



Gravesend & Bensonhurst NY Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee

Meeting #1
June 25, 2014

NY Rising Team Members

Gravesend & Bensonhurst Planning Committee

Committee Members (in formation)

Rocco Brescia	Ligia Gualpa
Alex Budnitsky	Butch Moran
Peter Consolo	Carmine Santa-Maria
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Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR)

GOSR Director: Jamie Rubin

NY Rising Policy Director: Kate Dineen

NY Rising Regional Lead: Alex Zablocki

NY Rising Planner: Christopher Gorman

Planning Team

Perkins Eastman/BFJ Planning/Louis Berger Group/PACO Group



Planning Team

Perkins Eastman – *Lead Consultant and Design & Action Strategies*

- Ayo Yusuf
- Eric Fang

BFJ Planning – *Planning Policies and Coordination with Regional Initiatives, Public Outreach*

- Noah Levine
- Frank Fish

Louis Berger Group – *Risk Assessment, Engineering and Technical Analysis*

- Niek Veraart
- Jennifer Gonzalez
- Bethany Bearmore

PACO Group – *Risk Assessment, Engineering and Technical Analysis*

- Carlos Sanchez



NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program

- Announced by Governor Cuomo in April 2013 to provide rebuilding and resiliency assistance to communities most impacted by Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, and Superstorm Sandy
- Combines community participation and State-provided technical expertise to give communities a voice in how Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds are spent
- Goal is to develop implementable reconstruction plans to mitigate future risks and build more physically, socially, and economically resilient communities

Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay
NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan



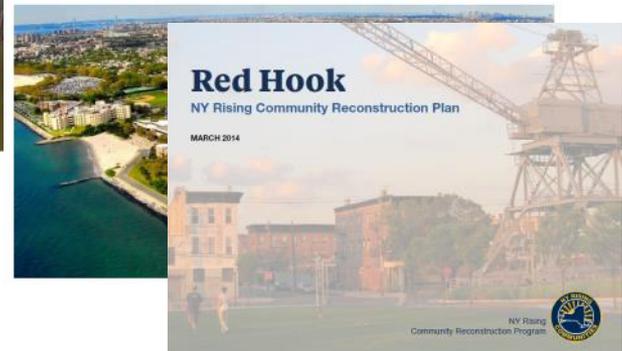
NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program March 2014



Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Manhattan Beach, and Sea Gate
NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program March 2014



NYRCR Program – A path towards implementation



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Funds:

- \$650+ million to provide rebuilding and resiliency assistance to communities damaged by Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, and Superstorm Sandy in 120+ communities across New York State
- Up to **\$3 million in CDBG-DR funding** to implement projects in the Gravesend & Bensonhurst Community Reconstruction Plan
- Other funding sources may be identified to implement Plans



NYRCR Program

The NYRCR Planning Process will address:

Current Damage

- Identify where funds should be used to repair or reconstruct critical facilities and essential public assets damage or destroyed

Future Threats

- Assess the community's vulnerabilities to potential natural disasters and future needs for housing, infrastructure improvements, and economic development

Increase Resiliency

- Identify projects that will increase resilience while also protecting vulnerable populations and promoting sound economic development



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan

The NYRCR Plan is developed by the NYRCR Planning Committee with support from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery and the Consultant Team

Planning Committee Member Expectations

- Attendance at monthly Planning Committee meetings
- Participation at four Public Engagement Events over the next 7 months
- Outreach to the Community
- Input on NYRCR Plan content
- Review and approval of NYRCR Plan chapters
- Voting on projects proposed for funding



