



NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove NY Rising Communities Reconstruction Program

Working Together to Build Back
Better

Welcome Introductions, Roles

- NYRCR Staff, NY Department of State Planners
- NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Committee
 - Name, residence/business, community role
- Tetra Tech
 - Lead Local Community Planner – Emily Slotnick
 - Others (now and later)
 - Communications Protocols
 - ✓ To review and approve materials, provide feedback
 - ✓ To communicate with Planning Committee members

Today's Goals

- NYRCR Program Objectives, Overview
- Discuss NYRCR Plan Process and Components
- Discuss Public Engagement Strategy
- Discuss Immediate next steps
 - Identify Meeting Dates/Locations
 - Create Subcommittees (if necessary)
 - Identify Geographic Scope
 - Define Vision
 - Identify Critical Issues
 - Identify Damages



Understanding the NYRCR Program

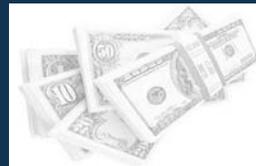
- New York State and Governor Cuomo providing \$650M+ planning/implementation for hard-hit communities (Sandy, Lee, Irene, 2013 floods)
 - Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds
 - Round 1: 102 communities; Round 2: 22 communities
 - NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove: Up to \$3M
 - Amounts based on federally-assessed storm damage

Understanding the NYRCR Program

- NYRCR Program Goal
 - “... to empower the State’s most impacted communities with the technical expertise needed to develop thorough and implementable reconstruction plans to build physically, socially, and economically resilient and sustainable communities so as to rebuild New York’s communities in a way that will mitigate against future risks and build increased resilience.” <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/faq>
- Bottom-up community participation & collaboration
 - Identify assets/risks, needs/opportunities
 - Best options/viable alternatives

Qualifying for CDBG-DR

- Is the project eligible under traditional CDBG?
 - Public facilities and improvements, and privately-owned utilities
 - Relocation planning, capacity building
 - Acquisition of real property
 - Clearance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of buildings
 - Economic development assistance



Qualifying for CDBG-DR

- Is there a direct link between the project and the disaster?
 - Does it address damage caused or exacerbated by a storm?
 - Does it address emerging issues that have been exposed and identified as a result of the storm?
 - Does it create greater resiliency against future storms?



Program Steps



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Initial NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Plan Components (due early August)

SECTION 1	DESCRIPTION
Overview	Describes NYRCR Program and its objectives, land uses, housing stock, demographics, hazard history
Geographic Scope	Identifies the geographic boundaries for the NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Plan
Description of Storm Damage	Irene, Lee, Sandy
Critical Issues	Focuses on gaps/needs to improve safety, economic revitalization, sustainability, housing, natural systems, and others
Community Vision	Statement that expresses desired outcomes for recovery and resiliency
Relationship to Regional Plans	Examines links between land use and critical issues region-wide

Initial NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Plan Components (due late August)

SECTION 2	DESCRIPTION
Description of Assets	Inventories and describes facilities/assets critical to recovery/resiliency efforts Examples: fire house, medical care, grocery store, pharmacy, school, social service providers, evacuation shelters, etc.
Risk Assessment	Evaluates and determines potential risk for damage or loss as a result of future disaster events; includes hydraulic (HEC-RAS) modeling
Needs & Opportunities Assessment	Describes existing needs and opportunities to advance recovery and future resiliency Examples: flood mitigation, housing, economic revitalization, infrastructure repair, etc.

Project Timeline

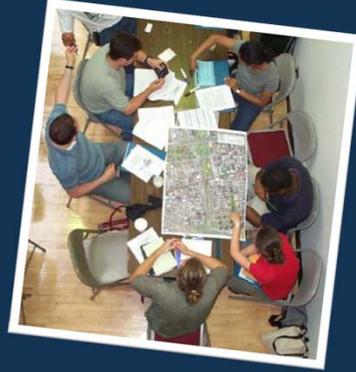
- **JULY 2014**
 - ✓ BY JULY 18 – Public Engagement Meeting #1
- **AUGUST 2014**
 - ✓ BY August 1 – CR Plan Section 1
 - ✓ BY August 22 – CR Plan Section 2
 - ✓ BY AUGUST 29 – Public Engagement Meeting #2
- **SEPTEMBER 2014**
 - ✓ BY September 12 – List of Strategies
- **OCTOBER 2014**
 - ✓ BY October 3 – List of Projects and Actions
 - ✓ BY October 22 –Draft 1 CR Plan

Project Timeline

- **NOVEMBER 2014**
 - ✓ BY November 14 – Draft 2 CR Plan
 - ✓ BY November 14 – Public Engagement Meeting #3
- **DECEMBER 2014**
 - ✓ BY December 5 – Final CR Plan
- **JANUARY 2015**
 - ✓ BY January 16 – Public Engagement Meeting #4

