Baldwin Community Reconstruction Plan
Public Engagement Meeting #1

October 22, 2013, 7:00 PM
Baldwin Senior High School
841 Ethel T Kloberg Drive
Baldwin, New York
Agenda

• Open House
  – About the Program
  – Community Assets
  – Community Vision Statement

• Welcome and Introductions

• Understanding the Community Reconstruction (CR) Program

• Introduction to the Project

• Group Discussions (6-8 people)
  – Top Community Issues
  – Ideas for Recovery and Resilience
  – Report back
Welcome and Introductions
Committee and Team

• Baldwin Committee
  – Co-chair, David Viana
  – Co-chair, Erik Mahler

• New York State Planners
  – Regional Lead, Laura Munafo
  – Baldwin Lead, Nancy Rucks, NYSDOS
  – Baldwin, Tracey O’Malley, NYSDOS

• Consultants (Arup)
  – Program Director, Trent Lethco
  – Program Manager, Joanne Iddon
  – Baldwin Project Manager, Sherazad Mehta
  – Technical Advisor, Janine Witko
  – Public Outreach, Lisa Liquori
  – Planner, Michael Fortier
Introduction to NY Rising
Understanding the CR Program

• New York State Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program
  – Outlines $1.7 billion in supplemental federal HUD funding for housing, infrastructure and business recovery activities for recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee
  – www.nyshcr.org/Press/ActionPlan
Understanding the CR Program

• NY State established the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
• Funding was allocated and consultants were hired to assist the most affected communities in reconstruction planning
• Additional funds will support projects and activities identified in CR Plans
Communities Arup is Assisting
Understanding the CR Program

- For Individuals and Businesses
- Community Reconstruction Program
- Sandy Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Funding
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/
Understanding the CR Program

• Assess community vulnerabilities to future natural disasters
• Identify economic development needs
• Identify reconstruction funding allocation
• Identify projects and actions to increase resilience and further economic development
What is resilience?

Resilience (Merriam-Webster):
1. the ability to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens
2. an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change

Interpretation: With resilience, one is better prepared to adapt to future misfortunes and build back stronger
Six Asset Classes and Strategy Areas

- Economic Development
- Housing
- Natural/Cultural Resources
- Infrastructure
- Health/Social Services
- Community Planning, Capacity Building, Socially Vulnerable Populations
Project Timeline

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Organize for Action
- Inventory Assets
- Determine Needs and Opportunities
- Concept Plan
- Risk Assessment
- Engage in Regional Planning Process
- Develop Strategies for Investment and Action
- Complete CR Plan

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 8 meetings from October 2013 to March 2014
Why participate?

• Bottom up approach of Planning Process
• Shape and inform the Plan:
  • Ensure the Plan meets community needs
  • Ensure Plan reflects the community’s unique characteristics
• Brainstorm and provide ideas for recovery and resilience
• Inform and educate other residents and stakeholders about the Plan
• Empower the community to rebuild a more resilient and robust economy
How can you participate?

- Attend and participate in public meetings – invite your friends & colleagues
- Engage the Planning Committee and/or form a workgroup
- NY Rising website
  - Submit comments
  - Follow on Facebook
  - News & updates
  - Meeting presentations

www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/community-reconstruction-program
Vision Statement
Draft Vision Statement

The Vision for the Baldwin Community Reconstruction Plan is to make balanced investments in the community infrastructure and create a sustainable and resilient community that values diversity, quality of life, natural resources and economic development while maintaining a positive relationship to the water.
Baldwin’s CR Plan strives to…

- Support local business resilience by encouraging business continuity, crisis management planning, and technology and financial resilience
- Acknowledge the hazards and vulnerabilities associated with future storms to encourage thoughtful, sustainable redevelopment
- Rebuild homes and commercial buildings that are resilient in design and location
- Develop innovative and natural solutions to coastal storm surges and erosion management
- Enhance public open space so it serves multiple purposes, such as recreation, resilience and refuge
- Protect fresh water resources and improve stormwater management
- Leverage Baldwin’s civic pride, diversity and high quality of life to rebuild the residential, commercial and services communities
- Ensure proper health and social services are accessible to all residents; on a daily basis and in emergency scenarios
- Provide emergency infrastructure to all first response facilities and improve communication network redundancy
- Ensure public safety during and after major natural events
Small Group Discussion
Discussion Timing

• Small Group Work Instruction (5 mins)
• Top Community Issues (20 mins)
• Ideas for Recovery and Resilience (20 mins)
• Reporting and Q & A (25 mins)
Ground Rules

• Stay on topic
• Be open to new ideas/concepts and all input
• Table Leader: Summary and Reporting
• Outputs
  – Community Treasures
  – Top Issues
  – Top Project Ideas
Topic 1: Community Issues

Superstorm Sandy and, before that, Hurricane Irene, had profound impacts on our community. Thinking about our community as a whole, what do you believe are the top three issues that need to be addressed to recover and emerge more resilient in the future?
Topic 2: Ideas for Recovery & Resiliency Projects

The Community Recovery Plan will include the major projects and programs that need to be undertaken for our community to recover and be more resilient. Done right, they will make communities safer and stronger, increase prosperity, improve the quality of life, and drive innovation and competition.

Think big and about multiple benefits – identify the transformative and innovative actions needed to become more resilient and grow the economy. What do you believe should be done to create a better future for our community?
Looking Ahead
Next Steps

• Collate public input and committee input
• Develop Conceptual Plan
• Publish Conceptual Plan to NY Rising Website: October 28, 2013
• Meeting #2: early-mid November
• Public Information Meetings #3-4: Jan-Feb 2014
The Conceptual Plan will be submitted on 10/28 and will be the guide for analyzing strategies for the Community Recovery Plans and review with the community through March 2014.
Thank you!

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