



Town of Clarkstown
NY Rising Community Reconstruction
Program Committee Kick-off

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

4:00 PM, Town Hall

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR)
- Ethics
- Schedule and Meetings
- Today's Committee Input
 - Geographic Scope
 - Storm Damage and Critical Issues
 - Regional and Local Plans
- Committee Homework





Welcome and Introductions

Planning Team

- **Governor's Office of Storm Recovery**
 - Suzanne Barclay – Regional Lead
 - William Harding – NYSDOS Planning Lead
 - Barbara Kendall – NYDOS Planner
- **Consultant Team**
 - Project Manager: Nina Peek (AKRF)
 - Assistant Project Manager: Flaam Hardy (AKRF)
 - Senior Planners: Lisa Nagle and Susan Rivers (Elan)
 - Public Engagement Specialist: Michael LaPick (Arch Street Communications)



Planning Committee Introductions

- Name
- Your role in the community
- Something we should know about flooding in Clarkstown
- What is your vision for Clarkstown to “build back better”?





Overview of NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR)

NYRCR Program

- Empowers localities severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee to “build back better”
- Culminates in a community-driven recovery plan for Clarkstown that:
 - Considers current damage, future threats, and economic opportunities
 - Identifies resilient and innovative reconstruction projects



Funding

- Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
 - \$4.4 billion throughout NY State
 - \$664 million to NYRCR Program
 - \$3 million of NYRCR funds to Clarkstown
- Funds used for recovery efforts involving
 - Community Planning and Capacity Building
 - Housing
 - Economic Development
 - Infrastructure Systems
 - Health and Social Services
 - Natural and Cultural Resources



Overview of the Process

- Establish vision and goals
- Identify assets, needs and opportunities
- Develop strategies to reduce risks to assets
- Formulate projects with a focus on CDBG-DR funding
- Prepare cost estimates and risk assessment
- Draft final reconstruction plan



Role of the Planning Committee

- The Planning Committee
 - Recommends websites and social media for promoting community engagement events
 - Provides contacts at venues for committee meetings and public engagement events
 - Assists with distributing posters and handouts for public engagement events
 - Provides photographs during and after storm events depicting flooding and resultant damage



Role of the Community

- 10 Planning Committee Meetings
- 4 Public Engagement Events
 - Community input on vision, geographic scope, and community asset maps
 - Community input on needs and opportunities, strategies, and projects and actions
 - Community input on proposed projects
 - Share Final Plan and next steps



Elements of the Final Plan

- Community Overview, Geographic Scope, Storm Damage, Critical Issues, Community Vision, Relationship to Regional Plans
- Description of Assets, Risk Assessment, Needs and Opportunities
- Resiliency Strategies
- Project Profiles
- Additional Resiliency Recommendations





