1. Registration by Attendees 6:45-7:10pm

2. Welcome and Introductions 7:10-7:20pm
   a. NYRCR Program, New York State Department of State
   b. NYRCR Committee members
      i. Co-chairs
      ii. Committee member
   c. Tetra Tech, Inc.

3. Purpose of the Meeting 7:20-7:25pm

4. Overview of NYRCR Program 7:25-7:45pm
   a. Planning Process and Components
   b. Timeline for Project

5. Breakout Stations – Providing Input and Comments 7:45-9:00pm
   a. Comments on the Draft Vision
   b. Damage from the Storms
   c. Identify Critical Issues, Needs and Opportunities

6. Meeting conclusion 9:00pm
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Tuesdays, July 22, 2014 - 7:00pm-9:00pm
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Tuesday, July 22, 2014 - 7:00pm-9:00pm
City of Middletown NYRCR Public Engagement Meeting Sign-in Sheet
NY Rising Communities
Overview of the NYRCR Program

- New York State and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo providing $650M + planning/implementation for hard-hit communities (by Sandy, Lee, Irene, 2013 floods)
  - Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds
  - Round 1: 102 communities; Round 2: 22 communities
  - NYRCR City of Middletown: Up to $3M
  - Amounts based on federally-assessed storm damage

Understanding the NYRCR Program

- NYRCR Program Goal:
  "... to empower the State's most impacted communities with the technical expertise needed to develop thorough and implementable reconstruction plans to build physically, socially, and economically resilient and sustainable communities so as to rebuild New York's communities in a way that will mitigate against future risks and build increased resilience." [http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/faq/faq]

- Implementation Focused

- Bottom-Up Community Participation and Collaboration
  - Identify assets/risks, needs/opportunities
  - Best options/viable alternatives
Understanding the NYRCR Program

- Focus the NYRCR Strategies and Projects in 6 Major Categories:
  1. Infrastructure
  2. Housing
  3. Economic Development
  4. Health and Social Services
  5. Natural and Cultural Resources
  6. Community Capacity Building

  - Vulnerable Populations – Need to consider

Qualifying for CDBG-DR

- Is the project eligible under traditional CDBG?
  - Public facilities and improvements, and privately-owned utilities
  - Relocation planning, capacity building
  - Acquisition of real property
  - Clearance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of buildings
  - Economic development assistance

- Is there a direct link between the project and the disaster?
  - Does it address damage caused or exacerbated by a storm?
  - Does it address emerging issues that have been exposed and identified as a result of the storm?
  - Does it create greater resiliency against future storms?
Plan Development Process

What has the Committee Been Working On?

JUNE 2014
- Middletown NYCR Committee was established
- Reviewed existing local and regional documents

JULY 2014
- Project Kick-off Meeting
- Tour of City - Description of Storm Damage
- Geographic Boundary Finalized
- Develop Draft Vision Statement and Goals
- Begin Risk Assessment
  - Begin Review of Critical Assets in Community
- Develop Public Engagement Strategy
  - July 22 – Public Engagement Meeting #1

Description of Storm Damage

- Conducted Tour of Impacted Areas
- NYCR Committee Member Input
- Citizen and Stakeholder Feedback
- To be gathered through outreach
- Local, State, Regional, Federal Documentation
Working Together to Build Back Better
NYCR City of Middletown
Public Engagement Meeting

Geographic Boundary

Draft Vision Statement

- Draft Vision Statement
  - What is the realistic “favorable future” we want to see in NYCR City of Middletown
  - Reduce risk and increase community resiliency
  - Solution-focused and comprehensive
  - Community-inclusive
  - How can we capitalize on current assets?

Risk Assessment - Inventory of Assets

- Work with Sub-Committee to identify assets in each category:
  - “Extreme,” “High-Risk,” and “Moderate” Areas
  - Defined as critical facilities by FEMA (essential to health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard incidents)

EXAMPLES
- Emergency service facilities
- Infrastructure
- Police and fire stations
- Public works facilities
- Schools
- Food and grocery stores
- Medical facilities and pharmacies
- Businesses
- Natural systems/waterways
- Jails and juvenile detention centers
- Senior/vulnerable population housing
- Disaster assistance services
Public Engagement Strategy

- Identify audiences, stakeholders
  - Citizens and residents
  - Businesses, non-governmental organizations
  - First responders, emergency management teams

- Identify engagement techniques, outlets
  - Public meetings/workshops, websites, e-campaigns, social media, public access channels, mailings, ads, special events, high-traffic venues

- Committee Meeting
  - Meetings in The Mulberry House Senior Center
  - Public participation is encouraged

What will the Committee be working on during upcoming months?

JULY 2014
- Begin to identify critical issues, needs and opportunities
- Risk Assessment - Begin HEC RAS Modeling

AUGUST 2014
- By August 1 – CR Plan Section 1
- Risk Assessment - Complete HEC RAS Modeling
- By August 22 – CR Plan Section 2

SEPTEMBER 2014
- By September 12 – Develop a list of strategies
- By September 12, 2014 – Public Engagement Meeting #2

OCTOBER 2014
- By October 3 – List of projects and actions
- By October 22 – Draft #1 CR Plan

NOVEMBER 2014
- By November 14 – Draft #2 CR Plan
- By November 14 – Public Engagement Meeting #3

DECEMBER 2014
- By December 5 – Final CR Plan

JANUARY 2015
- By January 16 – Public Engagement Meeting #4
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE MONEY COMMITTED?

Community Voting Exercise

Where Should the NYRCR Committee Invest the NY Rising Funds?

