

**NYC** Emergency  
Management  
**COMMUNITY**  
**PREPAREDNESS**

NEWSLETTER

**REGISTER TODAY for NYC Emergency  
Management's 11th Annual Community  
Preparedness Symposium!**



The 2023 Community Preparedness Symposium will focus on how community organizers, leaders, youth, advocates and/or government can better prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies. The 2023 theme is "A New Standard: Communities Ahead of Emergencies".

Register for In-Person Participation

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-2023-symposium-a-new-standard-communities-ahead-of-emergencies-tickets-529444220917>

Register to Participate Virtually

<https://www.workcast.com/register?cpak=7183459659394363>

For help registering or requests regarding accessibility please email [communityprep@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:communityprep@oem.nyc.gov) or call 718 422-4654 by February 15th.

# NYCEM Welcomes 21 Community Networks Into the Strengthening Communities Program



**January 25, 2023** — The New York City Emergency Management Department welcomes 21 community networks across the city into the Strengthening Communities program. These networks represent a wide range of community groups that offer important services in areas most deeply affected by such emergencies as the COVID-19 pandemic and coastal storms. These local leaders will be provided resources and training to build emergency preparedness plans to better support their communities before and after an emergency. The 21 participating networks will begin a rigorous five-month educational experience to develop a local community emergency plan.

This brings the total number of networks participating in the program to 37, with seven networks completing the inaugural program in 2020 and nine networks completing the program in 2021. Orientation for the new members was held on January 19. The training program focuses on five key areas to build an emergency plan specific to their communities:

- Create a needs assessment.
- Design community maps of the area where they provide services.
- Build a directory of resources for after an emergency.
- Prepare a communications strategy to message their community and staff before, during, and after emergencies.
- Design plans on how to manage donations and accept volunteers.

“NYC Emergency Management’s mission is to prepare New Yorkers for emergencies, but we cannot do that without the assistance of our community partners,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. “Our Strengthening Communities program helps us do that by providing communities with the training and resources they need to prepare all New Yorkers with extensive emergency planning and preparation.”

To read the full press release, [click here!](#)

# FEMA Youth Preparedness Council



Young Leaders – Apply to FEMA’s  
Youth Preparedness Council Today!



**Represent Your Community**



**Learn & Grow**



**Create Change Now!**

Applications Due  
March 6, 2023



**FEMA**

Do you know any teens who want to build leadership skills while making a difference in their community? FEMA is now accepting applications for its Youth Preparedness Council. Spread the word with students in your community by letting them know about this unique opportunity.

To learn more, see our [New Releases](#) and visit our [website](#).

Apply to the council [here](#).

Go YPC!

**Ready School of the Year Award Application**

# 2023 Ready School of the Year Award Application

Does your school lead the way in preparedness?

Are there training, clubs, or other initiatives they offer to help prepare for emergencies?

**Nominate your school via:  
[bit.ly/2023\\_RSOTY](https://bit.ly/2023_RSOTY)**

Winning schools will receive a visit from Ready Girl!



Does your school lead the way in preparedness? Is there training, clubs, or other initiatives they offer to help prepare for emergencies? Let NYC Emergency Management know how your school can be recognized as the Ready School of the Year for 2023! The school that wins will receive a visit from Ready Girl, the emergency preparedness superhero, and preparedness materials for all students. Additionally, NYC Emergency Management will collaborate with the school to present the award and display the school's emergency preparedness efforts via student projects.

[Register here!](#)



## Ready New York Winter Weather WordWall

Are you a Ready New Yorker? See how many winter weather facts you know!

What app can New Yorkers use to track the progress of DSNY snow removal vehicles?

A  
NYCPlow

B  
DSNY

C  
PlowNYC

D  
NYCSNOW

[Trivia Link here!](#)

Flood Bulletin

# Are you concerned about flooding in your neighborhood?



## Join us!

We're looking for adults (18+) who are residents of NYC to participate in a focus group about how people find information about flooding in New York City, and what kind of information about urban flooding is most useful to them. Your input will help us develop a tool for sharing real-time information about local flooding in your neighborhood.

