



Working Together to Build Back Better

Bellmore/Merrick, 09/17/2013
6:00 PM, Blue Water Yacht Club



Community Reconstruction (CR) Plan Goals for Today

- Getting Started – Hitting the Ground Running
- Understanding the Community Reconstruction (CR) Program
- Introduction to the Planning Team (Arup)
- Discussion of Approach
- Local and Regional Issues and Assets
- Identify Meeting Dates
- Post Meeting – Informal Discussion

Hitting the Ground Running

Discussion topics:

- Introductions
- Geographic Scope
- Community Vision
- Community Engagement Strategy
- Assets to be Inventoried
- Regional Issues
- Meeting Schedule





Understanding the CR Program

New York State Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Approved April 26, 2013

- 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
- Funding flows through the NYS Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG – DR) Program

www.nyshcr.org/Press/ActionPlan

Building Back Better

- NY State established the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
- \$25 million allocated for reconstruction planning in the most affected communities
- Additional funds will support projects and activities identified in CR Plans



Recovery Resources Center

Recovery HOTLINE
1-855-NYS-SANDY (1-855-697-7263)
8AM-8PM weekdays
National Flood Insurance Program Help Line
1-877-568-9045

HOME | INDIVIDUALS | BUSINESSES | COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM | RECOVERY | SSBG | HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
Click here to learn more about how New York is **Building Back Better**

New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
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.

Apply for Housing or Business Recovery Assistance TODAY!
Apply Here

Latest News

September 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Announces Funding for Town of Upper Jay to Build new Fire Station After Hurricane Irene

September 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Attends First NY Rising Community Reconstruction Meeting in Town of Jay

August 1, 2013: Governor Cuomo Announces Over \$1.3 Million in Federal Flood Mitigation Funding for Village of Greene

Fact Sheets

- [Multi-Family](#)
- [Smart Home](#)
- [Smart Rebuild NYS](#)
- [Small Business](#)
- [Coastal Fishing](#)
- [Seasonal Tourism](#)
- [Community Reconstruction Program](#)

Resources

- Small Business Development Center Disaster Recovery Centers for Housing & Small Business Programs
- Sandy Help Team Intake Centers for Housing & Small Business Programs

CR Plan Guidance

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



Governor's Homepage



Hurricane Sandy Insurance Assistance



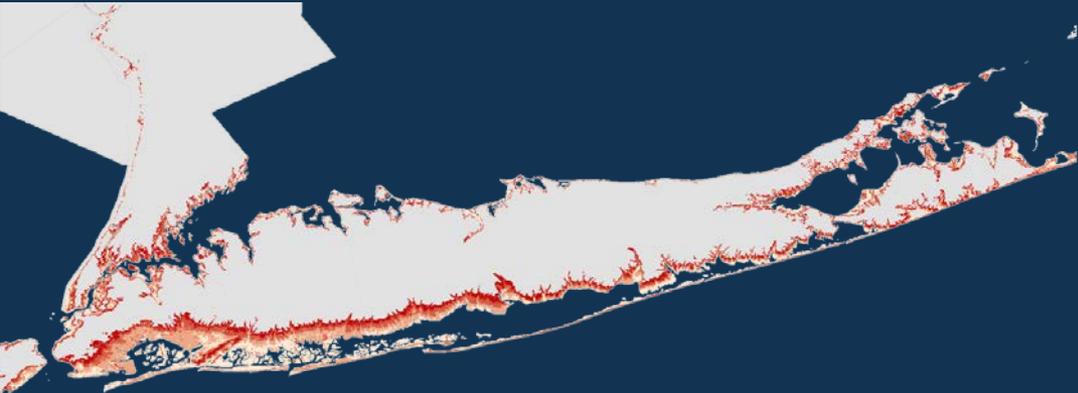
Emergency Preparedness Commissions

NY DHSES
HCR
FEMA
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NYS DOS
ESD

