**Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Report Cards**

**New Jersey Legislature**

**Overall: D**

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| Issues | Score | Why? |
| **Leadership** | **C** | At times the Legislature has shown leadership, held hearings, and proposed legislation, but there has not been any real follow through |
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| **Responsiveness** | **B-** |  |
| Transparency | **C** | The Legislature passed legislation to increase transparency but those bills were vetoed by Governor Christie and they could not override his veto |
| Accountability | **C** | The Legislature has not been able to hold the Governor and his administration accountable. The Czar testified once before a Legislative Committee |
| Public Process | **C** | Legislative committees have not held hearings recently on Sandy recovery and they do not have a clear agenda. |
| **Policy and Planning** | **C-** |  |
| Science-based Policy Decisions | **B** | The majority of members agree with climate change scientists. They have brought in scientists for hearings around climate issues but they have not yet implemented new policies with that information |
| Regional Planning | **F** | The Legislature has ignored the bill that establishes a Coastal Commission, **A3920 (Barnes**)  Passed the Economic Opportunity Act, subsidizing growth in sensitive areas |
| Mitigation and Adaptation Planning | **D** | They have not passed any legislation that would require state agencies to mandate mitigation and adaption planning for sea level rise.  They passed **S2680 (Sacco),**which would have allowed development on piers in coastal high hazard areas in certain urban municipalities. The bill was vetoed by the Governor in September. |
| **Action** | **D** |  |
| Addressing Climate Change | **C** | The Legislature passed a bill to reinstate NJ in RGGI, but it was vetoed by the Governor. The Legislature has yet to act on a bill that would constitutionally dedicate New Jersey’s participation in RGGI or other such climate compacts.  Because the Legislature allowed raids of the Clean Energy Funds, we need the funds to be constitutionally dedicated to prevent further diversions  We need legislation establishing a funding mechanism for offshore wind projects.  The Legislature must require state agencies to actually implement the Global Warming Response Act.  Action must be taken to expand the Renewable Portfolio Standard for solar |
| Restoring Natural Systems | **C** | There is limited funding for open space or buyouts.  The Legislature has tried to move bills to address dunes and stormwater management |
| Energy Efficiency and Green Building Codes | **D** | Has not adopted legislation requiring the DCA to update building codes. In the Economic Opportunity Act they could have required stronger codes but did not  Has not passed legislation requiring the BPU to adopt an Energy Efficiency Resource Standard |
| Infrastructure | **C** | The Legislature passed a bill dedicating $5 billion to infrastructure improvements but the bill did not mention climate change. |
| Regulatory Issues | **F** | The Legislature has ignored **A3921 (Barnes)** which would close major loopholes in CAFRA by redefining what developments need permits  The Legislature has extended building permits 3 times under Permit Extension Acts and a fourth one could be coming this year. |
| **Outcomes** | **F** |  |
| Oversight | **B** | Held a number of hearings but has not acted on the policy recommendations presented at those hearings so far. We hope they will in the future |
| Implementation | F | No major legislation has been passed and they are no longer talking about a package of bills to address continuing problems |