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Representatives from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the National Park Service (NPS), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) presented a congressional briefing on the science behind efforts to help rebuild shorelines, ecosystems, and communities after Hurricane Sandy. The briefing, #StrongAfterSandy—The Science Supporting Department of the Interior's Response, highlighted science and research conducted by the USGS and other federal agencies to increase resilience to future storms.

The USGS received \$43.2 million in supplemental funding after Hurricane Sandy to study the impacts of coastal erosion and environmental contaminants to topography, bathymetry, and local habitats. The USGS will use the information gathered to develop science-based coastal management policies to minimize damage in the future.

Sources: U.S. Geological Survey
