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

- Storm damage, key regional and community issues, community vision
- Community assets, risks to those assets
- Community needs (pre- and post-storm) and opportunities for investment and action
- Strategies to address needs & opportunities for six key components
- 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