



Preparing New Jersey for the Future

THE SCOPE OF IMPACT

- Almost 95% of New Jersey municipalities have submitted and received a payout from a flood insurance claim between 1978 – 2007.
- New Jersey currently has 508,000 residents who live in a FEMA 100-year flood plain, or have a 1 in 100 chance of flooding each year.
- Almost all of Atlantic City's residents live in FEMA designated flood areas; an extraordinary 80 percent of the city is at risk for flooding in 80 years.



ABOUT NEW JERSEY RESOURCE PROJECT





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NEW JERSEY - A LOVE STORY





56%

have had trouble
paying bills and/or
affording food and gas
since the storm.



“More than 70% of respondents reported that they had developed new physical or mental health problems or a worsening of pre-existing health conditions since Sandy.”



Of families with children, nearly 40% reported their child's school performance suffered because of the difficulties their families faced after the storm.



“Fifty-seven percent do not believe we are better prepared for future disasters than we were before Sandy.”

POST DISASTER WORK



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Rental assistance, mortgage and foreclosure assistance – more than 20 million dollars moved.
- New Jersey experienced a 12% decline in low-cost rental homes between 2011 – 2017, losing more than 29,000 units and disasters exacerbate existing affordable housing shortages.
- We all struggle, who struggled more: manufactured homeowners, renters, reverse mortgages.



QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

- Many Sandy impacted families also had healthcare through Medicaid expansion.
- Nearly 20% of Long Road Home Respondents described an increased dependence on alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
- It has become clear there are not enough accessible, affordable mental health and addiction services in our community.



FIX OUR BROKEN DISASTER RECOVERY SYSTEMS

- Put mitigation first.
- Build community capacity to make decisions post disaster or about their future.
- Fix our federal and state disaster response systems.



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