Goals of the CR Plan

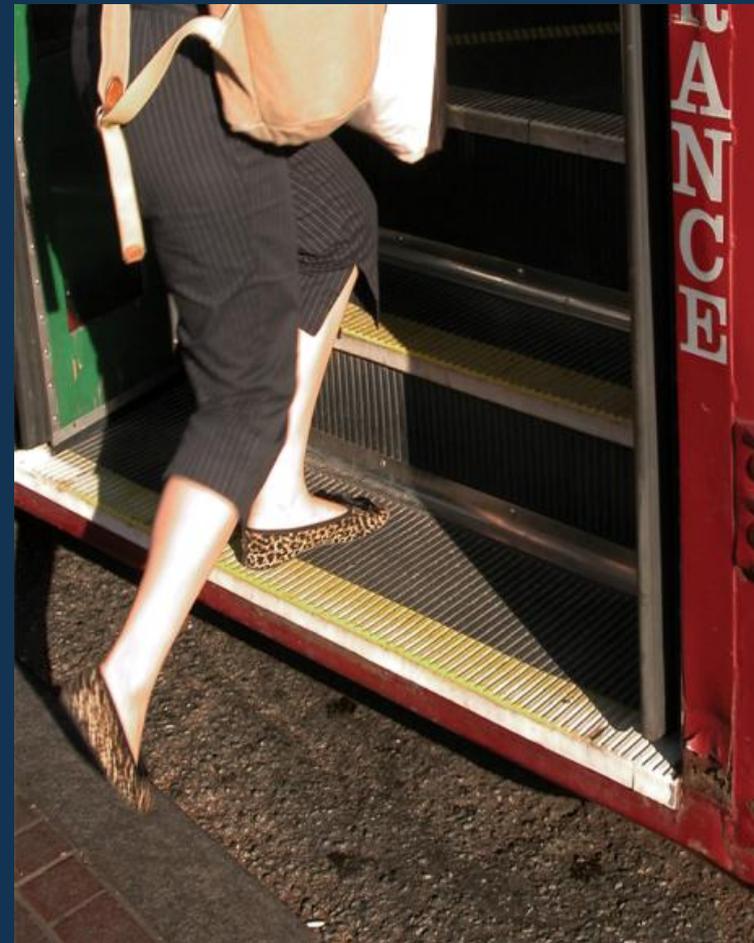


- Assess community vulnerabilities to future natural disasters
- Identify economic development needs
- Identify reconstruction funding allocation
- Identify projects and actions to increase resilience and further economic development