Participants will be asked to commit to joining up to 9 group sessions of one hour each (1x per month February 2023 - August 2023). Sessions will be held virtually and in person.

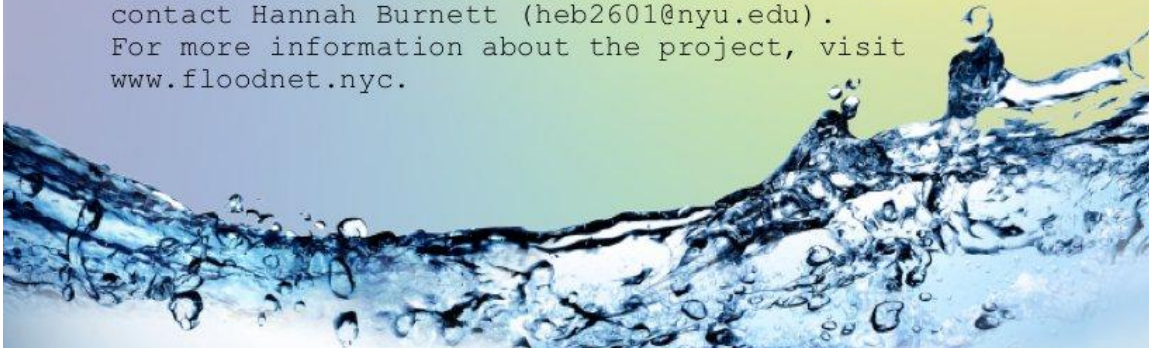
**How to join:** Email Hannah Burnett, [heb2601@nyu.edu](mailto:heb2601@nyu.edu)

## Compensation

Participants will receive one \$25 Amazon gift card at the conclusion of each session, for a total of up to \$225.

## Questions?

If you have questions about the study, your eligibility, language, or accessibility, please contact Hannah Burnett ([heb2601@nyu.edu](mailto:heb2601@nyu.edu)). For more information about the project, visit [www.floodnet.nyc](http://www.floodnet.nyc).



# Community Flood Watch Project

## Report Flooding in New York City



As **sea level rises** around NYC, tidal flooding in coastal neighborhoods is getting more frequent and widespread.

### What can we do?

The "**Community Flood Watch Project**" is a growing network of residents and organizations who report local flooding, share experiences and access resources related to flooding in NYC coastal communities.

Researchers use these reports to visualize how "normal" high tides could look in the future due to sea level rise, and to improve forecasts of flooding and coastal hazards.

Communities can use this shared database of images, reports and maps to communicate their neighborhood's needs and visions to city leaders.

### SUBMIT A FLOOD REPORT



**You can join in!** To submit a flood report with a photo, time, depth, location and impacts...

**Download the 'MyCoast' app**, register, and add a report.



Or visit this page:

<https://mycoast.org/ny/flood-watch/>

### MORE INFORMATION

[www.srijb.org/jbfloodwatch/](http://www.srijb.org/jbfloodwatch/)



**Katie Graziano**

New York Sea Grant

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## Community Flood Action Kit

# Community Flood Action Toolkit

*Protect your property from flood risk*

The Community Flood Action Toolkit is a new resource from the team at FloodHelpNY. This toolkit provides high-level information about flood insurance and retrofits.

The toolkit is available in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Russian, and Haitian Creole.

Link to toolkit and more information: [Flood Risk Is Rising | News and Info on Flooding | FloodHelpNY.org](#)

## Upcoming Events

### NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT TRAINING SERIES

Session One: Community Assessment  
January 24, 2023 | 1:00 - 2:30

Session Two: Building Partnerships  
January 31, 2023 | 1:00 - 2:30

Session Three: Engaging Volunteers  
February 7, 2023 | 1:00 - 2:30

Register at [bit.ly/2023NET](https://bit.ly/2023NET)  
All trainings via Zoom

**NYC** Service  
nyc.gov/service



Neighborhood Engagement Toolkit Training Series



This three-part training series dives into the Neighborhood Engagement Toolkit, a resource about how you can increase your organization's positive impact by forming mutually beneficial partnerships for change with other organizations and volunteers.

