



# Meeting Notes

## Towns of Fulton & Blenheim

### Planning Committee #4 Meeting

August 28, 2014 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Blenheim Town Hall, 1848 State Route 30, Blenheim, NY

#### Attendance:

##### Fulton/Blenheim Planning Committee:

Ralph Arrandale, Co-chair  
Earl Allen            Neill Driscoll  
Melissa Graham    Katherine Hawkins  
Phil Skowfee III    Robert Wilson

##### New York State:

Lori Salamack

##### Members of the Public:

Diane Ericson

##### Tetra Tech, Inc.:

Greg Brunelle

John Gibb

##### Planning4Places

Kathy Ember

Jim Levy

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions

Presenter: NYSDOS/Tetra Tech/Planning4Places

#### Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg Brunelle welcomed committee members and the members of the public. Lori noted that today was the anniversary of Hurricane Irene and how important this planning effort is to the community.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: N/A

Person Responsible:

Due Date:

Agenda Item: Purpose of the Meeting

Presenter:

Tetra Tech/Planning4Places

#### Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg opened the meeting by providing an overview of the revised agenda and material that would be covered.
2. Greg provided an overview of the Plan outline and noted that Draft Plan Section II comments from the State have been received and comments would be incorporated by early next week. Lori stated that the Committee should have the section for review late next week.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: Consultant Team to make Section II revisions

Person Responsible: Tetra Tech Due Date: 9/2

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Agenda Item: HEC-RES Modeling

Presenter: Tetra Tech

Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg provided an overview of the HEC-RAS modeling effort. This is the baseline analysis – more detailed analysis will be done after engineers conduct field work to determine other major concerns in the floodway. The model used existing data for the Schoharie Creek and West Kill Creek. The major structures modeled - bridges –generally speaking did not create an impediment to water flow or created such a minor impediment that their removal would not significantly change water flow in a flood situation. Committee members mentioned additional impediments for consideration. Greg asked that the Committee provide the consultant team with any locations they feel need to be studied further so that they can be considered for more detailed HEC-RAS modeling. This modeling is one part of several elements that are intended to help the committee make an educated decision about project selection.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: ID specific areas of concern

Person Responsible: Committee Due Date: ASAP

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Agenda Item: Risk Assessment

Presenter: Tetra Tech

Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg explained the process and details of the risk assessment. The assessment consists of several components (including the asset community value score created by the Committee) and is another element intended to help the committee make an educated decision about project selection.
2. The Committee discussed several project ideas and risk-related concerns. These included rock-fall areas, mudslides and landslide potential, debris in the creeks, and beaver dams.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: N/A

Person Responsible:

Due Date:

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Agenda Item: Draft Strategies and Projects

Presenter: Planning4Places

Summary of Discussion:

1. Kathy detailed what a strategy is intended to do in this plan and reviewed the six draft strategies developed.
2. The Committee then reviewed a list of draft projects, by strategy, that have been developed through review of previous documents, discussions with the Committee, and results of Public Engagement Meeting #1. The Committee and consultant team discussed projects in detail and the consultant team will make revisions to the project list over the next few days for distribution to the committee for further review.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

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Action Items: Revise Draft Project List

Person Responsible: Planning4Places Due Date: Early next week

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Agenda Item: Meeting Wrap-up

Presenter: Tetra Tech

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Summary of Discussion:

1. Greg discussed the remaining project work to be conducted and the timeline to complete it. Given the timeline it will be necessary to communicate on development of these elements via email, online survey or other method so that we can approve/finalize elements at the in-person meetings.
2. As a recap to the meeting, Greg summarized the items for the Committee to consider over the next few weeks. These include: locations that Committee members need more detailed HEC-RAS modeling (and associated field-views), what economic improvements will really benefit the community, will signage help with economic development, identifying recreational opportunities, emergency evacuation, etc., and if so where is it most needed?
3. The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2014 at Fulton Town Hall. This will be a combined Committee Meeting/Public Engagement Meeting. The Committee meeting will begin at 5:00PM with Public Engagement Meeting #2 following promptly at 6:00 PM.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

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Action Items: Develop thoughts on topics detailed above Person Responsible: Committee Due Date: On-going

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