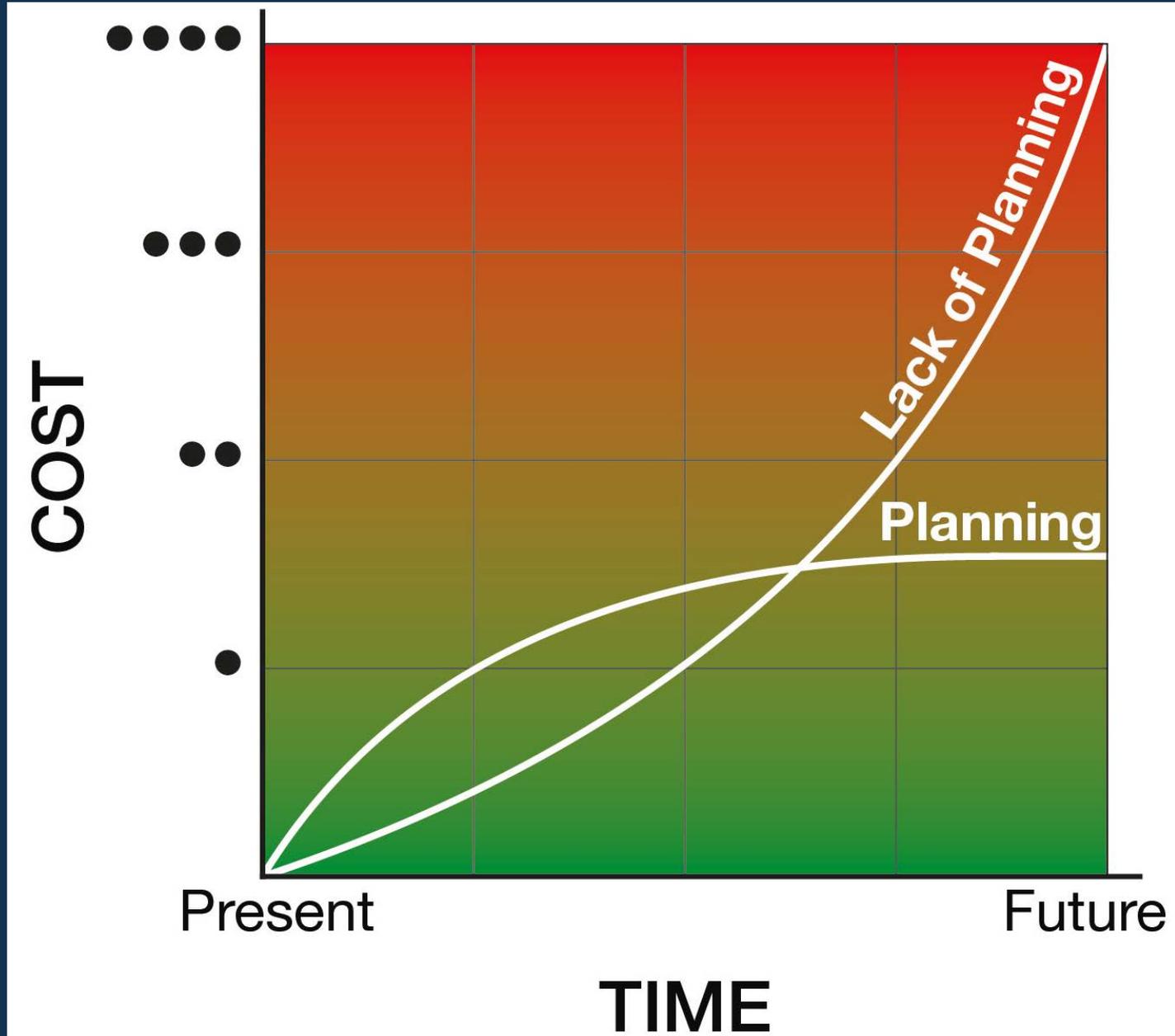


Who we are

- Technically-based solutions
- Systems approach
- Innovation
- Experience
- Leadership in sustainability



