AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND SIGN IN 7:00 PM
   • Where do you live? (locate your home on the map!)

2. PRESENTATION 7:15 PM
   • Potential Strategies for making South Valley Stream more resilient

3. CURRENT THOUGHTS AND FEEDBACK 7:45 – 9:00 PM
   Please visit the six information stations located around the room, review initial thoughts for making the area more resilient, and give us your feedback
   • Station #1: The Planning Process
   • Station #2: Manage Tidal Flow
   • Station #3: Retain Stormwater
   • Station #4: Reinforce the Power Grid
   • Station #5: Strengthen Communication and Coordination
   • Station #6: Maintain and Enhance Economic Viability

4. RESOURCE TABLE
   In addition, if you have specific questions regarding your own property concerns, please visit the Federal, State and County representatives at the Resource Table.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS EVENING’S MEETING!

We hope you will remain involved with this project by:
• Visiting the project website at: http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/community/south-valley-stream
• Attending the next public meeting in early 2014. The exact date will soon be set, so please check the schedule website at: http://stormrecovery.ny.gov
Meeting Notes

South Valley Stream

Public Engagement Event #2

November 18, 2013, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Forest Road Elementary School

Attendance:

Community Reconstruction (CR) Planning Committee Members

Marc Tenzer; David Mandel; Ed Powers

Town Representatives

Ed Powers, Town of Hempstead Liaison

State Representatives

Laura Munafo, NY Department of State Office of Planning and Development; Ian Francis, NYS DOT

Consultant Representatives

Celine Armstrong, Perkins Eastman Architects (PEA); Simon Kates, BFJ Planning (BFJ); Nicolaas Veraart, Louis Berger Group (LBG); Jennifer Gonzales, LBG; Deana Rhodeside, Rhodeside & Harwell (RHI); Jenny Koch, RHI; Amy Pivak, 4WARD Planning.

Attendees

Jakki Silkiss, Nicole Ackerina, Carrie Solages, Alicia Barreto, Orika McDonald, Karen O’Shea, Michaele Solages, David Vilceus, Kasey Basdeo, Lynett Jones, Clara Romero
Summary

The second Public Engagement Event for the New York Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) project for South Valley Stream took place on November 18th, 2013 at the Forest Road Elementary School in South Valley Stream.

As each attendee signed in, they were given an agenda and a comment sheet with two questions. Attendees were also asked to place a small sticker on a map of the study area indicating where they lived. Representatives from FEMA, Project Hope, and Catholic Charities were available at to provide information and answer questions about specific, individual issues.

Nicolaas Veraart (LBG) made a brief presentation, which included background information about the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, an explanation of the conceptual plan development timeline, an overview of risk and need assessment, the set of preliminary reconstruction strategies, and a description of the process for the meeting.

After the presentation, attendees were invited to view ideas and strategies posted at five stations. They gave their feedback by asking questions or speaking with the member of the consultant team that was standing near each station, and they were invited to mark up maps and boards and respond to specific questions posted at each station. Participants were also asked to vote on the top two projects they supported most at each station, using dot stickers.

The stations provided information related to five strategy themes from the draft Conceptual Plan: 1) Manage Tidal Flow, 2) Retain Stormwater, 3) Reinforce Power Grid, 4) Strengthen Communication and Coordination, and 5) Maintain and Enhance Economic Viability. Each of the boards also indicated which of the six critical asset areas the strategies aimed to address: 1) Community Planning and Capacity Building, 2) Economic Resilience, 3) Health & Social Services, 3) Housing, 4) Infrastructural Systems, and 5) Natural & Cultural Resources.

Feedback given at each station is described below. Where attendees wrote responses to the posted questions, responses are edited only for clarity.
Upon signing in, participants were asked to respond to the question, “Where do you live?” by placing a sticker on a map of the study area indicating the location of their home.
Theme #1: Manage Tidal Flow

Summary of general input at this station

Homeowners would like to see their shoreline protected. Most of the properties along the streams in this area are privatively owned.

Participants voted most in favor of the following local projects:

- 7 votes: Incentivize contiguous shoreline restoration and protection along private property
- 1 vote: Restore natural shoreline along “The Path”

Questions & Responses

Do you know of any constraints that might make the proposed actions difficult or impossible to achieve?

- [No responses]

Do you have any additional ideas for ways to make the South Valley Stream community more resilient with regard to floods caused by tidal flow?

- How private property owners can restore natural shorelines
- What to plan, now -> immediate, interim measures for homeowners -> guidebook
- Incentivize shoreline protection, so that it’s contiguous
- Natural shoreline on NW side of Valley Stream
- Deteriorating bulkheads on Hook Creek Ext. -> incentivize natural shoreline
- I would love to have the stream restored to its natural beauty.
Theme #2: Retain Stormwater

Summary of general input at this station

There is a general interest in better understanding best management practices as well as implementing green infrastructure.

