

NYS 2100 Commission issues post-Sandy report

Governor Cuomo has established a series of commissions to look at infrastructure and other changes needed to adapt to what appears to be a trend towards more severe weather incidents like Hurricanes Sandy and Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee. The new commissions are:

[NYS 2100 Commission](#) – to improve the resilience and strength of the state’s infrastructure in the face of natural disasters and other emergencies;

[NYS Respond Commission](#) – to ensure that New York State is ready to respond to future weather-related disasters in terms of the appropriate deployment of people and resources needed during and after the emergency or disaster occurs; and

[NYS Ready Commission](#) – to ensure critical systems and services are prepared for future natural disasters and other emergencies.

NYS 2100 is the first of the commissions to come out with proposals and is recommending major infrastructure changes, including a [mechanical storm barrier at the Verrazano Narrows](#) and the re-establishment of natural storm barriers like dunes and wetlands. The [document](#) is still in draft phase, but is nonetheless expansive in its recommendations and covers the entire state. The report cites the senior segment as a major vulnerability regarding relocation. During a press conference on the report, there was discussion that buildings be located out of harm’s way and that a vulnerable population database be expanded so that the elderly and those most in need can be pinpointed in an emergency.

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