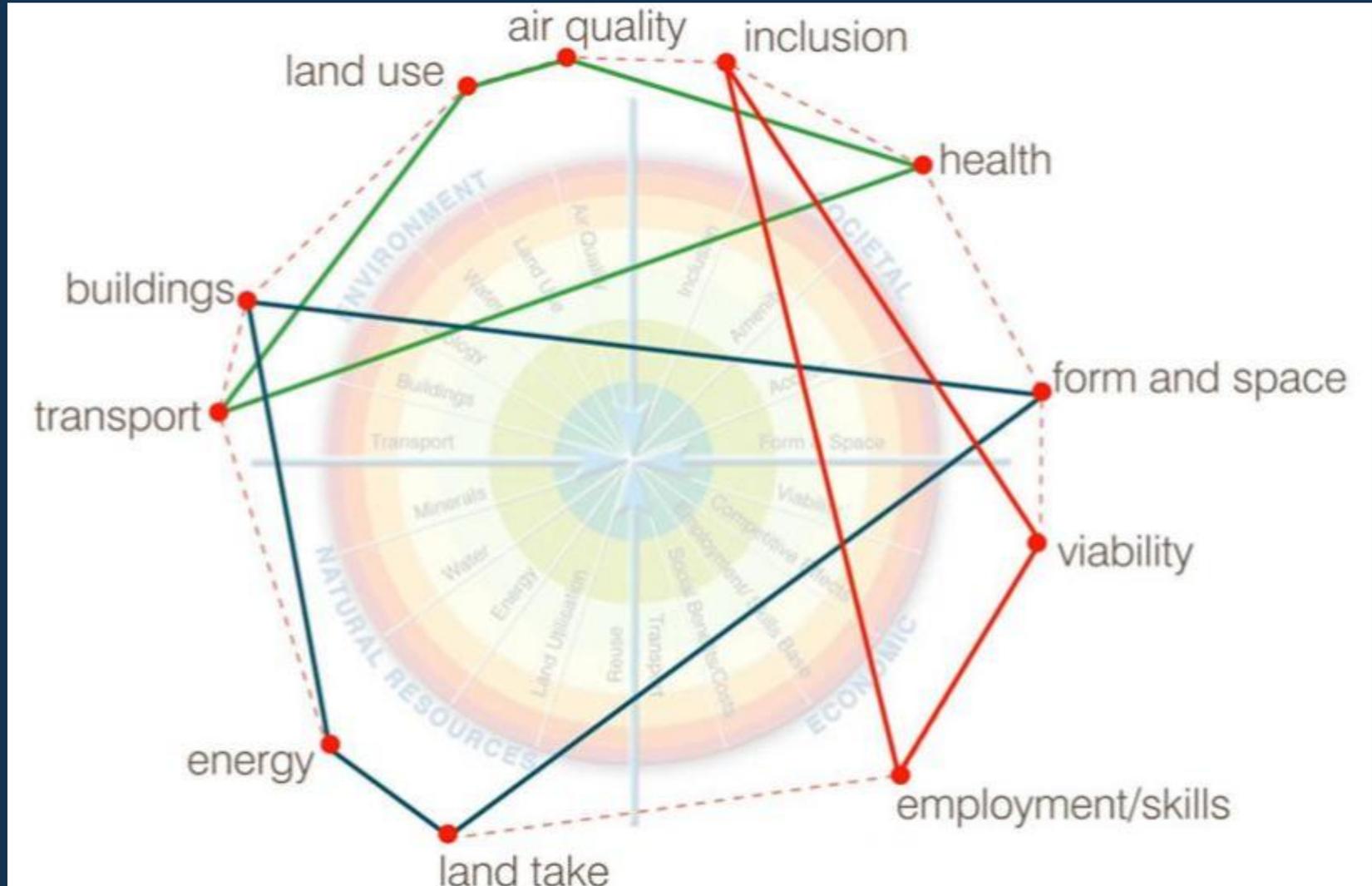
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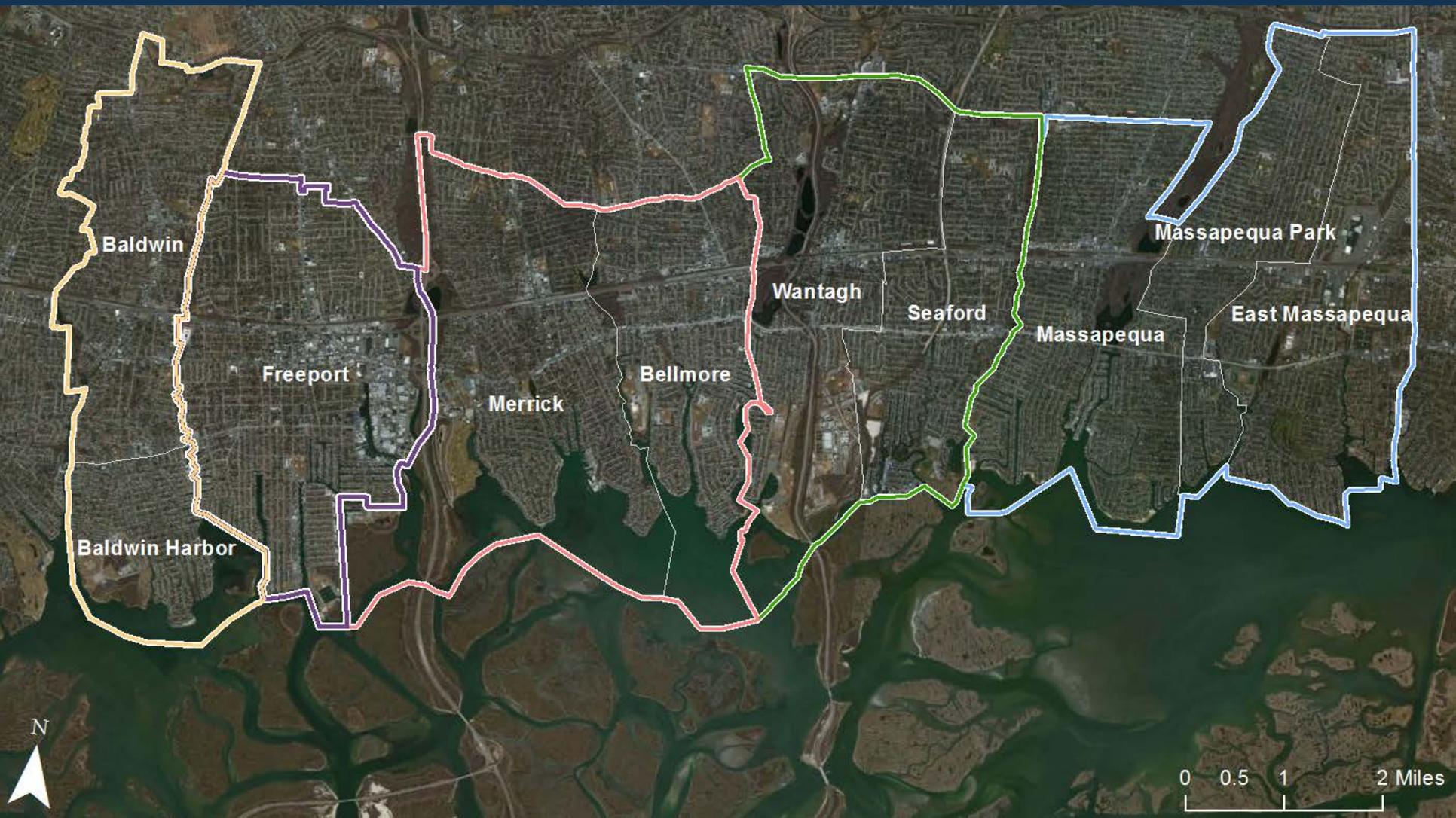
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people-oriented
linger
comfortable
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Communities Arup is helping



