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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 BY DESIGN

Ten design teams selected to proceed to stage two of Rebuild by Design

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Aug. 9, 2013

The Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force announced the selection of 10 design teams that will advance to stage two of Rebuild by Design, a multistage regional design competition formed to develop innovative and replicable projects to strengthen coastal cities.

Up next: Rebuild by Design will host community meetings over the next three weeks in NY, NJ and CT. Click [here](#) for schedule and more information.

3C Competition

Operation Resilient Long Island

Operation Resilient Long Island is conducting a public competition that offers participants an opportunity to re-imagine the coastal communities hit by Hurricane Sandy. The top 32 candidates will be exhibited Oct. 3 to Oct. 17 at New York Institute of Technology's Gallery 61.

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IN THE KNOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Recreation center is relief fund's first recipient

Long Beach Patch, Sept. 3, 2013

The Long Beach City Council voted to approve the use of \$200,000 from the Long Beach Relief Fund for repairs to the local recreation center, as well as to set aside \$100,000 for grants to help community organizations with post-Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts.

How scientists at NOAA are mapping New York's watery future

Responding to Climate Change, Aug. 23, 2013

Elevation matters when it comes to designing a flood-sensitive city. Using the best available flood hazard data along with information on future sea level rise, experts have compiled an interactive tool that allows planners to judge where development should take place and the level to which buildings should be elevated based upon various flooding scenarios, extending until 2100.

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HOUSING

Hurricane Sandy impacts at a glance

Practitioner Resources, published by Enterprise

This data snapshot highlights the demographic characteristics of the survivors whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

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NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

NYFA emergency relief fund

New York Foundation for the Arts

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the Andy Warhol Foundation, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation and Lambert Foundation, a project of the Tides Center, established an Emergency Relief Fund administered by NYFA to assist artists with damages and losses.

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ECONOMY

Protecting the electric grid from increasingly severe weather due to climate change

The White House blog, Aug. 12, 2013

A report from the White House Council of Economic Advisers and the Energy Department evaluates the economic cost of power outages and calls for increased cross-sector investment to make the electric grid more resilient in the face of increasingly severe weather events due to climate change.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Hurricane Sandy: Hackers, a satellite dish and an IKEA canteen

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, April 25, 2013

"Humanitarianism in the Network Age," a report from the United Nations Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, looks at the vital role of communication in communities affected by disasters. One of its findings makes the case that, with the advent of mobile technology, communication and information should be treated as a form of humanitarian aid.

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

New hope for older people in a disaster

AARP the Magazine blog, Aug. 12, 2013

On Aug. 9, 2013, FEMA and AARP announced an agreement that will expand outreach around emergency preparedness for millions of older Americans.

Identifying need, providing delivery of mental health services following community disasters

Newswise, Sept. 9, 2013

The mental and physical consequences of major disasters have shed light on the need for an effective community response. It is estimated that much of the U.S. population will be exposed to a natural disaster during their lives. Mental health effects of disaster exposures are relevant to informing care for survivors of all forms of trauma.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Financing natural catastrophe exposure: Issues and options for improving risk

Congressional Research Service, Aug. 15, 2013

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, a key policy question for Congress is whether the federal government should intervene in U.S. risk transfer markets to ensure the continued availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance for all residents. This report examines the current role of private insurers in managing disaster risk and their capacity and willingness to deal with the rising cost of financing recovery and reconstruction following natural disasters. It then considers the catastrophic risk-financing legislative options that are being considered by the 113th Congress.

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CALENDAR

Event: Sept. 17

American Red Cross and New York City Unmet Needs Roundtable Training

New York State Disaster Case Management Program

A joint training for NYC-based Disaster Case Managers and Supervisors will be held at the American Red Cross. A session on the American Red Cross Move In Assistance Program be in the morning and a NYC Unmet Needs Roundtable refresher will be presented in the afternoon.

<http://dcctraining.wufoo.com/forms/arc-miap-and-nyc-unr-joint-training-91713/>

Event: Sept. 18

Rebuilding NYC after Hurricane Sandy

Women's City Club of New York

Dan Zarrilli, the Economic Development Corporation's senior policy advisor for the Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency, will discuss the climate risks facing NYC, the proposals for coastal and buildings protection, and other measures to strengthen the city's systems and infrastructure to withstand future disasters.

Survey deadline: Sept. 23

Living with Disability & Disasters

As part of International Day for Disaster Reduction on Oct. 13, 2013, the U.N. is developing data to amplify the critical issue of including the needs of persons living with disabilities in the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. People living with a disability and caregivers are encouraged to take this survey to contribute to the effort.

Event: Sept. 24

Beyond Engagement Forum: Building and Sustaining Community Networks

NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene

The Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene invite community leaders across New York City to attend a free, one-day forum.

Event: Sept. 27

Enterprise NYC Office

The Resiliency Speaker series presents [All Together Now: Strategies for effective resident engagement for emergency planning](#). Disaster-resilient communities don't just happen. They are communities that work together and know each other on a daily basis, so that when a crisis or issue arises, they have the relationships in place to work together. JoAnn Jordan from the Seattle Office of Emergency Management will give a presentation on the topic of best practice resident engagement strategies.

Grant Deadline: Nov. 1

NYC Small Business Services

The [Small Business Storefront Improvement Program](#) provides funding for facade improvements to eligible small businesses and property owners impacted by Hurricane Sandy and located in New York City Evacuation Zones 1 through 6. The goal of the program is to enhance the impacted commercial corridors and support small businesses. Selected participants will be awarded up to \$20,000.

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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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