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Resilience Leaders Commemorate the *#HurricaneStrong* Home

On May 30, FLASH partners gathered to commemorate the completed rebuild of Diane Hellriegel's new *#HurricaneStrong* home. The home served as a signature, multi-year demonstration project supported by BASF Corporation, FEMA, Huber Engineered Woods, Insulating Concrete Forms Manufacturers Association, Kohler, Lightning Protection Institute, New Jersey Institute of Technology, +LAB Architect PLLC, National Weather Service, Portland Cement Association, Simpson Strong-Tie, Trex Company, and Smart Vent.

The new home replaced a house built in 1955 by Hellriegel's grandfather that was destroyed during Superstorm Sandy in the fall of 2012.

According to the project leader, the longstanding Breezy Point project may have come to a close, but the emblematic story of resilience is only just beginning. "We rebuilt Diane's house, so she can move into the first home that combines elements of both resilience and sustainability in housing – it's a gamechanger," said Illya Azaroff, AIA, +LAB Architect PLLC.

Throughout the project, dozens of news stories and articles have cataloged the home and how it synthesizes values for affordability, durability, energy-efficiency, flood-resistance, high wind-resistance, and much more. Delegations and interested observers, including an AIA national convention field tour group visited throughout the construction.

This recent story in [Wired](#) magazine captures the essence of the *#HurricaneStrong* home as the "the future of resilience and sustainability," and is typical of the excellent storytelling value of the project overall.

FLASH is producing a video documentary on the project to memorialize the process and acknowledge the many partners who donated expertise, time, and materials to make it possible. A time-lapse video is available [here](#) and provides an online portal to view the build progression.