capacity training capacity building /grant writing training

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships will host a free capacity building, grant writing training.

Event: Sept. 21

PlanningCamp NYC

New York City

Sessions will be led by planning colleagues, exploring new and old challenges. Topics will include the role of technology in public involvement, increasing equity, modeling, analysis and community organizing at local to regional scales. PlanningCamp, a free event, will be an opportunity to go deep into conversations and form new connections.

Event: Sept. 25

Government procurement and business resource roundtable

NYS Small Business Development Center at Stony Brook University

Connecting assets and building capacity along with resources available from New York State and the Federal Government to assist local businesses in growing and expanding business opportunities.

Event: Sept. 26

Come Join HUD's Rebuild by Design public conversation workshop to share your thoughts and ideas!

Rebuild by Design, Staten Island

Join HUD at a series of public meetings held throughout New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, where neighbors and community leaders will play a crucial role in helping shape competition priorities. At each regional meeting, HUD invites participants to share their experiences and ideas for communities with other participating teams. On-the-ground perspective will help Rebuild by Design develop appropriate solutions that respond to local and regional needs.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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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