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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.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The first anniversary is paper: A card for Hurricane Sandy survivors and donors

Huffington Post, Aug. 16, 2013

On the eight-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and one-year anniversary of Sandy, Lori J. Bertman, Co-Founder and Chair of The Center for Disaster Philanthropy, reflects on disasters, recovery solutions and the role of philanthropy.

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ECONOMY

Boosting resilience after storms and disasters

USA Today, Aug. 17, 2013

Hurricane Sandy was the worst hurricane to hit the northeastern U.S. in 40 years and the second-costliest ever. But it will not be the last of its kind. Mayor Bloomberg has recognized this and has proposed investing \$20 billion to help prepare NYC for the disasters of the future.

Four myths about automated disaster recovery

Data Knowledge Center, Aug. 19, 2013

The NYC Restoration Business Acceleration Team (RBAT) assists businesses affected by Hurricane Sandy by coordinating the services, permitting and inspections needed to reopen.

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HOUSING

First new Breezy Point homes are starting to rise after Hurricane Sandy

NY Daily News, Aug. 23, 2013

Construction has begun on about half a dozen new homes for displaced residents of Breezy Point, Queens, a private community predominantly made up of police, firefighters and other city workers on the edge of the Rockaway peninsula.

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NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Bare trees are a lingering sign of Hurricane Sandy's high toll

The New York Times, Aug. 18, 2013

In storm-damaged neighborhoods throughout the city, where homes have been repaired, furnishings have been replaced and millions have been spent on recovery, another toll of Hurricane Sandy is becoming starkly clear. Trees, plants and shrubs are dying by the thousands.

Coastal flooding could cost cities \$60 billion by 2050

Los Angeles Times, Aug. 20, 2013

A team of researchers analyzed data on flood exposure in 136 of the world's largest coastal cities to project steep increases in economic losses, from an estimated \$6 billion a year in 2005 to \$52 billion by 2050 based on changes in population, economic growth and urbanization.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

State and Suffolk County will partner with Army Corps of Engineers on storm damage project

Empire State News, Aug. 21, 2013

The state and Suffolk County will partner on a \$700 million federally funded project to upgrade natural and manmade structures to reduce the potential for storm damages along an 83-mile section of coastal and bay areas on the south shore of Long Island. The project will include expedited emergency repairs to restore dunes and beaches that were significantly damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

Army Corps begins post-Sandy coastal restoration project

The Construction Index, Aug. 20, 2013

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun placing millions of cubic yards of sand to replenish the coastal protection at the Sandy damaged Rockaway Beach in Queens, NY.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Lessons Learned: Social Media and Hurricane Sandy

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, June 2013

Social media and collaborative technologies have become critical components of emergency preparedness, response and recovery. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate established the Virtual Social Media Working Group to provide guidance and best practices to the emergency preparedness and response community on the safe use of social media technologies before, during and after emergencies.

Employment Opportunities

FEMA is hiring for a variety of positions to work on recovery efforts. Qualified candidates who meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply. Visit the NY State Job Bank and enter "FEMA" in the keyword search to see the full list of currently available positions. Check back regularly as the search will be ongoing.

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CALENDAR

Event: Aug. 24 – Sept. 29

The International Center of Photography opens Hurricane Sandy photo exhibition

"Rising Waters: Photographs of Hurricane Sandy," in Building 19 on Governor's Island. The new exhibition, organized by The International Center of Photography and the Museum of the City of New York, shows the devastation and the recovery from Hurricane Sandy over the past 10 months. It includes around 100 print and digital submissions from 90 photographers, both professional and amateur, selected from an open call that drew more than 7,000 entries.

Webinar: Sept. 10

Catastrophe Risk Update 2013: Extreme Global Weather Events

A panel of experts will discuss recent extreme weather catastrophes, catastrophe forecasts and how record losses have insurers crafting new policy options and re-evaluating their risk selection criteria. Webinar is free. Registration required.

Event: Sept. 12

Long Island Reconstruction and Resilience: learning from other states and the Europeans

A symposium by the American Planning Association-Long Island section and Long Island Regional Planning Council for Long Island elected officials, municipal staff, community leaders, planners, engineers and architects. This symposium brings together experts from the Netherlands, neighboring states and the Gulf — places that have developed innovative solutions to water and shoreline management — for dialogue to help Long Island meet the challenges of climate change.

Grant Deadline: Sept. 30

Special competition of the Coastal Resilience Networks (Crest) grant program for communities impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Institutions and organizations can apply for grants ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

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