



Town of Clarkstown  
NY Rising Community Reconstruction  
Program

Public Engagement Meeting #1

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

6PM to 8PM

# Agenda

- Introduce the Project Team
- Provide Overview of NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR)
- Report on Progress to Date
  - Geographic Scope
  - Storm Damage & Critical Issues
  - Vision & Goals
  - Community Asset Inventory
- Gather Community Feedback



# Clarkstown NYRCR Planning Committee

- **Co-Chairs**

- Mark Brescher + Peter Noonan

- **Committee**

- Carol Donnelly, Michael Gach, John Eshoo, Bobbi Gardner, Luke Kalarickal, Dennis Letson, Doug Katz, Edward Lettre, Sgt. Jim McCormick, Gary Oteri, Joe Simoes, Ann O'Malley

- **Ex-Officio Members**

- Supervisor Alexander Gromack, Sabrina Greco



# Planning Team

- **State Representatives**

- Suzanne Barclay – GOSR Regional Lead
- William Harding – NYSDOS Planning Lead
- Barbara Kendall – NYDOS Planner

- **Consultant Team**

- Project Management: Nina Peek, AICP, Flaam Hardy and Elizabeth Matamoros (AKRF)
- Engineering: Jaclyn Hakes, Sarah Quandt, Michael Pianka (MJE)
- Senior Planners: Lisa Nagle, Susan Rivers (Elan)
- Public Engagement Specialist: Michael LaPick, and James Duffy (Arch Street Communications)





# Overview of NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR)

# Building Back Better

The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR), developed by Governor Cuomo, is a community-driven initiative that will empower localities severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and/or Tropical Storm Lee to develop comprehensive and innovative recovery plans



# NYRCR Funding Source

- Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
  - \$664 million to NYRCR Program
    - Round 1: 102 Municipalities
    - Round 2: 22 Municipalities
  - \$3 million of NYRCR funds to Clarkstown
- Funds used for recovery efforts involving
  - Community Planning and Capacity Building
  - Housing
  - Economic Development
  - Infrastructure Systems
  - Health and Social Services
  - Natural and Cultural Resources



# Resiliency Plan

- Considers current damage, future threats, and economic opportunities
- Establishes a **Vision + Goals**
- Identifies Clarkstown's **Needs and Opportunities** to address those needs
- Identifies **Assets at Risk**
- Identifies **Strategies** to implement the Opportunities
- Develops **Resilient and Innovative Projects**



# Developing the Plan

- Due Date: December 2014
- Who is Involved:
  - Clarkstown NYRCR Planning Committee, comprised of fourteen (14) residents
  - The Clarkstown Community
  - State Officials and Consultant Team
- Plan Foundation: Existing plans and studies are the basis for future work



# Community Involvement

- Ten (10) Planning Committee Meetings
- Four Public Meetings
  1. Community input on vision and goals, geographic scope, critical issues, storm damage and community assets
  2. Community input on needs and opportunities, strategies, and projects and actions
  3. Community input on proposed projects, draft plan components presented
  4. Share Final Plan and next steps
- Final NYRCCR Plan due December 5, 2014



# Why We are Here Tonight

- Confirm Geographic Scope
- Review Draft Vision and Goals
- Describe Storm Damage and Risk Areas
- Identify Clarkstown's At Risk Assets
- Assess Risk to Assets
- Assemble Needs and Opportunities
- Coordinate regionally
- Develop Resiliency Strategies, Projects and Actions
- Formulate projects with a focus on CDBG-DR funding
- Prepare cost estimates and finalize "Project" list
- Generate Draft and Final NYRCR Reconstruction Plans





# Draft Vision Statement

Clarkstown, the economic hub and Rockland County seat, is a safe, centrally-located, diverse and resilient Town. The community is a geographic crossroads between New York City, New Jersey, and the rest of New York State. The Town enjoys access to multi-modal transportation options, diverse housing choices, a variety of small and large commercial venues, and robust educational, recreational and cultural facilities in a bicycle and pedestrian friendly environment.

Clarkstown values and will continue to protect its natural resources including the Palisades Ridgeline, Hackensack and Hudson Rivers, wetland systems, and stream corridors that together provide significant benefits to the community including environmental and water quality protection, flood mitigation, recreational opportunities, and preservation of community character.

Our vision is to embrace and enhance the many strengths of our Town while planning for a more resilient community so that we may build back better from future disasters.



# Draft Goals

- Preserve the unique community fabric made up of rural, suburban, and urban settings
- Continue to balance commercial, industrial and residential development with the preservation of open space and agricultural lands.
- Enhance infrastructure and stormwater systems where needed.
- Augment emergency services including providing power during storm events.
- Protect natural resources including the Hackensack and Hudson Rivers, wetland systems, stream corridors, and Clarkstown's lakes.
- Enhance multi-modal opportunities including safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Build closer working relationships with the States of New York and New Jersey to address flooding issues associated with the Hackensack River.



# Asset Classes

Economic



Housing



Health and Social Services



Natural and Cultural Resources



Socially Vulnerable Populations



Infrastructure Systems





# Economic Assets

## General Examples

- Commercial/Downtown Area
- Grocery, Restaurant, Bank and Storefront
- Tourism Destinations and Lodging
- Industrial, Warehousing, Manufacturing and Storage

## Clarkstown's Economic Assets

- Super Stop & Shop
- Plastic Craft Products
- Banks
- Rockland Lake Golf Course
- Palisades Center





# Housing

## General Examples

- Single- or Multi-family Housing
- Mixed-Use Housing
- Supportive Housing
- Affordable Housing

## Clarkstown Housing Assets

- Adele Road Single-Family Homes
- OPW-DD New City Hostel
- West Nyack Road Apartments
- West Street Homes





# Health and Social Services

## General Examples

- Schools
- Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities
- Daycare/Eldercare
- Government/Administrative Services
- Public Works Facilities
- Emergency Operations/Response

## Clarkstown Health and Social Services

- Central Nyack Fire Department
- Helen Hayes Clinic
- Nanuet Post Office
- Clarkstown Town Hall
- Rockland Cardiology
- New City Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Rescue Squad





# Natural and Cultural Resources

## General Examples

- Natural/Significant Habitats
- Parks and Recreational Facilities
- Libraries, Museums and the Arts
- Historic Landmarks
- Religious Establishments

## Clarkstown's Natural and Cultural Resources

- Congers Lake
- Buttermilk Falls Park
- Rockland Lake State Park
- Historical Society of Rockland County
- Nyack Beach State Park
- Law Enforcement Museum





# Socially Vulnerable Populations

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- Disabled
- Low/very low income
- Elderly
- Young Children
- Homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless

## Clarkstown Services

- Office of Child and Family Services
- Mental Health Association of Rockland County
- Companions Plus Senior Care





# Infrastructure Systems

## Infrastructure Assets

- Roadways and Bridges
- Stormwater Management
  - Sewers, Culverts
- Waste Water Treatment Plants
- Utilities



## Clarkstown Infrastructure Assets

- United Water Drinking Wells
- O&R Substations
- Cablevision
- Nanuet Commuter Station



# Critical Issues

- Flooding in Residential Neighborhoods
- Repeated Flooding of Businesses
- Interruptions to Town Services
- Road Closures
- Widespread and Prolonged Power Outages
- Emergency Access



# Workstations

- Planning Area and Community Vision
  - Share your vision for Clarkstown’s future
- Community Assets
  - Help us identify and prioritize community assets
- Storm Damage & Critical Issues Input
- Photo Booth



# Staying Involved

- Committee Meetings
- Public Engagement Meetings
- WEBSITE

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nycrcr/community/town-clarkstown>

