



Working Together to Build Back Better

Schoharie, Middleburgh, and Esperance Committee Meeting
7:00 PM August 29, 2013
Heritage House, 258 Main Street, Village of Schoharie

Goals of Today's Meeting

- Establish Overall Understanding of the Program
- Discuss Responsibilities and Regional Cooperation
 - DOS
 - E & E and Subcontractors
 - Committee Co-chairs
 - Committee Members
 - Subcommittees / Working Groups
- **Discuss Planning/Study Area**
- Begin discussing Regional Opportunities, Issues and Assets
- Identify Future Meeting Dates and Locations
- Establish Agenda for Next Meeting



Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Meeting Goals
- 3) NY Rising Community Program Overview
- 4) Reconstruction Plan Key Elements
- 5) Program Timeline and Future Meetings
- 6) Public Remarks



Program Overview

Goal of Program

- Focus on Future Resiliency
- Funding Sources

Primary Steps and Final Plan Components

- Public Engagement
- Community (Asset) Inventory
- Risk Assessment
- Needs and Opportunity Assessment
- Strategies for Investment and Action
- Implementation Schedule



Contents of a Reconstruction Plan

Information covered

Background &
Vision

- Storm damage, key regional and community issues, community vision

Asset Inventory
& Assessment of
Risks

- Community assets, risks to those assets

Needs &
Opportunities

- Community needs (pre- and post-storm) and opportunities for investment and action

Reconstruction
Strategies

- Strategies to address needs & opportunities for six key components

Implementation
Measures

- Projects and actions to implement strategies, implementation schedule reflecting timing & responsible parties



Six Key Strategy Areas



- Economic Development
- Health & Social Services
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Natural & Cultural Resources
- Community Planning & Capacity Building

Hitting the Ground Running

- Introductions and Responsibilities
 - DOS
 - E & E and Subcontractors
 - Committee Co-chairs
 - Committee Members
- Geographic Scope
- Regional Community Vision



