

## Today's Lead: Building for New Era of Storms

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As politicians begin taking more seriously the possible [construction of a sea barrier](#) , Gov. Cuomo will travel to Washington

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seeking over \$40 billion in aid -- a large chunk of which will go towards protection from future storms. The Washington Post backed up similar thinking, calling

[big spending](#)

on preparation well worth it. But of course, planning will be

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, and it's much more complicated than just walling of the city from nature. Future development should come into consideration; like new plans for Flushing Meadows Park in Queens. Some say the park's role as

[natural buffer](#)

against flooding would be compromised by the proposed stadiums and malls. And then there's the

[gas pipeline](#)

planned for construction under The Rockaways. Environmentalists say flooding in the area threatens its stability.

In the Press...

[Behind a Call That Kept Nursing Home Patients in Storm's Path](#) (NY Times)

[New Yorkers Denied Aid by FEMA](#) (Daily News)

[NYCHA to Postpone Evictions for Sandy Victims Until Feb '13](#) (Daily News)

[Companies Donate Percentage of "Proceeds" Being Opaque](#) (NY Times)

["Dire Consequences" Ahead for 16 Percent of State Youth Out of Work, School](#) (Associated Press)

[A Month After Hurricane Sandy, Midland Beach Still Reels](#) (Staten Island Advance)

[Leery of a Merger, Brooklyn Hospital Plans to Declare Bankruptcy](#) (NY Times)

[Accuser in Orthodox Abuse Trial Testified out of "Responsibility"](#) (Wall Street Journal)

[Tow Companies Hauling Legally Parked Cars](#) (NY Post)

["The Central Park Five": New York's Darkest Hour](#) (Salon.com)

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