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To address future risk of coastal flooding, federal agencies have jointly developed a <u>sea level</u> <u>rise planning tool</u>

- which includes interactive sea level rise (SLR) maps and a SLR calculator. The tool provides information on how parts of New York and New Jersey impacted by Sandy may be impacted by coastal flooding in the future.

Hurricane Sandy is a vivid reminder that coastal communities are vulnerable to the risk of damage from storms and flooding. Sea level rise increases the frequency and severity of coastal flooding in human and natural systems, even if storm patterns remain the same.

Post-Sandy recovery provides an opportunity to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience further into the future by incorporating sea level rise information into decisions about how and where to rebuild, or to start new development. Using the best available science and data, this tool can help state and local officials, community planners, and infrastructure managers understand possible future flood risks from sea level rise and use that information in planning decisions.

Read the full article here.