



NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
Public Engagement Meeting #1
July 30, 2014 7:00pm-9:00pm

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Overview of the NYRCR Program

New York State and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo providing \$650M + planning/implementation for communities hard-hit by Sandy, Lee, Irene, and 2013 floods.

- ❖ **Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds**
- ❖ **Round 1: 102 communities; Round 2: 22 communities**
- ❖ **NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove: Up to \$3M**



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/nyrcr/faq>

- **Implementation Focused**

- **Bottom-Up Community Participation and Collaboration**

- ❖ Recognize unique local assets/risks, needs/opportunities
- ❖ Identify the 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 across all categories



Qualifying for CDBG-DR

■ Is the project eligible under traditional CDBG?

Examples of eligible activities:

- ❖ Public facilities and improvements; privately-owned utilities
- ❖ Relocation planning, capacity building
- ❖ Acquisition of real property
- ❖ Clearance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of buildings
- ❖ Economic development assistance





Qualifying for CDBG-DR

- **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?
- **Think Big!**
 - ❖ We work with you to constantly watch eligibility parameters – Not every idea eligible, but every final project will be!





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Plan Development Process





What has the Committee been working on?

JUNE 2014

- ✓ NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Committee was established.
- ✓ Review of existing local and regional documents.

JULY 2014

- ✓ Project Kick-off Meeting with NYRCR.
- ✓ Tour of Town - Description of Storm Damage.
- ✓ Geographic Scope of Plan Finalized .
- ✓ Develop Draft Vision Statement.
- ✓ Begin Risk Assessment
 - Define and Review Critical Assets
- ✓ Develop Public Engagement Strategy
 - **July 30 – Public Engagement Meeting #1**



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Local and Regional Plan Review

- Town of Blooming Grove Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Town of Blooming Grove Comprehensive Plan
- Village of South Blooming Grove Emergency Management Plan
- Town of Blooming Grove Village of Washingtonville New York Emergency Management Plan
- Orange County Transportation Council Long Range Transportation Plan
- Orange County Water Master Plan
- Orange County, NY Agriculture Economic Development Strategy
- Orange County Long Term Transportation Plan
- Moodna Creek Watershed Plan
- Merriewold Dam Emergency Action Plan
- Army Corp of Engineers Comprehensive Response Document for Moodna Watershed
- Village of Washingtonville NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan

