



# Meeting Notes

## Planning Committee Meeting

September 3, 2014, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Town Hall, Horton Road, Blooming Grove, NY

### Attendance:

#### Town of Blooming Grove Steering Committee:

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

#### New York Department of State

William Harding  
Lisa Melville

#### New York Rising

Lori DuBord

#### Tetra Tech, Inc.:

Emily Slotnick  
Russ Dudley (by phone)  
Becca Eith  
Cynthia Bianco  
Susan Roth

#### Town of Blooming Grove

Robert Fromaget, Supervisor  
Johanna Kiernan, Town Board  
Doug Mitchell, OEM Director

Agenda Item: Notes/Meetings

Presenter: Tetra Tech/Slotnick

#### Summary of Discussion:

1. The August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting notes will be discussed and approved at the next meeting.
2. Public Engagement Meeting #2 is planned for this evening at 7:00 P.M. after this meeting. The tentative agenda of Public Engagement Meeting #2 was discussed in preparation for the Public Engagement Meeting.
3. The next committee meeting will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at the Town Hall.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N.A.

Action Items: N.A.

Person Responsible:

Due Date:

Agenda Item: Status of the Plan

Presenter:

Tetra Tech/Slotnick

#### Summary of Discussion:

1. Section 1 of the plan has been finalized. Comments have been received and will be incorporated into the document.
2. Section 2 has been forwarded to the committee for review. Section 2 has a placeholder where the final Hydraulic HEC/RAS study will be inserted once it is ready. The needs and opportunities are in this draft section, as well as the Risk Analysis.

3. The next major task of this committee will be to develop the resiliency strategies for the Plan (list of strategies due September 19<sup>th</sup>). The strategies section builds on the goals and objectives but remains broadly focused. The strategies lead to the development of projects. The next committee meeting will focus on strategies.

4. Decision/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: N/A	Person Responsible	Due Date
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Agenda Item: Rising to the Top	Presenter: Tetra Tech/Slotnick
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Summary of Discussion:

1. The Rising to the Top program awards bonus funding to communities that demonstrates the most exemplary achievement in one or more of the following categories. One winning application will be selected for each category:
  - o Regional Approach (additional potential award of 1.5 million). This award is probably best suited to the Town of Blooming Grove’s current planning direction because of the approach to solving flooding problems with a regional approach that includes numerous municipalities (Blooming Grove, South Blooming Grove, Washingtonville, and parts of Monroe.)
  - o Inclusion of Vulnerable Populations (additional potential award of 1 million): Addressing flooding in Mountain Lodge and improving their resiliency would be a good project for this category.
  - o Use of Green Infrastructure (additional potential award of 1 million): Use of open space as flood storage is an example of a project that would fit this category.
2. The amounts mentioned above would be in addition to the potential project award of \$3 million set aside for each NYRCR community.
3. The committee discussed the possibility of partnering with Washingtonville to resolve regional flooding issues and create additional flood storage areas.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N.A.

Action Items:	Person Responsible	Due Date
Amend Risk Assessment	Emily Slotnick	A.S.A.P.

Agenda Item: HEC-RAS modeling/other comments	Presenter: Tetra Tech/Slotnick
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Summary of Discussion:

1. The committee had a few questions and comments regarding the HEC-RAS presentation. One of the comments was related to the classification of the storm events. It was noted that the 1% chance storm

(100 year storm) seems to be occurring more frequently than once every 100 years. It was explained that the description of storm characteristics is not clear cut, and depends on several factors. However, as the committee goes through the process of analyzing the impacts of a storm within the model, some of the questions related to this characterization will become clearer.

2. The committee asked about the viability of creating water storage on May’s Field (in Washingtonville), and expressed concern that the water table in that area is too high to build flood storage. Tetra Tech stated that the water table would be analyzed by using data from nearby wells. The modeling is only a first step in the process of analyzing an appropriate project, and adjustments to the storage location may be needed as the project is developed further.
3. The committee asked whether or not planting trees on the banks of creeks would help with erosion and absorption. This type of project would also have to be analyzed for the specific application.
4. The committee would like to meet with the Village of Washingtonville to discuss their proposed projects, and coordinate with them to be able to have the greatest effect. The plan for Washingtonville is available on the NY Rising Website for this committee to review.
5. There is a conservancy advisory committee in the town that formed recently. This committee is discussing the use of trails and parks systems as economic development tools. It was noted that the Long Path goes through the Town. The NYRCR committee could collaborate with the conservancy advisory committee to promote trails and natural resource protection in a way that addresses health/wellness goals and green project goals.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N.A.

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Action Items: N.A.	Person Responsible	Due Date
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