Working Together to Build Back Better

Brighton Beach | Coney Island | Manhattan Beach | Sea Gate

Monday, September 30, 2013
New York Aquarium, 602 Surf Ave., New York, NY
Program Agenda for Tonight

1. Update since Initial Committee Meeting
2. Public Engagement Meeting Format
3. CR Plan Visioning Exercise
4. Committee Roles, Structure, and Function
5. Key Potential Projects and Strategies Identified during Plan Review
6. Action Items and Next Steps
Community Participation Options

1
- Working Groups / Break Out Sessions (traditional)

2
- Public Open Forum
Public Engagement Meeting Format

• Two distinct formats for the Committee to consider for 1\textsuperscript{st} Public Meeting
  ❖ Public Open House Format with stations
  ❖ Formal Presentation with break out sessions to solicit public input

• Differences between the two include
  ❖ Set time frame versus flexibility for public
  ❖ Ability to more easily handle large numbers
  ❖ Use of stations versus break out sessions
Build Back Better:
New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program

Your Opinion Matters

Join members of your community to provide input to the NY Rising Communities Sheepshead Bay/Gerritsen Beach Plan

Monday, October 7, 2013
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
P5 277
2529 Gerritsen Avenue
Gerritsen Beach, NY

Tuesday, October 8, 2013
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Waterford on the Bay
2900 Bragg Street,
Sheepsheadbay, NY

During the meeting you will:

- Hear about the program and how it can help YOUR community
- Provide input to the community’s vision for the future to increase resilience post-Sandy
- Tell us what issues you would like addressed in the recovery and mitigation plan

Residents are invited to attend either meeting

If you are unable to attend and would like to provide input, visit
http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrc/community/gerritsen-beach-and-sheepshead-bay and submit your comments via the yellow contact button on the right.

For more information, please contact:
info@stormrecovery.ny.gov

Join the conversation using the hashtag #NYRising
Twitter: @NYStormRecovery
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www.NYRisingCommunities.com
Join the Conversation, Shape your Future:
Rebuild a Resilient Peninsula

The New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program has been established to provide additional rebuilding and revitalization assistance to Communities severely damaged by Hurricanes Sandy and Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

Please join us in rebuilding a resilient Coney Island peninsula. In our first public meeting we will . . .

- Share in a vision for our future
- Identify our community strengths and needs
- See current project plans and share ideas on other projects that meet the long-term needs in our community

We Are a Community Rising!
Vision Statements
Suggested General Guidelines

- Inform, Inspire, Energize, Motivate, Create Enthusiasm
- Short, Simple, Memorable, Clear, Concise
- Builds on History, Strengths, Uniqueness, Resources, and Assets
- Creates a vivid mental picture of shared desired outcomes / goals / benefits to achieve
- Purpose driven
- Begins with a powerful phrase/ sentence that will trigger people’s memory of the rest of the statement
- Includes a description of what the community will look like in the future
Vision Statements

Samples

Sample 1:

“All citizens, businesses and investors in our Great City have not only a right to return to a Safer, Stronger, Smarter City that enables a substantially higher quality of life, greater economic opportunity, and greater security against hurricanes that New Orleans had prior to Katrina.”

Source: The United Nation New Orleans Plan (Citywide Strategic Recovery and Rebuilding Plan)
Sample 2:

“Galveston is … a place with unique characteristics and history. Our vision is to recover Galveston to a less vulnerable, more resilient place; economically, socially, physically and environmentally…”

*Source: Long-Term Recovery Plan (City of Galveston, Texas)
Vision Statements
Key Words for our CR

- Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR)
- Resiliency
- Long Term Recovery
- Community
- Rebuilding
- Revitalization
- Investment
- Strategic
- Community Assets
- Transformative
- Walkable Community
- Healthy and Safe Community
- Reconstruction
NOW LET’S GET VISIONING

“To rebuild a resilient and unified ..... and celebrates our ......”

JUST TO GET US STARTED!!
Continuing discussion from initial Committee Meeting (tabled at September 23rd Meeting)

- Working Groups by Communities
- Meeting at Sea Gate on September 24th
- Working Groups by Theme or Program Elements
- Staying with current single Committee Structure without establishing working groups
Key Potential Projects & Strategies
Economic Development

Opportunities

• Implementation of Coney Island Master Plan
• Transforming Coney Island to a year round resort destination
• Ensuring job opportunities by promoting hiring local unemployed or under-employed residents
• Improvements to major business corridors and streetscapes
Community Services

Opportunities

• Retrofitting hospitals, adult care facilities, and nursing homes

• Retrofitting schools and libraries that are located in the floodplain.
Infrastructure

Opportunities

• Harden transportation infrastructure (Belt Parkway & mass transit)

• Harden shoreline parks to protect adjacent communities

• Restore and enhance recreational infrastructure along beaches
Housing

Opportunities

• Repair/rebuild housing units destroyed or substantially damaged
• Retrofit public housing units damaged by Sandy and increase their resiliency
• Create access to as many financial resources as possible
• Elevate homes where possible
• Provide tools to rebuild stronger
Natural Resources

- Protect, enhance, and restore natural resources
- Enhance the flood mitigation function of marshes, dunes, wetlands, and floodplains

Coney Island Creek Restoration Concept Plan
Opportunity -- NYCHA program to increase resiliency of public housing in Coney Island. Flooding of basements and 1st floor residential units affects over 100 NYCHA public housing units.
Action Items and Next Steps

Action Items:
• Summarize action items from this meeting

Next Steps:
• Next Committee Meeting: Let’s set a date
• Major agenda item for next meeting will be on identifying Proposed Projects
Online Info

Community Reconstruction Program Website
http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/community-reconstruction-program

Brighton Beach/Coney Island/Manhattan Beach/Sea Gate Community Reconstruction Website:

SIRR Report website: