



City of Yonkers  
Community Reconstruction Program  
Committee Meeting #2

Tuesday, July 15, 2014  
3:00 – 5:00 PM,  
Yonkers Riverfront Library



# Welcome and Introductions

# Agenda

- Review Geographic Scope
- Review Draft Community Vision
- Review Critical Issues
- Precedents from NYRCR Round 1 Communities
- Asset Inventory and Asset Mapping
- Public Engagement Meeting
- Looking Ahead





# Geographic Scope

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- Citywide Resiliency
  - Green Infrastructure
  - Stormwater
  - Utilities
  - Trees
- Focus Areas
  - Hudson River (Coastal Flooding)
  - Saw Mill River (Riverine Flooding)
  - Bronx River and tributaries (Riverine Flooding)
  - Grassy Sprain Brook and tributaries (Riverine Flooding)
  - Grassy Sprain Reservoir
  - Tibbetts Brook (Riverine Flooding)





# Community Vision

# Draft Vision

Our Vision for the City of Yonkers is to protect its vibrancy and diversity from future storm damage by implementing cohesive projects, policies and programs that will ensure that the City remains economically and environmentally resilient and resistant to floods and storm damage.



# Draft Goals

- **Protect and Preserve** the character of our neighborhoods from future storms.
- **Address** flooding as a Citywide problem – with multiple watersheds as contributors – that requires a coordinated mitigation effort with solutions unique to each watershed.
- **Collaborate** with City, County, State and Federal agencies regarding drainage improvements and maintenance.
- **Advance** educational outreach to ensure our residents understand natural hazards and how they can protect themselves, their homes, neighborhoods, and communities against future storms.
- **Develop** policy, design, and construction standards to make our community more resilient in the future.
- Others?





# Review of Critical Issues

# Critical Issues

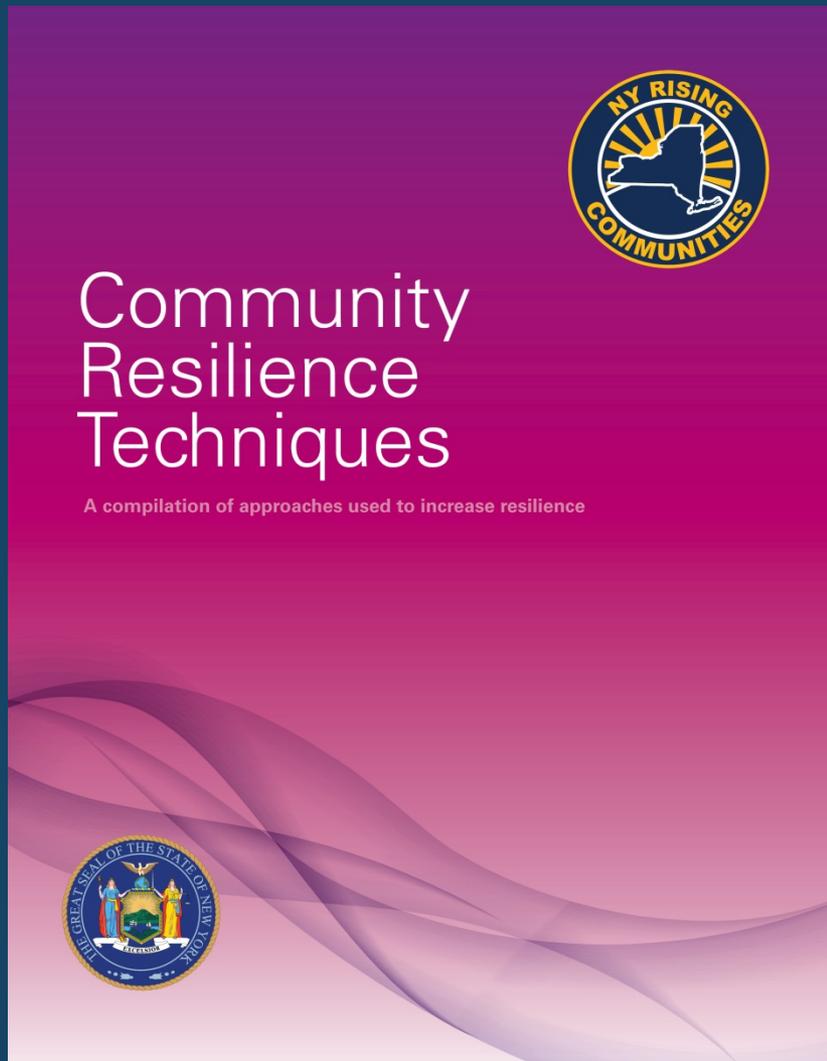
- Flooding – riverine and coastal
- Stormwater
- Tree damage
- Infrastructure susceptible to storm damage
- Education – safe practices during storms
- Communications – Federal, State, County, City
- Retaining environmental integrity of waterways and other ecosystems
- Managing negative impacts of development
- Others?





# Precedents from NYRCR Round 1 Communities

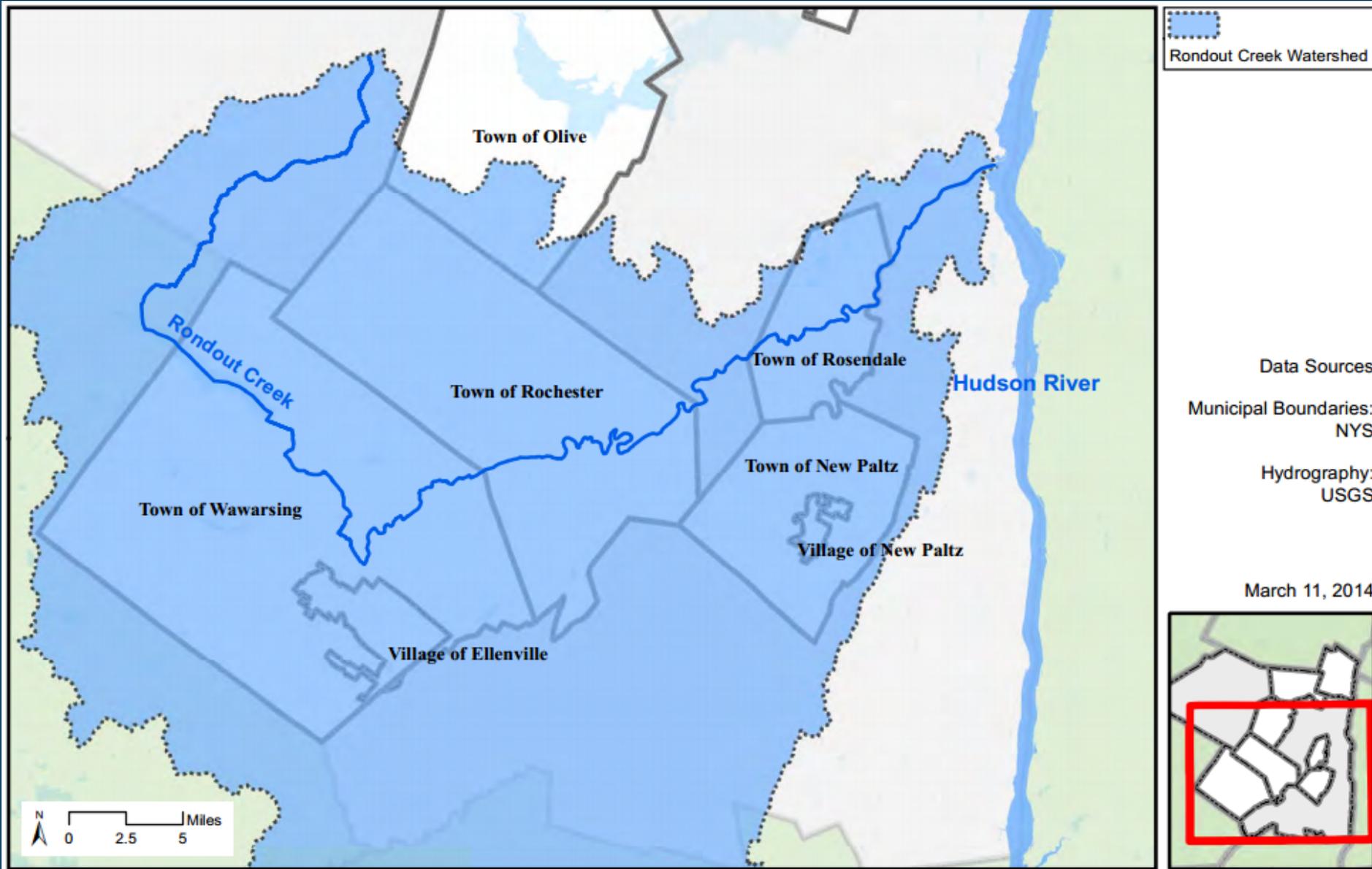
# Resiliency Techniques



- Conserve, Enhance, and Restore Natural Protective Features
- Resilient Construction
- Structural Defenses
- Land Use Planning and Regulation
- Market-Based Methods
- Awareness, Information, and Preparedness
- Systemic Resilience



# Ulster County – Watershed Studies



# Stony Point – Comprehensive Neighborhood Approach

- Hudson River waterfront heavily affected by Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene
  - Need for both quick recovery and long-term vision
- Devised a comprehensive strategy
  - Short-term
    - Shoreline protection – mix of hard and soft infrastructure
    - Drainage and sewer system repairs/enhancements
    - Revise LWRP
    - Demolish abandoned structures
  - Medium-term
    - Improve access to waterfront
    - Rebuild King’s Ferry Landing
    - New public dock/pier
  - Long-term
    - Waterfront development strategy
    - Ba Mar





# Asset Inventory and Asset Mapping

# Recovery Support Functions

Natural/Cultural  
Resources



Infrastructure



Health/Social  
Services



Community Planning,  
Capacity Building



Economic  
Development



Housing



# Natural and Cultural Resources

- Hudson River
- Saw Mill River
- Grassy Sprain Brook & Bronx River/Reservation
- Daylighted portion of the Saw Mill River
- Tibbetts Brook Park
- Beczak & Science Barge
- Hudson River Museum
- Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club
- JFK Marina
- Grassy Sprain Dam
- Yonkers Pier
- Others?



# Infrastructure

- Yonkers Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant
- North Yonkers Pump Station
- Saw Mill Parkway
- Bronx River Parkway
- Sprain Brook Parkway
- Metro North – Hudson and Harlem Lines
- Others?



# Health and Social Services

- Storm Shelters
- Public and Private Schools
- Public and Private Day Care Centers
- Public Libraries
