

Today's Lead Story: Bloomberg's Post-Storm Plan

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Mayor Michael Bloomberg said yesterday that the city would rethink evacuation zones, electrical infrastructure, telecommunications networks, hospitals and transportations systems after Superstorm Sandy caused billions of dollars in damage, paralyzed communities and killed dozens of people.

But Bloomberg said that his administration would not abandon the waterfront and dismissed the possibility of building sea walls to hold back the ocean. Instead, he said the city would look at "coastline protections" such as berms, dunes, jetties and levies.

"No matter how much we do to make homes and businesses more resilient, the fact of the matter is we live next to the ocean, and the ocean comes with risks that we just cannot eliminate," [the mayor said](#).

Bloomberg outlined the post-Sandy plan, his first major address since the storm, at a Lower Manhattan event, [where former Vice President Al Gore also made an appearance and praised the mayor's previous efforts](#) to respond to the effects of climate change.

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