



Meeting Notes

Planning Committee Meeting

August 20 2014 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Senior Center, Horton Road, Blooming Grove, NY

Attendance:

Town of Blooming Grove Steering Committee:

Perry Ragusa – co-chair
Richard Bachman – co-chair
Lorraine Tomassi
Julius Sas
Jay Beaumont
Carl Takiakjian
Carl Gilbert

New York Rising Program

Lori DuBord

Village of South Blooming Grove

Rob Jeroloman, Mayor

Tetra Tech, Inc.:

Emily Slotnick
Russ Dudley (by phone)
Susan Roth

Town of Blooming Grove

Robert Fromaget, Supervisor
Johanna Kiernan, Town Board

Agenda Item: Notes/Meetings

Presenter: Tetra Tech/Slotnick

Summary of Discussion:

1. The August 6th notes were approved by the committee.
2. The Public Engagement Meeting #2 is planned for September 3rd at 7:00 P.M. at the Blooming Grove Town Hall. Outreach for this meeting was discussed with the committee members, including the committee member's role in the process. All outreach materials are finalized, and ad space has been purchased. Tetra Tech will send out an email covering the outreach strategy of this meeting, with a copy of a flyer that can be distributed by the committee members. Placards were distributed to members to hang in business areas that are popular with residents.
3. The tentative agenda of Public Engagement Meeting #2 was presented to the committee and discussed. The first half of the meeting will consist of a presentations and remarks by State representatives, committee members, and Tetra Tech. The second half will be held in an open house style and members of the public will be handed a survey and invited to comment on the displays of the Risk Area Map and the Needs and Opportunities.
4. There will be a committee meeting prior to Public Engagement Meeting #2 at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall.
5. The next committee meeting after that will be on September 17th at 4:30 at the Senior Center.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N.A.

Action Items:

Person Responsible:

Due Date:

Agenda Item: Hydraulic HEC/RAS presentation

Presenter: Tetra Tech/Dudley

Summary of Discussion:

1. Tetra Tech presented the Hydraulic HEC/RAS (HEC/RAS) study that will be presented at Public Engagement Meeting #2 to the committee members.
2. The HEC/RAS study was developed by the Army Corps of Engineers to model channel based flooding (or flooding on streams, creeks and rivers. The basic concept is to create a model of the elevations of all the stream channels and everything within the 100-year flood plain. The model includes all obstructions (defined as any man-made structure; including bridge crossings, culverts, roads, and buildings). Once the model is created the first step is to remove all of the obstructions from the model to examine the natural floodplain under flooding conditions. The volume of water coming through the channel during certain rain events is then predicted using mathematical models. The volume of water is then translated into an elevation reading applied to the channel and flood plain on the model to visually demonstrate inundated areas. Once this task is complete, the structures are added back in, and proposed projects are included in the model to assess the value of the project in terms of its overall effect on localized flooding.
3. This model was designed for channel flooding; flooding caused by storm water events are a separate calculation that will be considered using other methods.
4. This presentation used information prepared for the Village of Washingtonville, which is located within the Town of Blooming Grove. The tributaries modeled for Blooming Grove include Satterly Creek, Moodna Creek and Perry Creek. The consultants included a discussion on how the flooding potential was affected by the depth and the swiftness of the individual creeks as well as obstructions.
5. The committee recommended that explanations be made simpler to ensure understanding and that some effort be made to ensure the separation of Washingtonville and the Town of Blooming Grove’s NYRCR projects since both municipalities participated in the program. The committee also recommended that more detailed information was needed in the area of South Blooming Grove and upstream.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: N/A

Person Responsible

Due Date

Agenda Item: Risk Assessment Results

Presenter: Tetra Tech/Slotnick

Summary of Discussion:

1. The Risk Assessment results were presented to the committee. The assets were grouped into the following asset categories: Economic, Health and Social Services, Infrastructure, Natural and Cultural Resources, and Housing. Assets included those that were within the boundaries of the town, including

