

Levees, removable walls in plan to protect NYC

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In this May 30, 2013 file photo, Mayor Michael Bloomberg speaks at the Real Estate Board of New York, in New York. Bloomberg was due to talk Tuesday, June 11, 2013, about what to do about risks that Superstorm Sandy brought into stark relief. (AP Photo/John Minchillo, File)

(AP)—Mayor Michael Bloomberg is proposing removable flood walls for much of lower Manhattan, a permanent 15-to-20-foot levee in part of Staten Island and a system of gates and levees at a Brooklyn creek as part of a nearly \$20 billion plan to protect New York City from storms

and global warming.

Bloomberg's proposals in a speech Tuesday also include building dunes in Staten Island and the Rockaways, and considering building a [levee](#) and a new development at the South Street Seaport that would echo nearby Battery Park City.

He's also suggesting giving \$1.2 billion in grants to property owners to flood-proof their buildings.

The speech stems from a study undertaken after Superstorm Sandy.

Bloomberg says the city and Sandy relief will provide \$10 million for these projects.

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