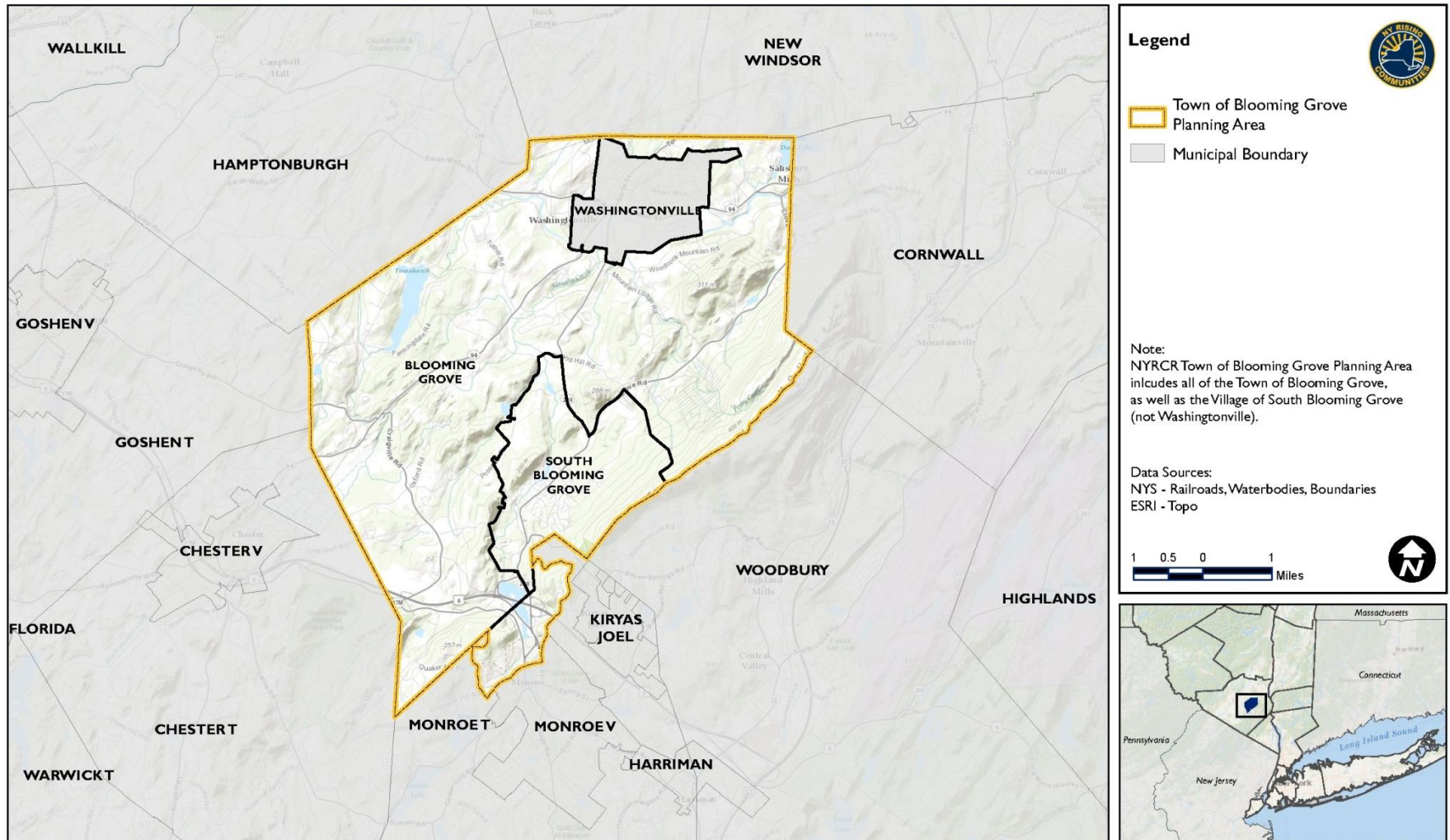




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Geographic Boundary





Description of Storm Damage

- Conducted Tour of Impacted Areas
- NYRCR Committee Member Input
- Citizen and Stakeholder Feedback via Surveys and Public Engagement Meetings
- Local, State, Regional, Federal Documentation



Draft Vision Statement

■ Draft Vision Statement

- ❖ What is the realistic “favorable future” we want to see in NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove
- ❖ Reduce risk and increase community resiliency
- ❖ Solution-focused and comprehensive
- ❖ Community-inclusive
- ❖ How can we capitalize on current assets?



Risk Assessment - Inventory of Assets

- **Working with NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Committee to identify assets in each category:**

- ❖ Economic
- ❖ Health and Social Services
- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Infrastructure Systems
- ❖ Natural and Cultural Resources
- ❖ Socially Vulnerable Populations

- **Provide additional detail on all assets identified**

- ❖ “Extreme,” “High-Risk,” and “Moderate” Areas
- ❖ Defined by FEMA as critical facilities/infrastructure 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
- **Identify engagement techniques, outlets**
 - ❖ Public meetings/workshops, websites, e-campaigns, social media, public access channels, mailings, ads, special events, and high-traffic venues.
- **Committee Meetings**
 - ❖ Meet in Blooming Grove Town Hall
 - ❖ Next Committee Meeting August 13th, 5pm
 - ❖ Public participation is needed!





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 Hydraulic Modeling

AUGUST 2014

- ☐ By August 1 – CR Plan Section 1 (Overview and Issues)
- ☐ Risk Assessment - HEC RAS Hydraulic Modeling
- ☐ By August 22 – CR Plan Section 2 (Existing Risk Assessment)

SEPTEMBER 2014

- ☐ By September 12 – Public Engagement Meeting #2
- ☐ By mid-September – Develop a list of strategies



What will the Committee be working on during upcoming months?

OCTOBER 2014

- ☐ By October 3 – List of projects and actions
- ☐ By October 22 – Draft #1 CR Plan (with Strategies and Preliminary Project List)

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



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What else will we do tonight?

Public Open House

We are Looking for your Input!

Provide your Input on What **Types of Projects**
are Needed, Where **Damages** Occurred, and your
Ideas on **Needs and Opportunities!**



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Community Voting Exercise

**WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE MONEY
COMMITTED?**



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Where Should the Committee Invest the NYRCR Funds?

Infrastructure (Improve/rebuild roads, bridges, sewer and water systems, drainage systems to be less vulnerable to flooding or prevent flooding).

Economic Development/Redevelopment (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 (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...)



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Information Resources

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

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

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrccr/faq> (FAQs)

THANK YOU

