South Valley Stream
Planning Committee Meeting #1

September 16, 2013
Goals for Tonight

Agenda
- Presentation
- Coffee Break
- Discussion / Q&A

Outcomes
- Familiarize committee with the NYRCR program
- Gain input from the committee:
  - What happened and why
  - Assets and resources within the community
  - Existing projects and plans
- Set up a schedule for committee and public meetings
South Valley Stream
CR Committee

Chair: Marc Tenzer
Committee Members
Rabbi Yitzchak Goldshmid
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Tamika Nater
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Maria Fletcher
Nadine Kagan
John Campbell

NY Rising Community
Reconstruction Program

Director: Jamie Rubin
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Regional Planner: Ian Francis

Planning Team

PERKINS EASTMAN | BFJ
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE LOUIS BERGER GROUP
Planning Team Roles

Perkins Eastman – Team Management, Design & Action Strategies
BFJ Planning – Planning
Louis Berger Group – Technical Analysis
Rhodeside-Harwell – Public Outreach
Urbanomics – Economics/Assessments
Tidal Basin – Implementation Strategies
dLand Studio – Implementation Strategies
Marsh Risk Consulting – Risk Assessment
John V. Waters – Housing Needs Assessments
PACO Group, Inc. – Asset Inventory
Ammann & Whitney – Structural Assessments
VJ Associates – Cost Estimating
Planning Team Introductions

South Valley Stream Support Team

Niek Veraart – The Louis Berger Group
Celine Armstrong – Perkins Eastman
Donald Stevens, P.E. – Louis Berger
Jennifer Gonzalez – Louis Berger
Simon Kates – BFJ
Deana Rhodeside – Rhodeside-Harwell
Mary Zimmerman – Rhodeside-Harwell
Presentation Contents:

NYRCR Program Overview
Conceptual Plan
Community Reconstruction Plan
Public Engagement
NYRCR Program Overview
Understanding the NYRCR Program

New York State Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)  Approved April 26, 2013

- Outlines $1.7 billion in supplemental federal HUD funding for housing, infrastructure and business recovery activities for recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee
- Funding flows through the NYS Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG – DR) Program

Multiple CDBG-DR Programs:

- Individual Programs (focus on individual assistance to business, residents, etc.)
- Community Program: focuses on the community as a whole and its “assets” - roads, schools, parks, water and wastewater, etc.

www.nyshcr.org/Press/ActionPlan
Improving the Future

The community planning process will address:

**Current Damage**
Assess the community’s vulnerabilities to potential natural disasters and its needs for economic development.

**Future Threats**
Identify where funds should be used to repair or reconstruct critical facilities and essential public assets damaged to or destroyed.

**Increase Resiliency**
Identify projects that will increase resilience while also protecting vulnerable populations and promoting sound economic development.
Building Back Better

- NY State established the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
- Up to $3 million allocated for reconstruction projects in the South Valley Stream CR Area
- Possible additional funds for exemplary public engagement, regional coordination and design innovation.
- Competitive funding is also available for the most successful CR Plans across New York State
- Position for other potential funding sources beyond $3M
Additional Sources of Funding

- HUD CDBG-DR
- FEMA Public & Individual Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grants*
- Public-private partnerships*
- EDA Small Business Matching Grant Program (CDBG-DR)
- Social Services Block Grants
- FTA & FHWA Relief
- Clean Water & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- NY Smart Home Buyout Program
- Other potential grant funding sources

* See New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program FAQs
Goals

- Identify a suite of projects (based on vulnerable assets and vision)
- Propose how allocated CDBG-DR funds will be used
- Identify other sources of funds
- Develop a strategy for implementation

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**Key Notes**
- **Planning Committee Meeting**
- **Public Meeting**
- **Deliverable Due Date**

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Conceptual Plan
Conceptual Plan Development: Step by Step

Contents, as identified by the Committee:

