



# Meeting Summary

## East Bronx Waterfront Planning Meeting #4

Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

3165 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461

**Attendance:** (Committee members, firm representatives, invited guests, members of the public)

John Doyle	Committee Member	Ronald Rizzotti	NY Rising Planner
Marjorie Hooks	Committee Member	Rick Soto	NY Rising Planner
Cynthia McIntosh	Committee Member	Tom Jost	Planning Team
Chrys Napolitano	Committee Member	Kevin Maddox	Planning Team
Denise Noble	Committee Member	Christopher Riale	Planning Team
Jane Protzman	Committee Member	Yao Lu	Planning Team
Ron Rauch	Committee Member	Theresa Cassano	Planning Team
Harry Rodriguez	Committee Member	Evan Lacher	Planning Team
JoAnn Sohmers	Committee Member		
Valerie Wilson	Committee Member		
Jim McQuade	Committee Member		
Kenneth Kearns	Community Board 10		
Thomas Accomando	Resident		
Marcia Parlica	Resident		
Richard Parlica	Resident		
Arlene Grausn	Resident		
Dorothea Poggi	Resident		
Vane Protzman	Resident		

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**Agenda Item:** Review of Strategies

**Presenters:** Christopher Riale, Planning Team

**Summary of Discussion:**

Strategies were discussed during the break-out sessions in the last Planning Committee meeting. The Planning Team assembled a list of five Strategies based on public and Committee input. Christopher Riale reviewed the five Strategies at the beginning of the meeting with the Committee.

Committee members asked for clarification about whether recovery centers are incorporated in the strategy for improving emergency preparedness. Committee members also pointed out that infrastructure resiliency (e.g., protecting major highways) can potentially be developed as an individual strategy or incorporated into the list.

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**Agenda Item:** Coastal Protection Strategy

**Presenter:** Tom Jost, Planning Team

**Summary of Discussion:**

The Planning Team presented existing conditions, coastal protection terminologies and definitions, and approaches and techniques. The Planning Team also identified several key locations for potential coastal protection interventions. The presentation was accompanied by the following discussions and comments by Committee members:

- Current initiatives or programs of NYC DPR at Ferry Point Park that involve coastal protection and their potential impacts on Ferry Point community
- Possible flood prevention measures that can be tied into reconstruction projects such as the ballfield reconstruction at Ferry Point

- Unionport Bridge reconstruction project and potential concurrent dredging activities in Westchester Creek
- Ideas to innovatively and comprehensively address coastal protection:
  - Utilize potential low-lying land to retain stormwater at City Island
  - Replace and raise jetty at Locust Point and develop wetland and maritime forest to attenuate waves
  - Utilize existing initiatives, programs and infrastructure assets to push local coastal protection projects forward
  - Assess and study key locations' coastal protection potential; develop inventory of existing edge protection structures, such as seawalls and bulkheads, and document their location, ownership, and condition
  - Develop a potential policy recommendation on creative financing: an example would be creating a low-interest long-term loan to fund resiliency projects

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Understand existing coastal protection related initiatives, programs and projects by various agencies	Planning Team	9/22/2014
Explore ways to create financing methods for resiliency projects	Planning Team	9/22/2014
Understand coastal protection at key locations	Planning Team	9/22/2014

**Agenda Item:** Emergency Preparedness Strategy

**Presenter:** Theresa Cassano, Planning Team

**Summary of Discussion:**

The Planning Team presented Emergency Preparedness general strategies and approaches. Committee members actively participated in the discussion about specific needs of East Bronx Waterfront on emergency preparedness. Comments and suggestion are included as follows:

- Some components of recovery center can be education, capital improvement, and capacity improvement
- Strategize funding allocation to multiple recovery centers throughout the planning area
- Create strategies and approaches to recruit facilities or organizations as recovery centers
- Develop recovery center management strategies
- Build up local communication network
- Create an emergency preparedness guidebook for the planning area

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Research availability of OEM's list of qualified buildings/facilities	Planning Team	9/22/2014
Understand existing emergency preparedness-related initiatives, programs and projects	Planning Team	9/22/2014

**Summary of Discussion:**

The Planning Team briefed the Committee on public outreach efforts done by Public Outreach SubCommittee. Flyers were distributed and strategies for advertising the upcoming second Public Engagement Meeting were discussed. Stations focusing on different topics will be set up during the meeting to talk about specific strategies and potential projects.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on September 22, 2014. The meeting will cover the topic of power generation. Breakout group discussions will focus on various topics: coastal protection, power, stormwater management, and emergency preparedness. In this meeting, the Planning Team will also provide research findings on various action items mentioned above.