



Bellmore-Merrick
Community Reconstruction Plan
Committee Meeting #2

Merrick, October 2, 2013
6:00 PM, Merrick Golf Club



Introductions and Committee Progress



Goals For Today

- Confirm draft Community Vision
- Review background research
- Discuss community assets, needs and opportunities
- Confirm Public Outreach Plan and dates
- Review Conceptual Plan outline





Vision Statement

Draft Vision Statement

The vision for the Bellmore/Merrick Community Reconstruction Plan is to foster a resilient, stable waterfront community that values its quality of life and relationship to the water, and that is equipped to handle future natural events through sound investment in infrastructure, economic development, technology and natural resources.



The Plan strives to...

- 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
- Support local businesses resilience by encouraging business continuity, crisis management planning, and technology and financial resilience
- Enhance public open space so it serves multiple purposes, such as recreation, resilience and refuge
- Develop innovative and natural solutions to coastal storm surges and erosion management
- Protect fresh water resources and improve stormwater management
- 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
- Leverage Bellmore/Merrick's civic pride and tight-knit character to build capacity among all residents, businesses and services

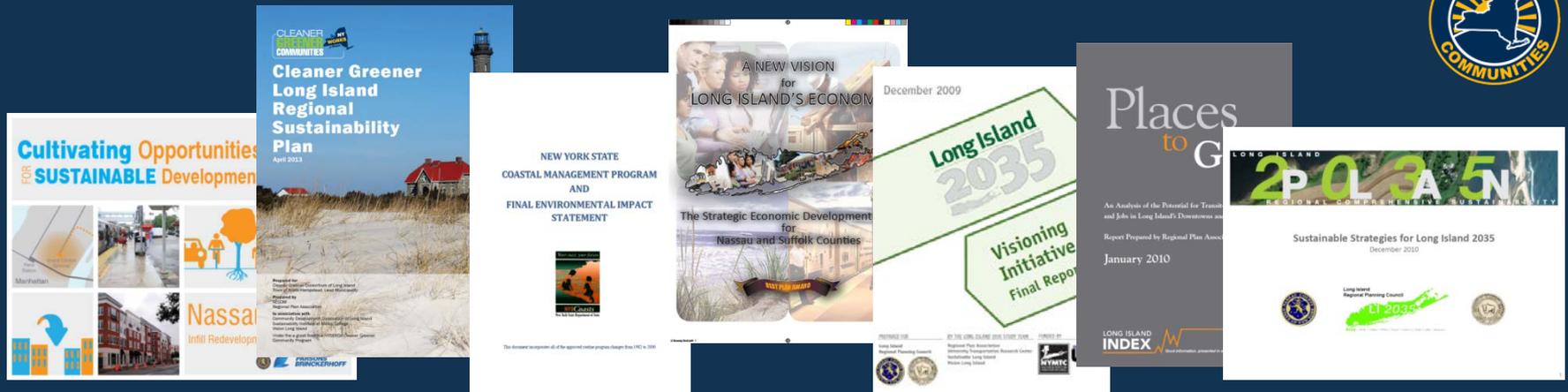




Existing Planning Efforts

Existing Regional Plans

- Sustainable Strategies for Long Island 2035, **LI Regional Planning Council**
- Places to Grow, **Regional Plan Association (RPA)**
- New York Coastal Management Program, **Office of Coastal Zone Management**
- A New Vision for Long Island's Economy, **LI Association/Hofstra University**
- Nassau County Infill Redevelopment Study, **Nassau County**
- Cleaner Greener LI Regional Sustainability Plan, **AECOM/RPA**
- Nassau County Consolidated Plan, **Nassau County**
- Nassau County Master Plan (Draft), **Nassau County**
- Long Island 2035 Visioning Initiative, **RPA/Sustainable LI/Vision LI**
- Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat Assessments, **NY State**



Existing Local Plans

- Merrick
 - North and Central Merrick Civic Association
 - Report on Development of a Business District Around Merrick Train Station (2012)
 - A Vision for a Brighter Merrick Community
 - Pedestrian Bridge over Sunrise Highway
 - Mixed-use Development
 - Parking
- Bellmore
 - Are there any plans we should know about?