The Arup Team

- Program Lead, Trent Lethco
- Program Manager, Joanne Iddon
- Planning Lead, Susan Ambrosini
- GIS Coordinator, LJ Nassivera
- Bellmore/Merrick Liaison, Susan Ambrosini
- Outreach Coordinator, Lisa Liquori

Our Approach



PUBLIC OUTREACH

REGION/STATE PLANNING COMMUNICATION

REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Our Approach



Economic Development



Community Planning



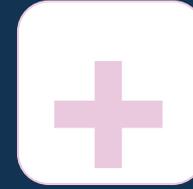
Natural/Cultural Resources



Infrastructure



Housing



Health/Social Services

ACTION PLAN



- Team Introductions
- Discuss Vision
- Discuss Outreach Strategy
- Define Geographic Scope
- Develop Work Plan

UNDERSTANDING



- Data Collection
- Risk Mapping
- Asset Mapping
- Site Visits and Discussion
- Existing Planning Review

PROFILING



- Risk Assessment
- Needs/Opportunities Assessment
- Regional Planning Integration

STRATEGIES



- Project Identification
- Project Development
- Evaluation of projects
- Prioritization
- Cost-benefit analysis

PLAN COMPLETION



- Finalize Drawings
- Provide Implementation Actions
- Identify Next Steps

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REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Goals for Today



- Establish community vision subcommittee
- Establish public outreach subcommittee
- Identify local/regional assets and issues
- Discuss preliminary geographic scope



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Community Visioning

The Community Vision can be
Short –, Medium –, and Long-Term, and should
provide:

- A future to work toward
- Focus and direction
- Motivation and Excitement

Ideas for the Bellmore/Merrick
Vision:

- Capitalize on social and economic assets
- Reduce risk and increase community resilience

Community Visioning

“...to plan for and realize the opportunities inherent in the Village.”



To restore the promise of an affordable, high quality of life for all on Long Island and to position Long Island for the requirements of 21st century communities...



“Innovation Oakland is a technology-based approach to neighborhood transformation. It introduces new ways of thinking about how community assets, public spaces and commercial corridors contribute towards the economic prosperity of Oakland and of greater Western Pennsylvania. Fueled by state of the art technologies, Innovation Oakland will combine art, design, place making and wayfinding solutions to create new interactive public destinations for the use and pleasure of residents, employees, students and visitors from around the country and the world.”



Guidelines for a Community Vision

- Realistic
- Comprehensive
- Specific
- Coordinated
- Understandable
- Solution-specific



Community Vision Discussion

- What elements make Bellmore/Merrick unique?
- What are its most important assets?
- What do you want it to look like in 10-50 years?

Public Outreach Strategy

To engage the public throughout the CR Plan's development

- 8 Committee Meetings through March 2014
- 4 Public Engagement Meetings
- Monthly Regional Coordination Meeting – Arup Teams
- Nassau County Co-Chairs Convention
- Coordination with LIREDC



Determination of the Focus Area

Bellmore and Merrick

- Areas of high-risk/vulnerability
- Areas of encouraged reconstruction
- Areas of development relocation



Asset Identification

Identify assets in each category:

- Affected by coastal hazards
- In Extreme and High Risk Areas
- Defined as critical facilities by FEMA (essential to the health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard events)
- Physical/sentimental assets

Critical Facility

Examples:

- Emergency service facilities/roads
- Schools
- Police and fire stations
- Emergency operations centers
- Public works facilities
- Evacuation shelters
- Nursing homes
- Jails and juvenile detention centers

Where Should We Focus Our Efforts?



- Where can we have the greatest positive impact?
- What are the most important issues to Bellmore and Merrick?





CR Plan Outline

Overview

- Geographic scope
- Description of damage
- Critical issues
- Relationship to regional plan

Assessment of Risks and Needs

- Description of community assets
- Assessment of risk to assets
- Assessment of risk to systems
- Assessment of needs and opportunities



CR Plan Outline (continued)

Reconstruction Strategies, Projects, Programs and Actions

- Community planning and capacity building
- Economic development
- Health and social services
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Natural and cultural resources

Implementation Schedule

- Identify strategies, actions, target dates and responsible parties

Appendices

- List of CR Planning Committee Members
- Description of public engagement process
- Description of priority projects and their costs and benefits
- Inventory of assets
- Prioritized list of projects



Next Steps

- Inventory Assets
- Assess Risks
 - Using the Risk Assessment Tool to quantify risk
- Identify Needs and Opportunities
- Engage LIREDC in Regional Planning Process





Meeting Schedule

- When?
 - Time?
 - Where?
 - How often?
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- Work Plan due September 20, 2013
 - Conceptual Plan due October 28, 2013
 - Expect a Planning Committee Meeting and Community Public Event every 2 weeks