Disaster Recovery After Hurricane Sandy:
CoPE-WELL Study in New York City

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- Aims to identify pre-event and post-event factors that influence community recovery

- Entails a telephone survey, focus groups, secondary data analysis

- Informs John Hopkins University’s systems dynamics model designed to predict recovery processes over time
Focus Groups in NYC

• Includes nonprofit and CBOs in the communities of: Upper East Side, Manhattan; Lower East Side, Manhattan; Far Rockaways, Queens; Red Hook, Brooklyn; and South Bronx, The Bronx

• Focuses on their roles in EM and how they managed the pressures in the environments they operate
Preliminary Findings

• Disaster provided a platform for many to work together toward common goals

• Need to improve coordination between the public and nonprofit sectors with information, incident action planning, and funding

• Need to streamline the application processes of government programs