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The Newest New York Green Map brings Energy Resources and Hurricane Sandy into Perspective

New York – Since Green Map System published its first map 20 years ago, this locally-led sustainability mapping movement has helped to inform hundreds of communities worldwide on natural, cultural and green living resources. A member of the NYC Climate Coalition, Green Map System is announcing that the interactive NYC Energy Green Map now includes Superstorm Sandy's water surge waterline.

Online at **OpenGreenMap.org/nycenergy** this map enables citizens to explore local energy resources in relation to the places most impacted by the hurricane and flooding, including renewables, conservation sites, training programs and more. Users can also see photographs taken to document the aftermath, and share their own images and videos with other map viewers. Map sites can be explored on the desktop or with Green Map mobile apps for iPhone and smartphone. Suggesting new sites or commenting on the mapped sites is welcome.

The nonprofit organization's 2006 'Powerful Green Map' foreshadowed the climate reality of the recently impacted neighborhoods and infrastructure. "Now that Sandy has pushed us toward the tipping point, we are pairing resources for more efficient, resilient living with the high water line", said director Wendy Brawer. "It's shocking to see this unprecedented change superimposed on the familiar contours of the city – this map's perspective will encourage people to make more sustainable choices that contribute to climate health". Download this edition at the Info tab alongside the interactive map. Users are invited to embed the interactive edition into their own website or blog as seen at **GreenMap.org/nyc-energy**, and help inspire passion and action for the road ahead.

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Riding for Change Cycling Tour

“Adapting to Change” is the theme of Green Map System’s December 2 cycling tour. Starting at 1pm in Tompkins Square Park’s center circle, riders will explore responses to the challenges faced by Lower East Side residents and visit innovative and sustainable solutions responses that reduce energy consumption and increase climate awareness. Speakers include JK Canepa of New York Climate Action Group and Dan Miner of Beyond Oil NYC. An action-oriented discussion is expected during this two hour, free tour. Find details at Facebook.com/greenmap.

The Adapting to Change ride follows the success of the prize-winning Green Culture Cycling Tour, which Green Map System produced for the Human Impact Institute’s 10 Days of Climate Action (see bit.ly/gcride). During Climate Week 2012, this community bicycle tour explored what was being done to forestall climate change around the Lower East Side as well as sustainability and social innovation sites on the NYC Green Map. The map highlights eco-cultural resources, solar energy, community gardens, green and collaborative enterprises as well as greenways. “We’ve also added the high water line to the resulting map at OpenGreenMap.org/nyc-gctour” said Brigid Keating, Urban Design Coordinator for Green Map System.

835 Green Map Projects in 65 Countries

Green Map System stands ready to support other organizations. Across NYC and in 65 countries around the world, nonprofits, grassroots, civic and youth groups are using this uniquely powerful form of community mapping for inclusive sustainable community development. Every Green Map project is unique, and all utilize globally designed Green Map Icons to highlight greener, healthier ways to shop, get around, work, recreate and learn, including gardens, greenmarkets, bike lanes, solar and historical sites as well as climate changed areas. Green Mapmakers share adaptable mapmaking guides and multilingual community engagement resources, including the acclaimed Open Green Map.

Join the 835 diverse cities already involved at GreenMap.org/join, or click GreenMap.org/donate to support this nonprofit’s work. Think global, map local! ##