Participants voted most in favor of the following local projects:

- 2 votes: Develop Community Information campaign regarding Green Infrastructure
- 1 vote: Encourage implementation of Green Infrastructure and subsurface stormwater retention at Sunrise Multiplex site

Questions & Responses

*Are there any other strategies for addressing stormwater management that South Valley Stream should consider?*

- “There used to be turtles, there used to be fish, and they are not there any longer.” – Community Member
- The trees fell in – now they are gone. Used to have picnics under the willow tree along the stream.
Theme #3: Reinforce Power Grid

Summary of general input at this station

The community would like to pursue micro-grid and renewable energy options.

Participants voted most in favor of the following local projects:

- 3 votes: Develop a micro-grid network with pilot project
- 2 votes: Identify renewable energy sources
- 2 votes: Bury utility lines, especially in forested areas
- 1 vote: Extend the natural gas network, especially to critical facilities

Question & Responses

Are there additional ways to improve the capability of South Valley Stream to respond to future storm events?

[No responses]
Theme #4: Strengthen Communication and Coordination

Summary of general input at this station

There was concern for how people communicate without electricity. A response team would be valued.

Participants voted most in favor of the following local projects:

- 1 vote: Establish a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- 1 vote: Establish a warming and cooling center at Green Acres Mall
- 1 vote: Provide for community monitoring and oversight of project implementation

Questions

What additional strategies should we consider for strengthening communication and coordination in the South Valley Stream community so that people are better informed during emergencies?

- Preserve trees/plant new trees along eroded streams (willows fell in).
- Dredge stream to improve habitat. [With a sketch]
Theme #5: Maintain and Enhance Economic Viability

Summary of general input at this station

Generally, residents are more concerned about maintaining personal property values rather than businesses.

Participants voted most in favor of the following local projects:

- 1 vote: Resilient Home Construction
- 1 vote: Encourage maintaining the economic viability of the community’s key economic assets while encouraging implementation of green infrastructure to manage the stormwater associated with these assets.

Questions

What actions would be appropriate to maintain and enhance the economic conditions of the South Valley Stream Area?

- Maintain property values
Local Projects

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**Theme 2: Retain Stormwater**

- **Potential Locations for Stormwater Retention Measures**
  - Parking Lots
  - Athletic Fields

- **Local Projects**
  - Encourage implementation of Green Infrastructure and subsurface stormwater retention at Sunrise Multiplex site
  - Develop a strategic approach to green infrastructure
  - Develop Community Information campaign regarding Green Infrastructure
  - Convert impervious pavements to semi-pervious surfaces in school parking lots

- **Map of Potential Locations for Stormwater Retention Measures**

- **Legend**
  - South Valley Stream Boundary
  - Watershed Boundary
  - Direction of Rainwater Flow
  - Topography

- **Maps and Images of Raingardens and Bioswales**
  - School Raingarden/Bioswale
  - Residential Raingarden
Local Projects

- Develop a micro-grid network with pilot project
- Identify renewable energy sources
- Extend the natural gas network, especially to critical facilities
- Bury utility lines, especially in forested areas

Locations with minimal to no Sandy inundation to the North and South of Valley Stream.
THEME 4  STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

- Community Planning and Capacity Building
- Health and Social Services
- Economic Resilience
- Housing
- Infrastructural Systems
- Natural and Cultural Resources

Proposed Facilities to Aid in Communication and Coordination
Source: Red Cross

Proposed Facilities
- Valley Stream
- Green Acres Mall
- Sunrise Hwy
- Robert W. Carbonaro School
- Forest Road School
- Valley Stream High School
- Ogden Elementary School

Local Projects
- Identify vulnerable populations for emergency response
- Establish a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Establish a warming and cooling center at Green Acres Mall
- Provide for community monitoring and oversight of project implementation

HOW AMERICANS USE SOCIAL TOOLS IN EMERGENCIES

- Emergency Social Users will take action based on social information
  - 76% will contact friends to see if they are safe
  - 37% will purchase supplies or seek safe shelter
  - 25% will download an emergency app

Mobile apps and social media are tied as the 4th most popular source for emergency information during a disaster.

- It's BEST to call 9-1-1
- More than 76% expect help to arrive within 3 hours of posting need to social site.

Special Needs Services
CERT Team Meeting

Source: Red Cross
Local Projects

Resilient Home Construction

Encourage maintaining the economic viability of the community’s key economic assets while encouraging implementation of green infrastructure to manage the stormwater associated with these assets.
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1. After viewing the information about proposed strategies, are there any other ideas that you might have for making South Valley Stream more resilient in the future?

2. Are there any groups that we should make sure to reach out to about the next public meeting? (If so, do you know a contact person for that group?)