Community Assets,
Needs and Opportunities

Six Asset Classes and Strategy Areas

Economic
Development



Housing



Natural/Cultural
Resources



Infrastructure



Health/Social
Services

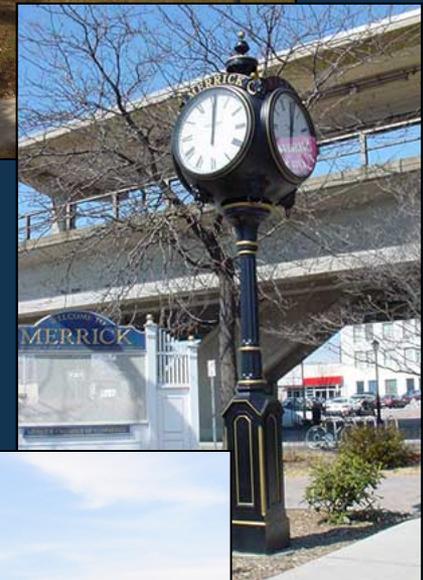


Community Planning,
Capacity Building, Socially
Vulnerable Populations



Natural and Cultural Resources

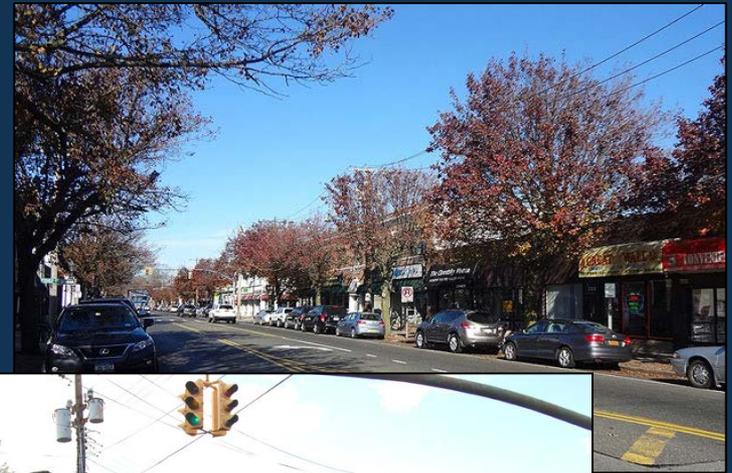
- **Community Assets**
 - Strong existing community
 - Natural habitats
 - Water bodies
 - Wetlands and marshes
 - Parks and recreation
 - Cultural/religious establishments
 - Libraries/community centers
 - Historic landmarks
 - Fishing areas
 - Natural protective features



Economic Development

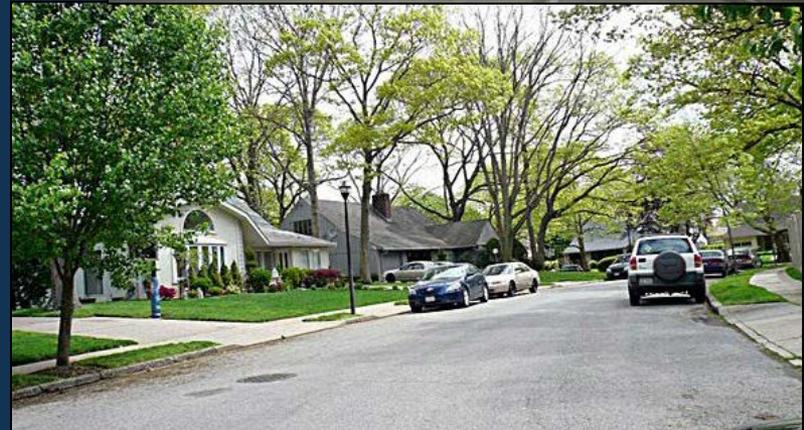
- **Community Assets**

- Downtown Center
- Small/Large Businesses
- Employment Hubs
- Lodging
- Industrial/Warehouse/
Manufacturing
- Tourism
- Marina/Water-based
- Banks/financial
- Grocery/food supply
- Civil/government



Housing

- **Community Assets**
 - Single Family Housing
 - Multi Family Housing
 - Mixed Use Housing
 - Supportive Housing
 - Senior Housing
 - Affordable Housing



Infrastructure Systems

- **Community Assets**
 - Telecommunications
 - Wastewater
 - Stormwater
 - Water Supply
 - Hazardous Materials, waste, recycling
 - Transportation
 - Power supply



Health and Social Services

- **Community Assets**
 - Schools
 - Hospitals
 - Healthcare facilities
 - Daycare/eldercare
 - Government/administrative
 - Public Works facilities
 - Emergency operations/response



Community Planning and Capacity Building

- **Socially Vulnerable Populations in Bellmore-Merrick**
 - Disabled
 - Low/very low income
 - Elderly
 - Children
 - Pet owners
 - Non-English speaking





Public Outreach

Public Outreach Strategy

- 1 Introduction**
- 2 Goals of Public Engagement**
- 3 Opportunities for Public Participation**
- 4 Public Meeting Overview**
 - 4.1 Meeting Format
 - 4.2 Desired Audience, Publicity and Outreach
 - 4.3 Meeting materials and dissemination
 - 4.4 Roles and Responsibilities for Public Meetings
 - 4.5 Summary and Evaluations



Public Outreach Strategy

- Roles
 - Meeting planning, logistics and facilitation (Arup)
 - Communication with the public (Committee)
 - Coordinate government representation (State)
- Meeting format
 - Presentation/question format
 - Committee involvement?
 - Meeting roles
 - Government representation
 - Workshop and open house format opportunities?



Public Meeting #1

- Objectives
 - Introduce CR Program
 - Describe program process and timeline
 - Share draft vision statement
 - Obtain feedback on community assets
 - Uncover needs and opportunities
- Format
- Where/when
- Publicity and outreach





Looking Ahead

Future Meeting Dates

- Committee Meetings:
 - Meeting #3: Conceptual Plan
 - Meeting #4: TBD
- Public Meetings
 - Meeting #1
 - Meeting #2
 - Meeting #3
 - Meeting #4



Conceptual Plan Outline

- Community Vision
- Geographic Scope
- What are the important assets to protect? How?
- Needs and Opportunities
- Initial Strategies and Actions
- Potential Key Projects (short- and long-term)
- Public Engagement Process