- Infrastructure (improve/rebuild roads, bridges, sewer and water systems, drainage systems to be less vulnerable to flooding or prevent flooding)
- Economic Development/Redevelopment (ex. Support of commercial hubs, redevelop opportunities, branding…)
- Health and Social Services (access to services, access of post-disaster access health care, support of vulnerable populations…)
- Housing (identification of funding for house elevations, relocations, acquisitions, diverse housing options…)
- Natural and Cultural Resources (historic preservation, stream bank management, preservation of natural resources and parks…)
- Community Planning and Capacity Building (ex. Better codes, enforcement, mixed use housing, improve response time during disasters…)
- Vulnerable Populations (implement programs to ensure evacuation or sheltering in place of aged, infirm population and the youth…)
Public Open House – Provide Your Ideas On Needs And Opportunities

We are looking for your input!

City of Middletown Vision Statement

“IN THE WAKE OF THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY RECENT SIGNIFICANT STORM EVENTS, THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN WILL EMBARK ON A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS FOCUSED ON BUILDING MORE RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMY AND OPEN SPACE. DEVELOPING A COORDINATED PLAN TO ATTRACT ECONOMIC AND HOUSING REINVESTMENT WILL ENRICH THE QUALITY OF LIVING FOR THE CITY’S RESIDENTS.”

Information Resources

http://stormrecovery.ny.gov (Main Site)

http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/resources-0 (Plan Elements)

http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/faq (FAQs)
THANK YOU
Public Engagement #1 Summary

July 22, 2014 pm
Common Council Chambers, City Hall
Middletown, NY

Attendance: (Members, Planner, Firm Representatives, Invited Guests)

City of Middletown Committee:
Merritt Winner
Dalip Singh
Brian Dering
Jacob Tawil, PE
Jim Burtis (Co-Chair)
Charlene Gabriel (Co-Chair)

New York State Dept. of State:
Lisa Melville
William C. Harding

New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
Lori DuBord

Tetra Tech, Inc.:
Ryan Conklin PP AICP
Cynthia Bianco
Becca Eith

City of Middletown
Joe DeStefano, City Mayor
Esteemed Guests on the City Common Council

Public
See July 22, 2014 Sign-In Sheet
(37 people)

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions
Presenter: J. DeStefano, W.C. Harding, C. Bianco, R. Conklin

Summary of Discussion:

1. When guests arrived, meeting materials were distributed along with an explanation of the voting exercise taking place at the end of the night geared towards project creation in Middletown.

2. Mayor Joe DeStefano welcomed the public and briefly described the purpose of the public meeting as well as the intent of the NY Rising Program.

3. Mayor Joe DeStefano introduced Cynthia Bianco who stated the intent of the meeting was to discuss damages experienced during the recent storms (Irene, Lee, Sandy, summer 2013, and others) and to review the accomplishments of the Planning Committee to date.

4. Ryan Conklin spoke next introducing the Committee and NYS Department of State present at the meeting.

5. Decision/Motions/Votes: N/A.

Action Items: N/A

Person Responsible: Due Date:
Overview of NYRCR Program

Presenter: W.C. Harding, R. Conklin

Summary of Discussion:

1. William C. Harding from NYS Department of State emphasized the significance of receiving CDBG-DR funding and its flexibility in supporting projects to remediate and reduce future disaster-related damages. An important part of the NY Rising projects that will be created is ensuring the damage was related to the storm and reduces future harm. The projects created for this plan will make Middletown more resilient both economically and physically. To truly capture the unique geographic scope of Middletown, the planning area consists of the entire City of Middletown and additional areas outside of City limits in Wallkill to include the watersheds.

2. Ryan Conklin began the PowerPoint presentation, based upon a similar introductory presentation initially provided to the planning committee. Focusing on the plan’s time frame and expectations and goals for the Committee, the Risk Assessment, HEC RAS modeling, and the draft vision statement allowed the community to hear a clear and concise statement to help guide the planning process. Mr. Conklin then gave an explanation of the breakout sessions and guided those present to the two tables set up.

3. The potential to have a NY Rising table set up at the upcoming “Run 4 Downtown” being held on Saturday, August 16, 2014, was also discussed. This annual event features running, walking, Zumba, local food and drinks, and an overall party to celebrate the revitalization efforts for downtown Middletown.

Action Items: N/A

Person Responsible: 
Due Date: 

Breakout Session

Presenter: Committee Members, NYS DOS Staff, TT Staff

Summary of Discussion:

1. Committee members, TT staff, and NYS DOS staff spoke with the public about their experiences during the storms. Community members went to one of two tables to review maps focusing on damaged areas, FEMA flood maps, and risk areas to write down where they personally experienced damage or felt something needs to be done to reduce future damage. Flooding, uninterrupted provision of power, and the beautification of damaged historic buildings were trends seen throughout the many discussions. At the end of the breakout session, those present were asked to participate in the voting exercise explained at the beginning of the evening. Upon arrival, guests were handed $1,000 bundles (10 $100 bills) of “Middletown Money.” This money was put in ballot boxes relating to each of the six major categories of the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program, community capacity building, cultural resources, health and human services, economic development, infrastructure, and housing. As always, each of these categories should have a focus on vulnerable populations, and there was a ballot
box for vulnerable populations as well. Overwhelmingly, the infrastructure box received $167,000. The next highest boxes were vulnerable populations with $4,300, housing with $3,500, and economic development and cultural resources were tied with $2,100. Community capacity building received $1,500 and health and human services received $1,300. From this exercise, it is clear the people of Middletown would like projects that focus on infrastructure and housing while being mindful of vulnerable populations.

2. Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

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Action Items:

Person Responsible: 

Due Date:

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Agenda Item: Conclusion

Presenter: R.Conklin

Summary of Discussion: The public meeting event was closed at 845pm.

1. Decision/Motions/Votes: N/A

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Action Items:

Person Responsible: 

Due Date:

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End of Meeting Notes