1. Community vision
2. Geographic Scope
3. Key reconstruction strategies
4. Potential key projects
5. Potential actions that could be taken to implement the key strategies
6. A description of how the public has been engaged in development of the Concept Plan
Community Vision

Community Visions should:

- Identify short, medium, and long-term goals
- Capitalize on social and economic assets
- Reduce risk and increase community resilience
- Provide focus and direction for the CR Plan
Geographic Scope of Plan

1. Areas where assets are most at risk
2. Areas in which reconstruction or future construction should be encouraged
Geographic Context of South Valley Stream Plan
Key Reconstruction Strategies

Community Planning & Capacity Building

Economic Development

Health and Social Services

Housing

Infrastructure

Natural and Cultural Resources
Community Reconstruction Plan
CR Plan Development: Step by Step

1. Organize for Action
2. Asset Inventory
3. Risk Assessment
4. Needs and Opportunities
5. Regional Planning Process
6. Strategies for Investment and Action
7. Community Reconstruction Plan
Asset Inventory

Identify assets in each category:

- Affected by coastal hazards
- In Extreme and High Risk Areas
- Defined as critical facilities by FEMA (essential to the health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard events)

Critical Facility Examples

- Emergency service facilities
- Schools
- Police and fire stations
- Public works facilities
- Jails and juvenile detention centers
Risk Assessment

- Community Assets
- Assessment of Risk to Assets
- Assessment of Risk to Systems
- Assessment of Needs and Opportunities
Needs and Opportunities

Needs and opportunities for community recovery, economic development and growth:

• Immediate
• Short-term
• Long-term

Success story:
Cedar Rapids, IA

After devastating floods in 2008, Cedar Rapids took advantage of post-disaster relief funding to enhance their economic development and build greater resilience within their community.
Regional Planning Process

- Regional Economic Development Council
- Cleaner, Greener Regional Sustainability Plan
- Other Plans
- NY Rising Long Island Regional Reconstruction Plan (RRP)
Reconstruction Strategies

Projects, Programs and Actions

- Identify Priorities
- Evaluate Cost Benefit
- Determine Community Benefits
- Develop Funding Plan
- Schedule of Implementation Actions
Public Engagement
Public Outreach Toolkit: Ideas for Discussion

Potential Approaches for getting the word out

- Project Website
- Distribution of Flyers at Community Meetings
- Listserv announcements via local organizations
- Local newspaper ads
- Posters in local stores
- Facebook postings
- PSA radio ads
- Other?
Ideas for Community Events

  - ½ day or evening event
  - Presentation: The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
    - Facilitated Small Group Discussions
    - Key Issues that need to be addressed
    - Goals for the Community Reconstruction Plan
    - A Community Vision for the Future
  - Reporting Out: Sharing of Community Visions and Lessons Learned
Public Outreach Toolkit: Ideas for Discussion

Ideas for Community Events

- Event #2: Reviewing the Conceptual Plan: A Workshop
  - ½ day or evening event
  - Presentation: The Conceptual Plan and How It Evolved
    - Facilitated Small Group in-depth discussions
    - Opportunities to review and discuss conceptual plan elements
    - Opportunity to revise and add elements
  - Reporting Out: Sharing Overall Concerns and Ideas
Ideas for Community Events

- Event #3: Reviewing Risk Assessment: A Community Information Session
  - Evening event
  - Presentation: Summary and Discussion of Risk Assessment Analyses
  - Information Stations: Opportunities to review Risk Assessment Analyses
    - Facilitated discussions
    - Completion of detailed surveys
  - Q & A/Comment Session
Public Outreach Toolkit: Ideas for Discussion

Ideas for Community Events

• Event #4: Reviewing the Plan, Strategies and Projects: A Community Feedback Session
  • Evening event
  • Presentation: Summary and Discussion of Plan Recommendations
    – Station Displays for Each of the Reconstruction Strategies
  • Q & A/Comment Session
Break
Community Reconstruction (CR) Plan

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