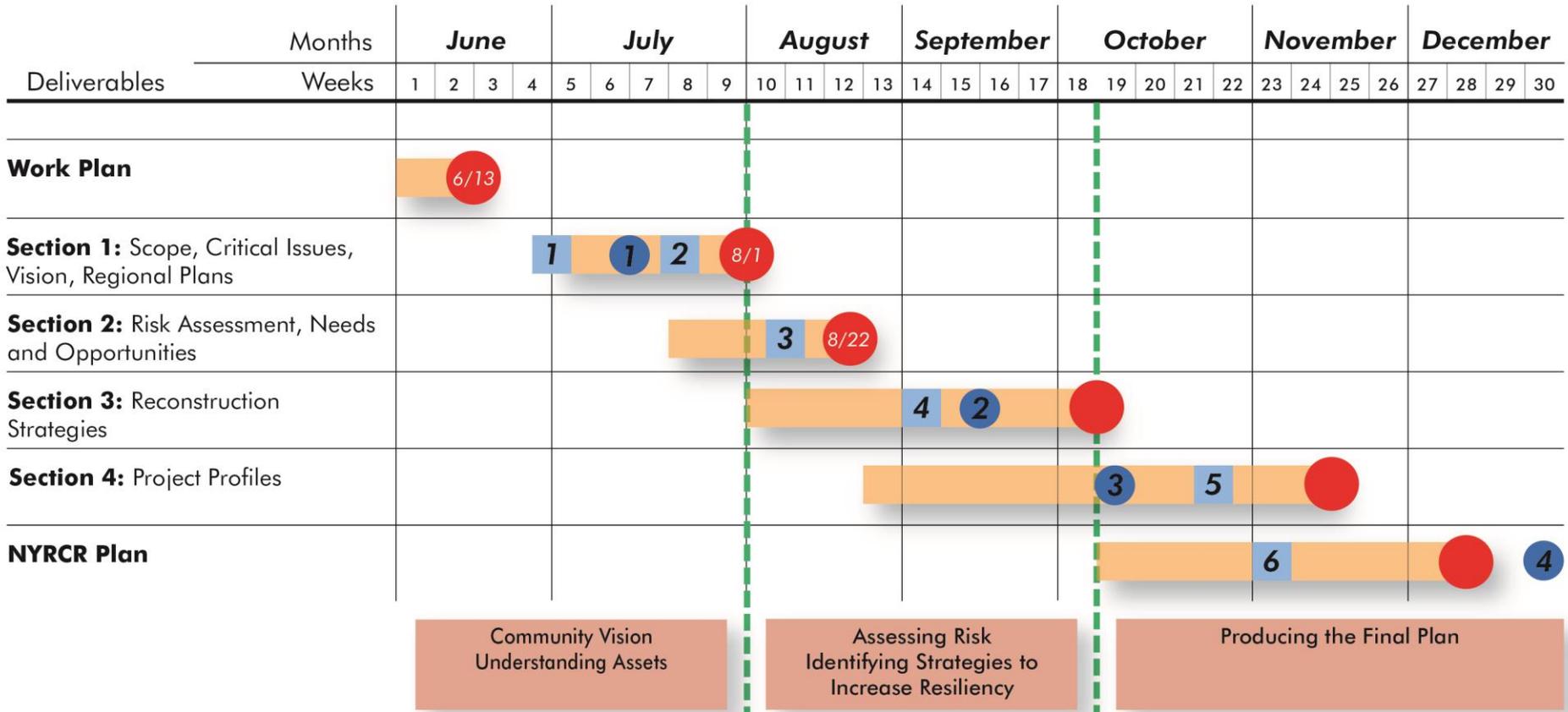
NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Schedule

30 week Schedule

 Planning Committee Meeting

 Public Meeting

 Deliverable Due Date



NYRCR Plan: Overview

Geographic Scope

- History of the area
- Proposed boundary of the Planning Area
- Key demographic data

Critical Issues

- Risks exposed by Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy
- Ongoing issues such as stormwater flooding
- Economic and housing issues