Ethics



Schedule and Meetings

Draft Schedule



PLAN DEVELOPMENT

1: Existing Conditions
Analysis & Goal Setting



2: Needs & Opportunities



3: Projects & Strategies



4: Final Plan & Implementation Steps



In-person committee meetings – roughly twice monthly





Today's Worksession

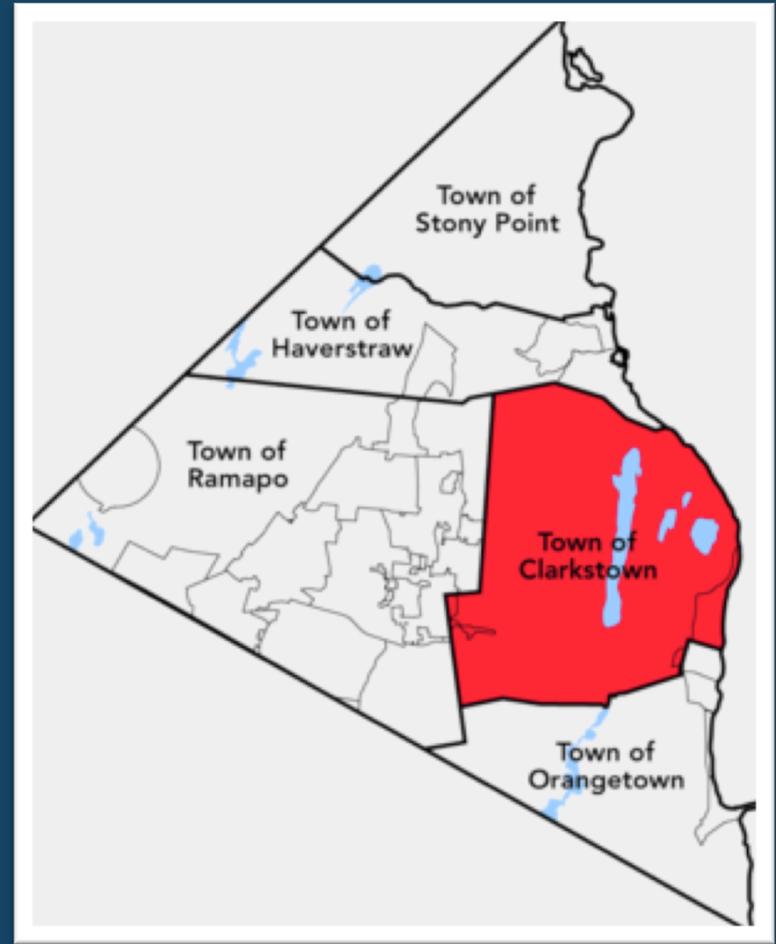
Scheduling

- Set Bi-weekly Planning Committee Meetings
 - Time: First and Third Tuesday's or Wednesdays (4-6 PM)
 - Location: Clarkstown Town Hall
- Schedule Public Engagement Meeting #1
 - July 24 or the w/o July 28



Geographic Scope

- Area where assets are most at risk
- Area in which future construction, reconstruction or natural area restoration should be encouraged



Storm Damage and Critical Issues

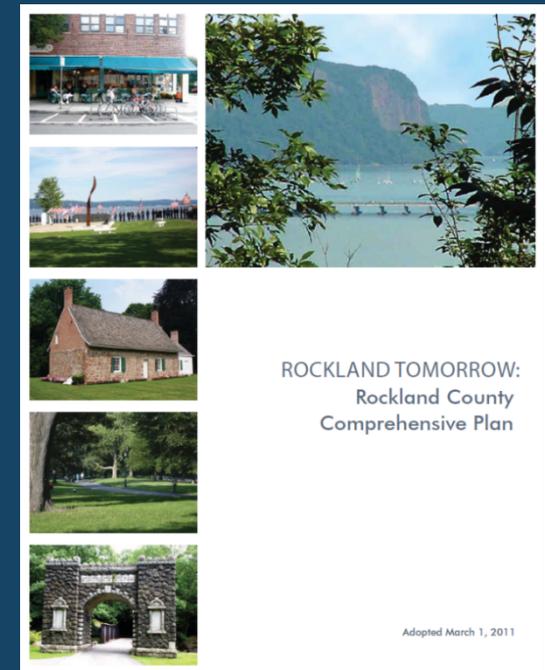
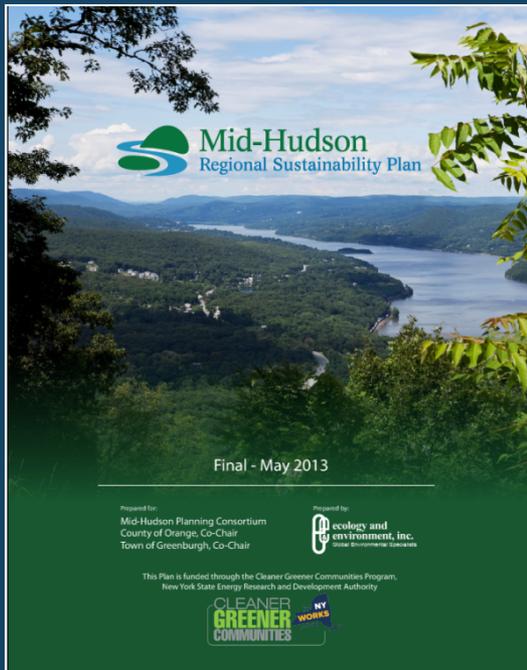
- Identify areas that were damaged during past storms
- Identify areas that are vulnerable to future storm damage
- Identify areas that are critical to protect from storm damage
- ASSIGNMENT: Provide descriptions and photos of storm damage

- Identify Clarkstown's critical issues
 - Are there issues with preparedness
 - Are there issues with response
 - Are there issues with vulnerability of key assets and/or services
- ASSIGNMENT: Further identify Critical Issues
- Planning Firm will review regional and local plans



Regional and Local Plans

- Rockland Tomorrow – County Comprehensive Plan (2011)
- Rockland County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2010)
- Mid-Hudson Region EDC Strategic Plan (2011)
- Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan (2013)
- Town of Clarkstown Comprehensive Plan (2009)



Vision Statement

- What makes the Town of Clarkstown a unique community? What makes Clarkstown a place where you like to live?
- How could the Town improve in the next 10 to 20 years? How can it become more resilient?
- Sample Vision Statement:
Stony Point is a vibrant and connected riverfront and hillside community. Our Vision is to preserve our town's history and protect our people and our natural resources while making the community more resilient in the face of future hazards and attracting visitors to ensure an ecologically sound and economically strong future for the people of Stony Point



Planning Committee Assignments

Input from the Planning Committee

- Complete Storm Damage Worksheet
 - Provide Storm Damage and Recovery Photographs
 - Provide additional input on Clarkstown's Critical Issues
- Complete Visioning Worksheet
- Please return completed sheets to Nina and Flaam by Wednesday July 16, 2014





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