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Welcome to the Disaster Recovery Bulletin, a new 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 to submit, please email us at editorNYrecovery@fema.dhs.gov. To subscribe click [here](#).

Thanks for reading, and keep up the good work!

IN THE NEWS

[Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force releases rebuilding strategy](#)

U.S. Department of Housing and Development, Aug. 19, 2013

President Obama's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, chaired by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan, released a rebuilding strategy to serve as a model for communities across the nation facing greater risks from extreme weather and to continue helping the Sandy-affected region rebuild. The rebuilding strategy contains 69 policy recommendations, many of which have already been adopted, that will help homeowners stay in and repair their homes, strengthen small businesses and revitalize local economies, and ensure entire communities are better able to withstand and recover from future storms.

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NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

[Staten Island's shoreline changes daily, as intense construction continues](#)

Staten Island Advance/silive.com, Aug. 5, 2013

With \$52 million in repairs and emergency preventive construction taking place, Staten Island's shoreline is seeing many changes.

[CUNY will lead research program at new institute focused on resilience in urban ecosystems](#)

Office of the Mayor of New York City, Aug. 12, 2013

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell announced the selection of a consortium led by the City University of New York to head a new Science and Resilience Institute. The institute will be a top-tier research center promoting an understanding of resilience in urban ecosystems and their adjacent communities through an intensive research program focused on the restoration of Jamaica Bay.

[Federal report says Hurricane Sandy recovery spending must account for future climate change](#)

Energy Wire, Aug. 20, 2013

The Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force, a presidentially appointed group in charge of coordinating rebuilding efforts in the states devastated by last year's storm, issued a report stressing the need to take climate change into account when investing federal funds in disaster recovery.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

[Hurricane Sandy recovery work and upcoming highway and bridge projects will have major impact on New York, New Jersey construction markets](#)

ForConstructionPros.com, Aug. 9, 2013

The 2013 "Transportation Planning & Design Market Outlook Reports" were methodically researched by an expert economics research team that has more than 35 years of combined experience analyzing data and trends.

[Nassau Complete Streets program approved](#)

Newsday/Long Island Now, Aug. 7, 2013

The Nassau County Legislature has approved the Complete Streets program, a state policy that stipulates that all users of roadways — drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders — are considered in the planning and design of new and renovated thoroughfares.

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ECONOMY

[Collaborative teams to support Hurricane Sandy small business recovery](#)

Market Watch, Aug. 7, 2013

Long-term assistance for small businesses impacted by Hurricane Sandy has been made available through expanded funding to the U.S. Small Business Administration's resource partners working in conjunction with state and local organizations.

[NYC Restoration Business Acceleration Team](#)

NYC.gov

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

[Polish up on policy for FEMA relief](#)

Electric Co-op Today, Aug. 13, 2013

With hurricane season looming — and federal emergency funds limited — electric cooperatives are reminded to pay particular attention to contract procurement requirements that involve women- and minority-owned businesses.

[Does Hurricane Sandy relief cover green and energy efficient rebuilding?](#)

Green Buildings.com

While New York State is making efforts to rebuild green, there are a number of green building incentives for NY homeowners that are unrelated to Sandy. The Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency (DSIRE) lists green loans, tax credits and other incentives for homeowners by state. This list of New York green home incentives includes many financing options for homeowners doing reconstruction.

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

[Crowd-sourced maps may help when disasters hit](#)

SciDevNet, no date listed, posted August 2013

The free, crowd-sourced online mapping service Open Street Map is helping developing nations become more resilient to disasters. Kate Chapman, director of Open Street Map's humanitarian team, describes how the OSM community stepped forward after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, producing the most accurate road maps of Port-au-Prince. The maps, which included the locations of displaced people, health facilities and basic infrastructure, were used by search and rescue teams, as well as the United Nations and World Bank.

[The long road to recovery: environmental health impacts of Hurricane Sandy](#)

Environmental Health Perspectives, May 1, 2013

An in-depth analysis of Hurricane Sandy's environmental health impacts considers immediate consequences, loss of power, air and water, long-term considerations, mental health and resilience.

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING

[Tabletop exercises on disaster preparedness gaining popularity with government agencies and constituents](#)

Government Security News, Aug. 12, 2013

Tabletop exercises have been championed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at the federal level since shortly after 9/11, but in the post-Hurricane Sandy era, there has been a growing realization that disaster preparedness requires whole community involvement.

[Backup solar power coming to NY and NJ](#)

Discovery News, June 17, 2013

When Hurricane Sandy cut power to millions in the Northeast, solar-powered generators helped some residents recharge. A new project, "Solar Sandy," an initiative from the Clinton Global Initiative, the environmental organization Global Green USA and Ikea, aims to install backup solar energy systems in areas that remain vulnerable. It will prioritize low-income residents who were affected by Sandy.

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CALENDAR

[Event: water challenges for coastal cities conference: Sept. 9-10](#)

The Henry Hudson 500 Foundation, Regional Plan Association, Netherlands Water Partnership and Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance are hosting H209, a conference with a focus on topics such as the adaptation to climate change for delta regions in the decades to come, the economics and governance of water, and innovative water technology. Cost associated with event.

[Event: insurance summit for government officials: Sept. 16 and 18](#)

The New York Insurance Association is hosting two events to provide state and federal officials and insurance industry representatives with an opportunity to be better prepared for disasters and floods. No charge for NYIA members and government officials/staff. Syracuse summit on Sept. 16, New York City summit on Sept. 18.

[Webinar: Get your business ready for disasters at National Preparedness Month webinar series](#)

Business preparedness planning help is available through a series of free webinars in September hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and Agility Recovery. The series is presented in collaboration with FEMA's [Ready Campaign](#) as part of National Preparedness Month.

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