Vision Statement

- Consensus on shared community values and long-term goals



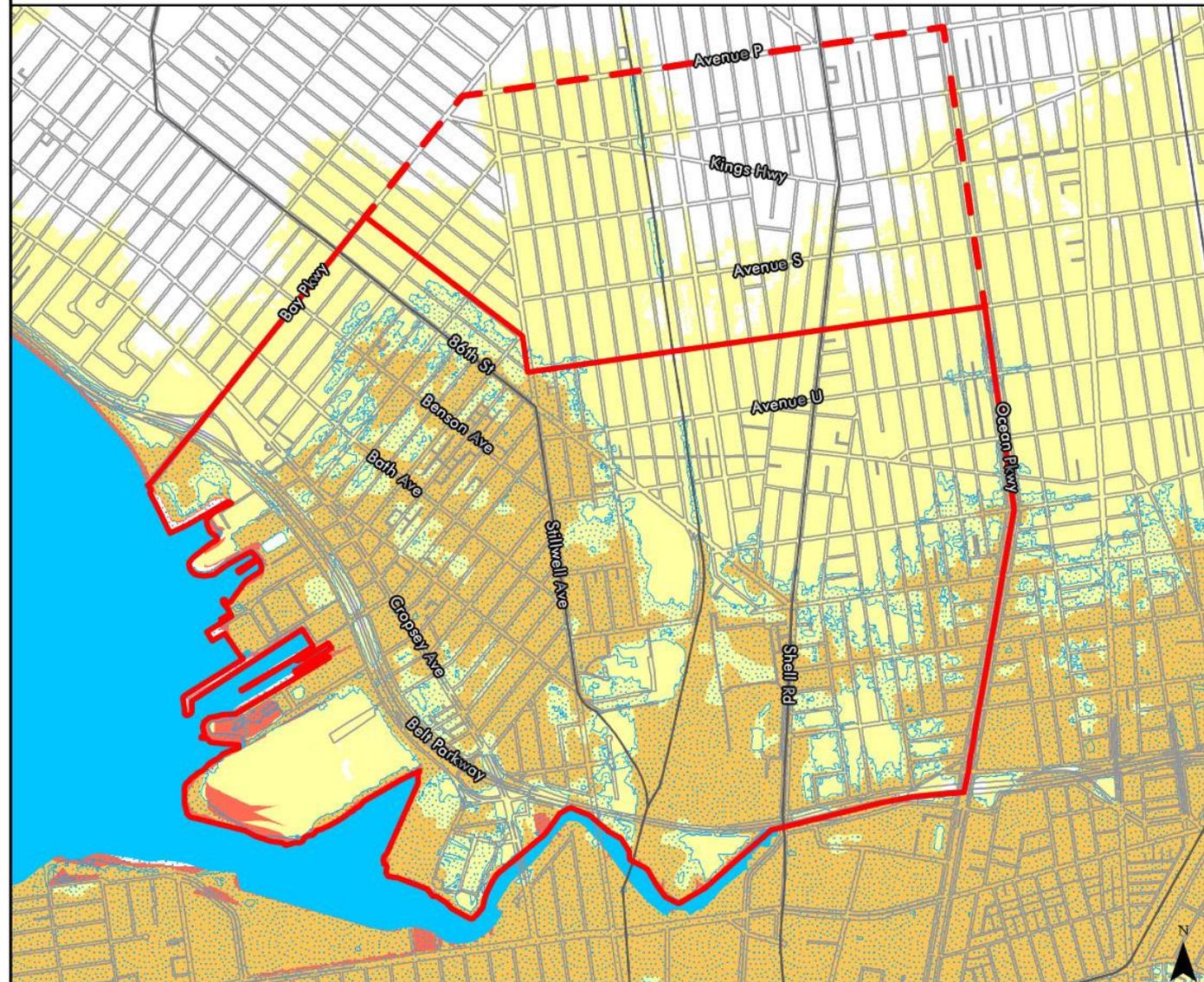
Potential Geographic Scope (Risk Assessment Map)

Potential Planning Area

Gravesend & Bensonhurst



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan



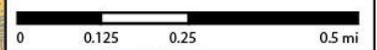
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- NYS Risk Area
 - Moderate (Yellow)
 - High (Orange)
 - Extreme (Red)
- Superstorm Sandy Inundation (Blue hatched)

