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Gravesend & Bensonhurst Planning Committee

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Planning Team

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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
NYRCR Program – A path towards implementation

Organize for Action
- Geographic Scope
- Community visioning
- Identifying assets
- Public outreach

Create Understanding
- Existing plan review
- Asset mapping
- Risk mapping

Integrate Information
- Needs/Opportunities assessment
- Regional planning integration
- Initial project identification

Strategies Moving Forward
- Refining & evaluating projects
- Identifying potential funding sources beyond CDBG

Community Reconstruction Plan
- Proposed & Featured Projects
- Finalize Community Reconstruction Plan
- Implementation actions

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 damaged 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

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Community Vision Understanding Assets
Assessing Risk Identifying Strategies to Increase Resiliency
Producing the Final Plan

NYRCR Gravesend & Bensonhurst
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)

Legend
- NYS Risk Area
  - Moderate
  - High
  - Extreme
- Superstorm Sandy Inundation

Planning Area Boundary #1

Planning Area Boundary #2
Potential Geographic Scope

Legend

Planning Area Boundary #1

Planning Area Boundary #2

Potential Planning Area

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan

Gravesend & Bensonhurst

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CB 13

CB 15
NYRCR Plan: Public Outreach Strategy

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


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
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NYRCR Gravesend & Bensonhurst
### July 2014 Calendar

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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