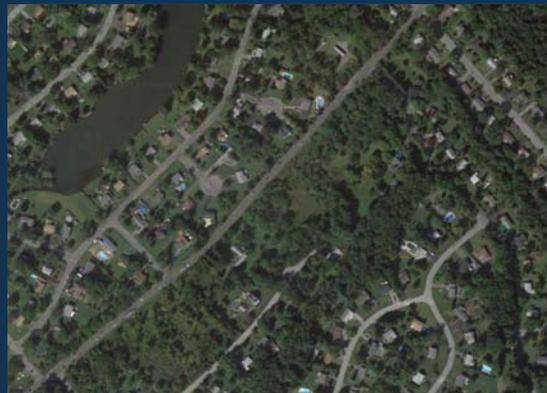
Hitting the Ground Running Today's Agenda

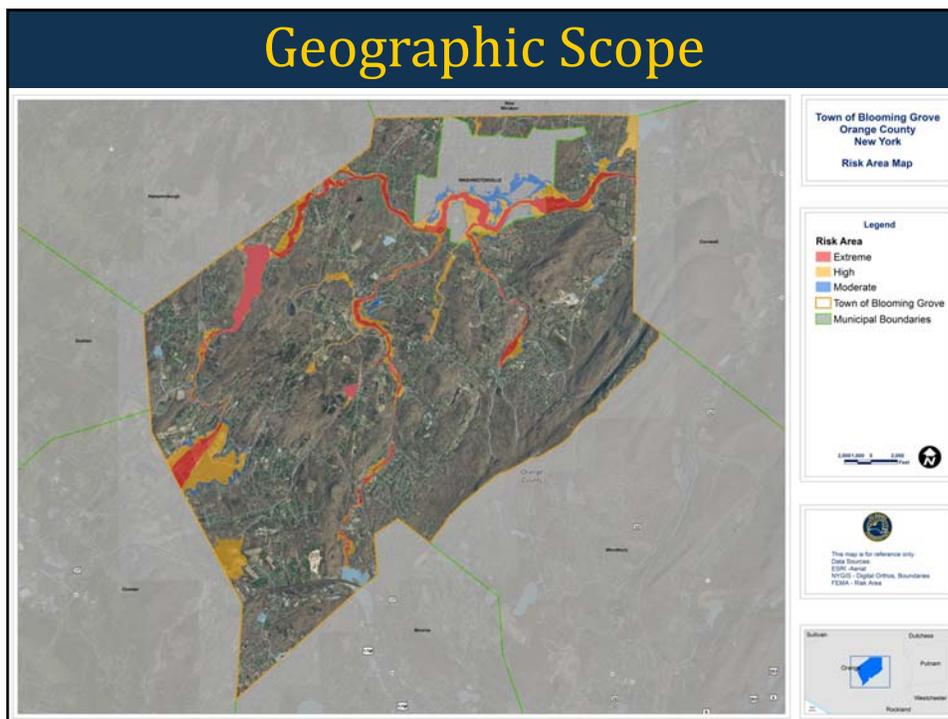
- Advancing Initial Plan Components for Section 1
 - Establish Geographic Scope
 - Discuss Storm Damage
 - Discuss Critical Assets & Regional Issues
 - Establish Vision Statement
 - Discuss Public Outreach Strategy
 - Develop Committee Meeting Schedule



Geographic Scope

- Area where assets are most at risk
- Area where reconstruction, future construction, or other resiliency measures should be encouraged





Description of Storm Damage

- Remember – Must be a direct link to damage from Irene, Lee, and/or Sandy to justify each proposed project!!!

Resources for Storm Damage Details	Status
Blooming Grove Guided Tour	Completed today with Committee Members
Committee input via mapping exercise	To complete at the end of this kick-off meeting
Local Stakeholder Feedback	To be gathered through outreach over the coming weeks/months
Local, State, Regional, Federal Documentation	Data collection in process

Inventory of Assets

- Identify assets in each “asset class,” or category
 - a. Economic
 - b. Health and Social Services
 - c. Housing
 - d. Infrastructure Systems
 - e. Natural and Cultural Resources
 - f. Socially Vulnerable Populations
- Provide additional detail on all assets identified
 - Asset located in “Extreme” and/or “High-Risk Areas”?
 - Asset defined as **critical facilities** by FEMA (essential to health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard events)?
 - Identify Community Value
 - Identify Vulnerability

EXAMPLES of ASSETS

- Emergency service facilities (EOCs)
- Police, fire stations
- Public works facilities
- Schools
- Food stores
- Medical facilities
- Pharmacies
- Medical supply vendors
- Evacuation shelters
- Jails and juvenile detention centers
- Senior, vulnerable population housing
- Disaster assistance services

Assets: Economic

- What elements of the built, natural environment are paramount to economic health:
 - Office buildings, industrial parks and manufacturing facilities, downtown center/commercial district, seasonal and tourist destinations, major employers
- What Investments Could Restore, Enhance Future Economic Development?
 - Protect / Strengthen Business Areas
 - Capitalize on Assets, Key Features
 - Diversify
 - Ensure Continued Access to Employment
 - Back-up Systems



Assets: Housing

- Which neighborhoods are most vulnerable?
- What types of housing are most at-risk?