Partnerships lie at the foundation of any thriving community, and this training series will help you identify the best partners for your organization to achieve its goals. Join to learn best-practices, engage in professional peer learning, and navigate tools that help your organization:

1. Understand your community and assess your organization's ability to meet its needs
2. Increase capacity for impact through partnerships and volunteer support
3. Evaluate, evolve, and share your stories

This series is hosted by James Garcia, Director of Community Initiatives at NYC Service. A veteran and municipal leader with over a decade of experience leading volunteer programs, James provides expert insight helpful to organizations across the five boroughs.

[Register Now](#)

Trainings are hosted live on Zoom, including breakout sessions and open discussion for questions and answers.

## The Magic of Urban Green Spaces



What do you picture when you think about "going out into nature"? If you're like most people, or any internet image search, you picture vast mountains, acres of forest, and not a single cement block in sight.

Join Yamina Nater-Otero in discussing the magic of urban green spaces and get tips for birding your local parks!

[Register here!](#)



*Stop the Bleed* provides people with the tools and knowledge to stop life-threatening bleeding in the event of an emergency situation. Bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death after injury, and the actions of immediate responders can be crucial in determining the outcome of the situation.



Virtual

**Wednesday,  
February 8th**  
12-1PM  
-or-  
4-5PM

**The focus of the course:**

- The immediate response to bleeding
- Recognize life-threatening bleeding
- Appropriate ways to stop bleeding

To register for one of our free courses, visit [bklynlibrary.org/calendar](http://bklynlibrary.org/calendar) and search "Stop the Bleed"



There are two time slots for February 8th:

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM -Register [here!](#)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM -Register [here!](#)



# HUD EXCHANGE

Resources and assistance to support HUD's community partners

## RFI for HUD's CDBG-DR Rules, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements

HUD Seeking First-of-Its-Kind Public Input to More Equitably and Accurately Allocate Disaster Recovery Funds.

Public comments requested on or before **February 21, 2023**. Late-filled comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

<https://mailchi.mp/hudexchange/rfi-for-huds-cdbg-dr-rules-waivers-and-alternative-requirements-87-fr-77864-now-available>

**NYC Environmental Protection**

### SAVE NOW ON YOUR WATER BILL, GET AMNESTY TODAY!

DEP IS OFFERING A **LIMITED ONE-TIME AMNESTY**  
With up to 100% of interest forgiveness.  
DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE, THIS ONE-TIME AMNESTY ENDS SOON!

**PAST DUE**

*Advertisement details: Includes NYC logo, 'SAVE NOW ON YOUR WATER BILL, GET AMNESTY TODAY!' headline, 'DEP IS OFFERING A LIMITED ONE-TIME AMNESTY' sub-headline, 'With up to 100% of interest forgiveness.' and 'DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE, THIS ONE-TIME AMNESTY ENDS SOON!' text. A sample water and wastewater bill is shown with a large red 'PAST DUE' stamp. The bill includes fields for Property Owner, Service Address, and various charges like Your personal charges, Your share of common charges, and Your share of charges & credits. A 'Sample One-Time Amnesty' section is also visible on the bill.*

DEP is offering this limited one-time amnesty with up to 100% interest forgiveness for all delinquent customers. If you owe water and wastewater charges, you may be eligible for this amnesty offer.

[Amnesty link here!](#)

## Join NYC Emergency Management - We Are Hiring!

NYC Emergency Management has some exciting employment opportunities available! They can be viewed on the NYC Careers website: [Jobs at NYC Emergency Management - NYCEM](#).

NYC Emergency Management is staffed by over 200 dedicated professionals who are committed to serving the City in a crisis. We are looking for candidates who have a passion for preparing New Yorkers for the next emergency and responding when a crisis hits the City.

**Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community**

**Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>**

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