Broad Channel Planning Committee Meeting #1

September 19, 2013
Agenda for Planning Committee Meeting #1

1. Introductions

2. NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
   - Overview
   - Team
   - Workplan and Schedule

3. Broad Channel Community Reconstruction
   - Study area, asset inventory, and risk assessment
   - Existing efforts and previous plans
   - Needs and opportunities

4. Questions and comments
NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program overview

- **New York State assistance** for rebuilding after Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, Superstorm Sandy

- 10 NY Rising Community planning areas in New York City
Community-driven planning process to produce:
- Draft Conceptual Plan by October 28
- Final Plan by March 2014

Communities eligible for NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program funding, as well as numerous other funding sources
The Planning Committee will follow a thorough process for identifying projects and actions:

1. Establish Community Vision
2. Identify Assets, Risks, Needs, Opportunities
3. Outline Preliminary Projects and Actions
4. Refine, evaluate, and Prioritize Projects and Actions
5. Identify Funding Sources and develop Implementation Plan
6. Create Final Community Reconstruction Plan
The Planning Committee will devise a Community Reconstruction Plan supporting specific goals

**Goals**
- Increase resiliency of key assets
- Address short, medium, and long-term risks
- Balance costs and benefits
- Protect vulnerable populations
- Drive economic growth
- Coordinate with regional initiatives
- Outline steps for implementation

**Community Reconstruction Plan**

**Six Recovery Functions**

- Community Planning & Capacity Building
- Economic Development
- Health & Human Services
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Natural & Cultural Resources
Diverse funding sources will be considered in the planning process

**NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Funds:**
- **Broad Channel:** $6.06 million
- Possible additional funds for exemplary public engagement, regional coordination and design innovation

**Additional select federal funds:**
- CDBG-DR
- FEMA: Public & Individual Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grants
- Social Services Block Grants
- Federal Transit Authority & Federal Highway Administration Relief
- Clean Water & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

**Additional select state and city funds:**
- NY Smart Home Buyout Program
- NYC Build it Back (CDBG-DR)
- Small Business Matching Grant Program (CDBG-DR)
- NYC Nonprofit Recovery Loan/Grant Program
The Planning Team will provide technical assistance to the Planning Committee

Broad Channel Planning Committee

Chair
Dan Mundy

Committee Members
Daniel McEntyre, Leo Chavanne, Frank Bassetti, Robert Pisani, Michelle Green, John McCambridge, Barbara Toborg, James Harber, Rick Sorrentino

NY State Government

NY Rising
Community Reconstruction Program
Director: Jamie Rubin

NY Rising: NYC Planning
Regional Lead: Claudia Filomena
NYC Lead Planner: Steve Ridler

NY Rising: New & Old Howard Beach
Community Planners
Ken Smith, Fred Landa

Planning Team
HR&A Advisors/Parsons Brinckerhoff
The Planning Team brings together multidisciplinary expertise
# NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program work schedule

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- **Planning Committee Meeting**
- **Public Meeting**
- **Deliverable Due Date**
Community engagement strategy

Minimum of 3 public meetings:
- 1 by October 28th
- 1 by November 10th
- 1 by February 16th

Further discussion of engagement strategy:
- Role of planning committee
- Publicity strategy
- Multiple possible community engagement techniques
  - Town Hall meeting
  - Information session
  - Storefront charrette
  - Online engagement/survey
Open Plan interactive mapping

My idea to improve this place...

Benches on Brickell Bay- On Brickell Bay Drive there is a BEAUTIFUL walkway along the water, but with no where to sit, read, lounge and linger. My husband and I walk along here, well, he walks, I roll. He pushes me in my wheelchair. I have lived on Brickell for almost 20 years and always wondered why there were no benches on this beautiful path.

So that people could...

This would help make our Miami better by encouraging people to stay outside longer and enjoy the fresh air. Having benches would increase
Broad Channel Reconstruction
Potential Broad Channel planning area
Asset Inventory process for NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program

- **Identify all assets in extreme and high risk zones** based on NYS DOS Risk Areas

- **Categorize each asset** into one of 6 asset categories:
  - Economic
  - Health and Social Services
  - Housing
  - Infrastructure Systems
  - Natural and Cultural Resources
  - Socially Vulnerable

- **Identify additional critical assets** based on FEMA definitions, or as identified by another source (e.g., SIRR or local community plans)
Preliminary Asset Inventory

[Map of Broad Channel with various assets indicated, including MTA Subway Stations, VFW Hall, Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department, Broad Channel MTA Subway Station, and others.]

Proposed Planning Area
- MTA Subway Stations

Asset Inventory
- Unclassified
- A - Economic
- B - Health and Social Services
- C - Housing
- D - Infrastructure Systems
- E - Natural and Cultural
- Critical Facilities
FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (1983)
Inundation during Sandy
FEMA Preliminary Work Maps (June 2013)
NY State Risk Assessment Areas
Preliminary Asset Inventory: Assets in Risk Zones

ALL assets in high & extreme risk zone and critical facilities in any risk zone.
Recovery efforts under way

**Housing**
- Homeowners have begun repairing and rebuilding homes damaged by flood

**Infrastructure**
- Procurement begun for construction of bulkheads at the end of West 11th, 12th, 13th Roads including installation of one-way storm water drain valves
- Restoration of A train service

**Natural & Cultural Resource**
- Library repaired, re-opened in March
- PS 47 repairs
- Master Plan for Gateway National Park underway, rethinking relationship to surrounding communities
- Ongoing saltmarsh and other ecological restoration projects in Jamaica Bay
Previous study (Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resilience)

- Work with the Federal Government to transform Jamaica Bay
- Study and implement zoning changes to encourage retrofits of existing buildings and construction of new resilient buildings in the 100-year floodplain
- Expand the City’s Select Bus Service (SBS) Network
- Reconstruct and resurface streets damaged by Sandy
- Develop an implementation plan to address frequent tidal inundation
- Call on non-City transportation agencies to implement strategies to address climate change threats
- Repair and rebuild housing units destroyed and substantially damaged by Sandy
- To Howard Beach
Needs and Opportunities discussion

- What assets are the most valuable to your community?
- Which are most at risk?
- Which present the greatest opportunities for recovery and resiliency?
- Are there issues that the current city/state programs are not addressing?