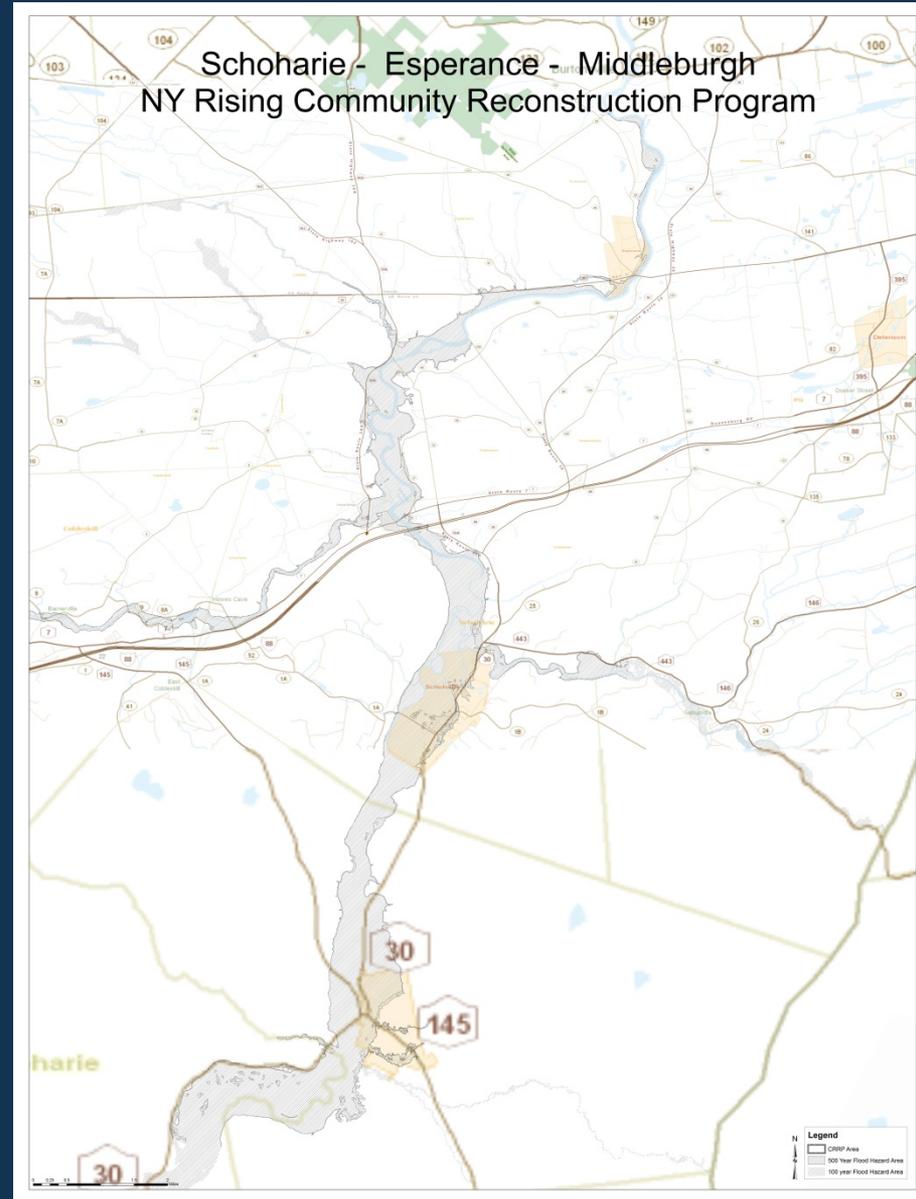
Hitting the Ground Running

- Public Outreach Strategy
- Assets to be Inventoried
- Regional Opportunities and Issues
- Reconstruction Strategies, Projects, Programs and Actions
- Meetings



Geographic Scope / Project Study Area

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



Community Vision

Community Visions **Should** be
**Short –, Medium –, and Long-
Term**

- **A** Future to Work Toward
- Focus and Direction
- Motivation and Excitement

- Capitalize on social and economic assets
- Reduce risk and increase community resilience

Regional Community Vision



- Comprehensive
- Specific
- Coordinated
- Understandable
- **Actionable**
- Solution-specific

Public Outreach Strategy

- Include time for comment on all meeting agendas
- Identify key individuals, organizations, and entities
- Identify techniques to be used (public meetings/workshops, websites, social media)
- Identify training opportunities
- Develop time frame for action



Assets

Identify assets in each category:

- Affected by **water** hazards
- In Extreme and High Risk Areas
- Defined as critical facilities by FEMA (essential to the health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard events)

Critical Facility

Examples:

- Emergency service facilities
- Schools
- Police and fire stations
- Emergency operations centers
- Public works facilities
- Evacuation shelters
- Jails and juvenile detention centers

Housing

- Which Neighborhoods are Most Vulnerable?
- Which populations are Most Vulnerable?
- What Types of Housing are at Most Risk?



Infrastructure

Which Systems are Still in Need of Recovery?

- Transportation
- Water/Wastewater
- Electric Grid
- Communications
- Fuel



Community Facilities

- Uninterrupted Emergency and Medical Services
- Educational Facilities Must be Protected
- Open Space
Resources to be
Incorporated into
Resiliency Planning



Natural Systems

- Wetlands, Floodplains and Riverbanks are Important to Our Future
- Protection of Resources is a Priority



Economy

- What Investments Could Enhance Future Economic Development?
 - Protecting / Strengthening Our Business Areas
 - Diversifying
 - Access to Employment
 - Back-up Systems
 - **Communications Systems**



Regional Opportunities and Issues

- Regional Economic Development Council
- Cleaner, Greener Regional Sustainability Plan
- **Town and Village Comprehensive Plans**
- **Schoharie County Long Range Economic Development Strategy**
- Other Plans



Reconstruction Strategies, Projects, Programs and Actions

- Identify Priorities
- Evaluate Cost Benefit
- Determine Community Benefits
- Develop Funding Plan



Meetings

- Conceptual Plan due October 28, 2013
- Expect a Planning Committee Meeting and Community Public Event every 2 weeks
 - When?
 - Time?
 - How often?
 - Where?

Public Remarks

- Comments?
- Questions?
- Please identify yourself

