

RESILIENT NEIGHBORHOODS GOALS

Following Hurricane Sandy, the City has developed a detailed action plan for recovery from the storm and the long-term resilience of New York City's coastal communities, buildings, and infrastructure. As part of this effort, the Department of City Planning (DCP) is undertaking the Resilient Neighborhoods initiative in 10 neighborhoods across all five boroughs. The studies will consider the unique character of each community and the specific issues and opportunities each faces, while guided by a set of common goals:

- 1 Reduce risks from natural hazards such as flooding and coastal storms.**
Enable buildings and infrastructure to withstand flooding and other hazards while minimizing disruption to residents and businesses.
- 2 Foster economically and socially vibrant communities that are able to adapt to changing conditions.**
Support the continuing vitality of neighborhoods, considering both short-term needs and long-term challenges.
- 3 Coordinate land use planning with rebuilding activities and infrastructure investment.**
Identify practical strategies to address neighborhood needs and constraints.

Over the next two years, DCP, in partnership with affected communities, will develop neighborhood frameworks for Sandy recovery and long-term resilience. Studies will identify potential changes to zoning and land use, as well as opportunities for housing, open space, economic development, public facilities, infrastructure, or other improvements. The nature of recommendations for each neighborhood will vary based on the needs and priorities for each area. Each Resilient Neighborhoods study will include a robust public outreach process with DCP working closely with local communities to identify issues, set objectives, and shape and review recommendations.

STUDY AREAS

Resilient Neighborhoods focuses on areas in all five boroughs that present specific local land use, zoning, and resilience issues that cannot be addressed fully by citywide zoning changes.

Phase I projects are located in areas where heavy damage occurred during Sandy or substantial flood risk exists.