- St. John's Riverside Hospital
- St. Joseph's Medical Center
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Emergency Services – Police, Fire & Ambulance
- Nursing and Senior Care Facilities
- Nepperhan Community Center
- City Hall
- Others?



# Economic

- Getty Square
- Hudson River Waterfront
- Ridge Hill
- Executive Boulevard
- Empire City Casino & Yonkers Raceway
- Cross County Shopping Center
- iPark Hudson
- Greyston Bakery
- Kawasaki Rail Car
- Proposed Alexander Street Redevelopment
- Nepperhan Avenue Commercial Corridor
- Others?



# Housing

- Longvale, Brooklands, Winchester, Sunnybrook neighborhoods
- Clunie and Nepperhan Avenue corridors
- Municipal Housing Authority of Yonkers
- Vulnerable Residential Neighborhoods
- Waterfront development
- Parcels H & I (future development)
- Others?





Looking Ahead

# Scheduling

- First Public Engagement Event: July 24th
- Next committee meeting: August 5<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
- Second Public Engagement Event (week of September 8<sup>th</sup>)



# Public Engagement Event #1

- Agenda
  - Presentation
    - Introduce NYRCR Program
    - Review draft Vision
    - Present draft Asset Mapping
  - Interactive Engagement
    - What is your Vision?
    - What Assets are important to Yonkers?
    - Tell us your Story!
- Outreach
  - Flyer
  - Email
  - Committee Outreach Letter



# Deliverables

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	<b>Draft</b>	<b>Final</b>
Geographic Scope Map	June 30	July 15
Public Engagement Strategy	July 7	July 15
Vision Statement	July 15	August 1
Asset Inventory	July 15	August 22

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# Draft Agenda for Next Meeting

- Feedback from Public Engagement Meeting
- Finalize Vision Statement
- Refine Asset Inventory and Mapping
- Refine Critical Issues
- Review Community Overview





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