Planning Area Boundary #1



Planning Area Boundary #2



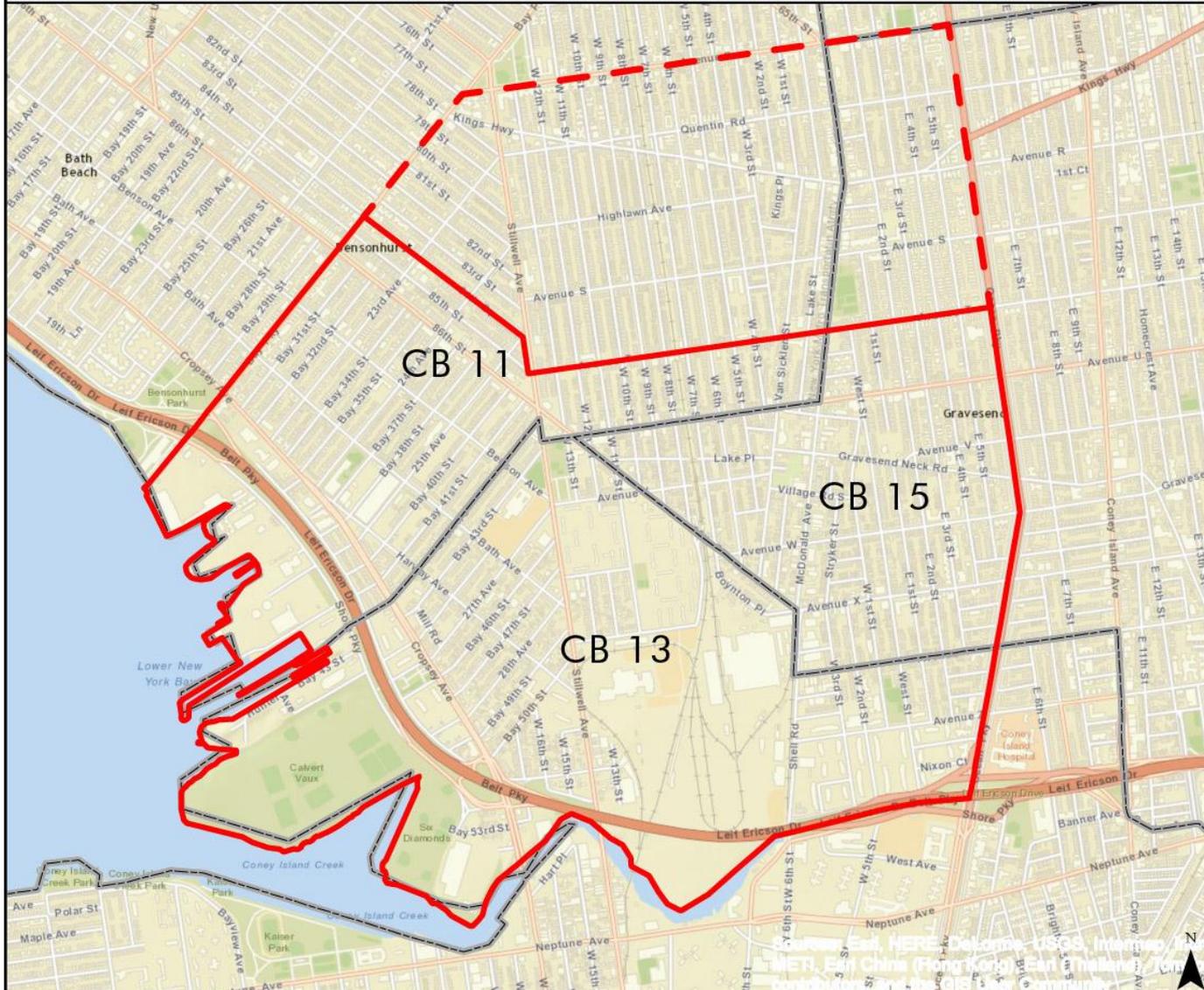
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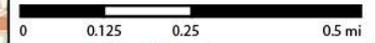


Legend

Planning Area Boundary #1



Planning Area Boundary #2



NYRCR Plan: Public Outreach Strategy

Four public engagement events are required over the next 7 months:

- ① July, ② September, ③ October/November, ④ December/January

Key Question for the Public Outreach Strategy:

- Who are key individuals and organizations we need to reach?
- What's the best way to let people know about the meetings?
- Where should the meetings be held?
- What is the best way to engage this community?
- What are the best format to use (e.g. Open House, Workshop, Survey)?
- What are the language needs?



Preparing the NYRCR Plan

Planning Committee Meeting 1

Intro & Listening

Today

Planning Committee Meeting 2

Assets, Needs and Opportunities

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Public Engagement Event 1

Assets, Needs and Opportunities

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Planning Committee Meeting 3

Risk Assessment

TBD

Planning Committee Meeting 4

Reviewing Projects

TBD



july

2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
30 June	1 July	2	3	4	5/6
7	8 Planning Committee Meeting #2 (Tentative)	9	10	11	12/13
14	15 Public Engagement Event #1 (Tentative)	16	17	18	19/20
21	22	23	24	25	26/27
28	29	30	31	1 August	2/3
4	5	6	7	8	9/10

august

2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
28 July	29	30	31	1 August	2/3
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18	19	20	21	22	23/24
25	26	27	28	29	30/31
1 September	2	3	4	5	6/7

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Labor Day

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Rosh Hashana

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1 October

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Visioning Questions

1. How should Gravesend & Bensonhurst address the damage caused by Sandy?
2. How should Gravesend & Bensonhurst capitalize on its social and economic assets to improve the local economy?
3. How should Gravesend & Bensonhurst build a more resilient community to expand the economy and reduce future risk?
4. What would you most like to see for Gravesend & Bensonhurst in the next 10 years?



Next Steps

- Confirm planning committee meeting dates/locations
- Confirm public engagement meeting date/location
- Complete vision statement
- Complete overview
- Asset identification homework
- Ethics Handbook

