



# Meeting Notes

## Towns of Fulton & Blenheim

### Planning Committee #5 Meeting

September 11, 2014 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
 Fulton Town Hall, 1168 Bear Ladder Road, West Fulton, NY

**Attendance:**

<b>Fulton/Blenheim Planning Committee:</b>		<b>New York State Dept. of State/GOSR:</b>	<b>Members of the Public:</b>	<b>Tetra Tech, Inc.:</b>
Linda Quinn, Co-Chair		Sarah Crowell	Howard Bartholomew	Greg Brunelle
Earl Allen	Phil Skowfee, III	Laurice Salamack		John Gibb
Neill Driscoll	Robert Wilson	<b>Elected Officials:</b>		<b>Planning4Places</b>
Katherine Hawkins		Phil Skowfoe		Katherine Ember
Robert Mann		Richard Mix		James Levy

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions Presenter: Greg Brunelle

Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg opened the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda for the evening. The draft list of projects is due October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The NY Rising implementation consultant will be presenting at the September 25<sup>th</sup> Fulton/Blenheim Committee Meeting. The goal of the meeting tonight is to review the strategies and draft projects and discuss any requested changes/revisions/refinements to the strategies. The next step will be to refine the strategies and projects based on input and distribute an updated version to the Committee for discussion at the September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. The Mohawk Valley Watershed Plan was mentioned as being recently completed. Sarah requested that this document be reviewed and any relevant information be added to Section 1 before the plan is finalized.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: Modify Section 1 w/ M.V. Plan details Person Responsible: P4P Due Date: Next revision

Agenda Item: Discussion of Draft Strategies and Projects Presenter: Greg Brunelle

Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg provided an overview of the Draft Strategies and Projects document provided to the Committee and detailed the objective(s) and goal(s) for this agenda item. Greg then reviewed the strategies and related projects as follows:

- Strategy 1: Recommendation made to consider a regional option that extends outside of Fulton/Blenheim and includes other Schoharie Valley Communities. Otherwise the strategy was generally acceptable as drafted.
  - Projects: No revisions requested. The potential role(s) of SALT and Schoharie County were discussed.
- Strategy 2: Strategy generally acceptable as drafted.
  - Projects: Project #1 needs some more detail regarding the Community Services Needs Assessment. Regarding Project #3 – committee members noted that bottled water was generally available quickly and in adequate quantities after the storm but identifying potential locations for locally-sourced spring water is generally a good idea. The well at the Fulton/Blenheim Fire House is an artesian well and has very good flow.
- Strategy 3: Strategy generally acceptable as drafted.
  - Projects: Committee member mentioned the idea of placing a cell tower on NYPA property as it could provide good coverage. It was mentioned that there may be a cellular tower RFP that was recently released. Project #3 needs some edits. Two additional project ideas were discussed: a project to upgrade Fulton Town Hall as it serves as the command center for the Town and is not adequate to serve the role and making upgrades; upgrades and improvements to the Fulton Fire Department.
- Strategy 4: Strategy generally acceptable as drafted.
  - Projects: Greg will research solar options for further discussion about revisions to project#1.
- Strategy 5: One minor modification to the strategy recommended.
  - Projects: Project #3 could be tied together with a region-wide hydrology study proposed in Round 1. A representative from Dam Concerned Citizens stated that timed releases of water are not what is needed – an increase of the normal flow is what should be implemented.
- Strategy 6: Strategy generally acceptable as drafted.
  - Projects: Additional discussion(s) regarding potential buy-outs and more details about what the CDBG-DR program does for/with buy-outs will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

Decision/Motions/Votes: The Committee generally agreed on changes/revisions/edits to the Draft strategies and projects document and requested that the changes be made.

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Action Items: Revisions/Edits/Changes Needed	Person Responsible TT/P4P	Due Date 9/19
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