Assets: Infrastructure

- What is at-risk?
 - Transportation Systems
 - Roads, bridges
 - Water/Wastewater Facilities
 - Electric Grid
 - Communications
 - Fuel



Assets: Health and Social Services/Community Facilities

- Preserve Uninterrupted Emergency Response and Medical Services
- Protect Educational Facilities
 - Other assets include health care, day care, and elder care facilities, emergency operations, government and administrative services



Assets: Natural and Cultural Resources

- Open Space Resources to be Incorporated into Resiliency Planning
 - Wetlands, floodplains, riverbanks, recreation facilities, parks, public access, open spaces, agricultural areas
 - Religious establishments, libraries, museums, historic landmarks, performing arts venues

Regional Issues and Plans

- Regional Economic Development Council (Mid-Hudson and Orange County Business Association and Orange County Partnership)
- Orange County Water Authority (Moodna Creek Watershed Plan, October 2012)
- Mid Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan
- Orange County Transportation Council Long Range Transportation Plan, Dec. 2011
- Village of Washingtonville NYRCR Plan, March 2014



Vision Statement

- Vision Statements can be short-, mid-, or long-term
- What is the realistic “favorable future” we want to see in Blooming Grove?
- Reduce risk, increase community resiliency
- Solution-focused, comprehensive
- Community-inclusive of all demographics, especially the most vulnerable who struggle with self-protection and rely on services susceptible to disruption
- How can we capitalize on current assets?
 - Social, economic, natural, cultural, other

Public Outreach Strategy

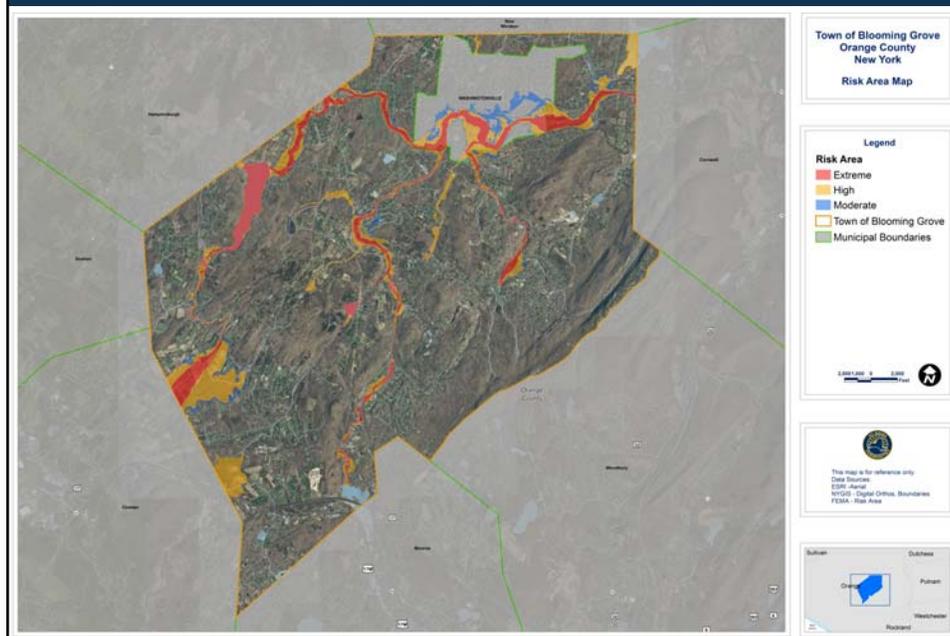
- Identify audiences, stakeholders
 - Primary residents, out-of-town property owners
 - Businesses, non-governmental organizations
 - First responders, emergency management teams
- Identify engagement techniques, outlets
 - Public meetings/workshops, websites, e-campaigns, social media, public access channels, mailings, ads, special events, high-traffic venues
- Develop timeframe for action
 - Schedule PM #1 – Need date and time
 - Schedule PM #2 – Need date and time
- Photos, photos, photos!



Committee Meetings

- Committee Meeting Frequency
 - When? Where? Time?
- Expectations of Consultant Team
 - Agendas and meeting minutes distributed in advance
 - Agendas to reflect current elements in process, next steps
 - Provide all materials for informed decisions making, including presentations by subject matter experts
 - Ensure that meetings will begin/end on schedule
 - Encourage public participation throughout planning process
- Expectations of Committee Members
 - Regular attendance and active participation
 - Respect all ideas
 - Encourage community participation in all public events

Storm Damage Mapping Exercise



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- More Information
 - <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov> (Main Site)
 - <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/resources-0> (Plan Elements)
 - <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/faq> (FAQs)

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