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**Superstorm Sandy: A Live Town Hall
What worked. What didn't. What's next.**

*A Special Live Two-Hour Multiplatform Broadcast Event to Air and Livestream
on WHYY-TV Thursday, May 16, 8-10 p.m.*

PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 2013 —Public media stations in three states are teaming up to broadcast a special multi-platform live town hall event. *Superstorm Sandy: A Live Town Hall* airs Thursday, May 16 at 8:00 p.m. on WHYY-TV in Philadelphia, in collaboration with media outlets WNYC at 93.9FM and AM820, New Jersey Public Radio, The Star-Ledger and NJ.com, NJ Spotlight, NJ News Commons and The New York Times.

More than six months after Superstorm Sandy caused \$50 billion in damage, questions remain regarding the region's infrastructure, its disaster response capabilities, and what the future holds. Hosted by Mike Schneider, managing editor of the NJTV news program *NJ Today with Mike Schneider*, expert panelists will field questions before live studio audiences at Monmouth University's Pollak Theatre in West Long Branch, NJ, and the Tisch WNET Studios at Lincoln Center in Manhattan next week.

Members of the community are invited to find out more about the Town Hall event, including how to be a part of the Monmouth University audience and where to submit questions for the broadcast panelists prior to and during the program on WHYY.org/sandytownhall, SandyTownHall.org and via Twitter: [#sandytownhall](https://twitter.com/sandytownhall). SandyTownHall.org will also carry the livestream on May 16.

Topics of discussion will include: infrastructure: maintenance, parameters for the future and how New York and New Jersey's infrastructure compares to other regions; building codes in the post-Sandy era; the storm's environmental consequences: what can we fix, what may not be reparable; storm response: the effectiveness of Sandy response by FEMA, the government, the utility companies and the region overall; economic ramifications: who is paying the debt the storm left behind, government funds versus constituent responsibilities, and looking to the future: the region's ability to plan ahead for extreme weather.

Superstorm Sandy: A Live Town Hall guest panelists will include experts in an array of fields, from infrastructure and engineering to climatology and charities. The live program will also feature reporting from various locations across New Jersey, New York City, and Long Island. Lauren Wanko from *NJ Today with Mike Schneider*, MetroFocus' Rafael Pi Roman, and Long Island Business Report's Jim Paymar will revisit communities and individuals that they covered when the storm hit in November, continuing their in-depth



reporting from the worst hit towns and cities. Other special reports will come from WHYY, The Star-Ledger and WNYC.

Superstorm Sandy: A Live Town Hall is a production of NJTV, New Jersey's public television network.

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