NYRCR Fulton & Blenheim

NY Rising Communities Reconstruction Program

Working Together to Build Back Better

Welcome

Introductions:

- NYRCR Staff & NYS DOS Planners
- Planning Team Tetra Tech
  - Deputy Project Manager – Greg Brunelle
  - Lead Local Community Manager – Mason McClellan
- NYRCR Fulton & Blenheim Committee

Today's Goals

- NYRCR Program Objectives & Overview
- Discuss NYRCR Town of Fulton & Town of Blenheim Plan
- Discuss Immediate next steps
  - Identify Geographic Scope
  - Define Vision
  - Discuss impacts of Irene, Lee, Sandy and other storms
  - Identify Critical Issues
  - Identify Meeting Dates/Locations
  - Discuss Public Engagement Strategy

Understanding the NYRCR Program

- New York State and Governor Andrew Cuomo providing $650M+ planning/implementation for hard-hit communities (Sandy, Lee, Irene, 2013 floods)

  - Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds

  - Round 1: 102 communities; Round 2: 22 communities

  - NYRCR Towns of Fulton & Blenheim: Up to $3M per Town

  - Amounts based on federally-assessed storm damage

Understanding the NYRCR Program

- NYRCR Program Goal
  - *" … to empower the State's most impacted communities with the technical expertise needed to develop thorough and implementable reconstruction plans to build physically, socially, and economically resilient and sustainable communities so as to rebuild New York's communities in a way that will mitigate against future risks and build increased resilience."*
  - *http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/faq*
- Bottom-up community participation & collaboration
  - Identify assets/risks, needs/opportunities
  - Best options/viable alternatives

Program Steps

Initial NYRCR Fulton & Blenheim Plan Components

(due early August)

SECTION 1	DESCRIPTION
Overview	Describes NYRCR Program and its objectives, land uses, housing stock, demographics, hazard history
Geographic Scope	Identifies the geographic boundaries for the NYRCR Fulton & Blenheim Plan
Description of Storm Damage	Irene, Lee, Sandy
Critical Issues	Focuses on gaps/needs to improve safety, economic revitalization, sustainability, housing, natural systems, and others
Community Vision	Statement that expresses desired outcomes for recovery and resiliency
Relationship to Regional Plans	Examines links between land use and critical issues region-wide

Initial NYRCR Fulton & Blenheim Plan Components

(due late August)

SECTION 2	DESCRIPTION
Description of Assets	Inventories and describes facilities/assets critical to recovery/resiliency efforts Examples: fire house, medical care, grocery store, pharmacy, school, social service providers, evacuation shelters, etc.
Risk Assessment	Evaluates and determines potential risk for damage or loss as a result of future disaster events; includes hydraulic (HEC-RAS) modeling
Needs & Opportunities Assessment	Describes existing needs and opportunities to advance recovery and future resiliency Examples: flood mitigation, housing, economic revitalization, infrastructure repair, etc.

Project Timeline

- JULY 2014
  - ✓ Public Engagement Meeting #1
- AUGUST 2014
  - ✓ CR Plan Section 1
  - ✓ CR Plan Section 2
  - ✓ Public Engagement Meeting #2
- SEPTEMBER 2014
  - ✓ List of Strategies
- OCTOBER 2014
  - ✓ List of Projects and Actions
  - ✓ Draft 1 CR Plan
- NOVEMBER 2014
  - ✓ Draft 2 CR Plan
  - ✓ Public Engagement Meeting #3
- DECEMBER 2014
  - ✓ Final CR Plan
- JANUARY 2015
  - ✓ Public Engagement Meeting #4

Hitting the Ground Running

Advancing Initial Plan Components – Section 1

- Establish Geographic Scope
- Discuss Storm Damage
- Discuss Critical Assets & Regional Issues
- Establish Vision Statement
- Discuss Public Outreach Strategy
- Develop Meeting Schedule

Other Section Components

Sections 2

- Inventory of Community Assets
- Assessment of Risks, Needs & Opportunities

Section 3

- Reconstruction, Resiliency Strategies

Section 4

- Project Profiles

Section 5

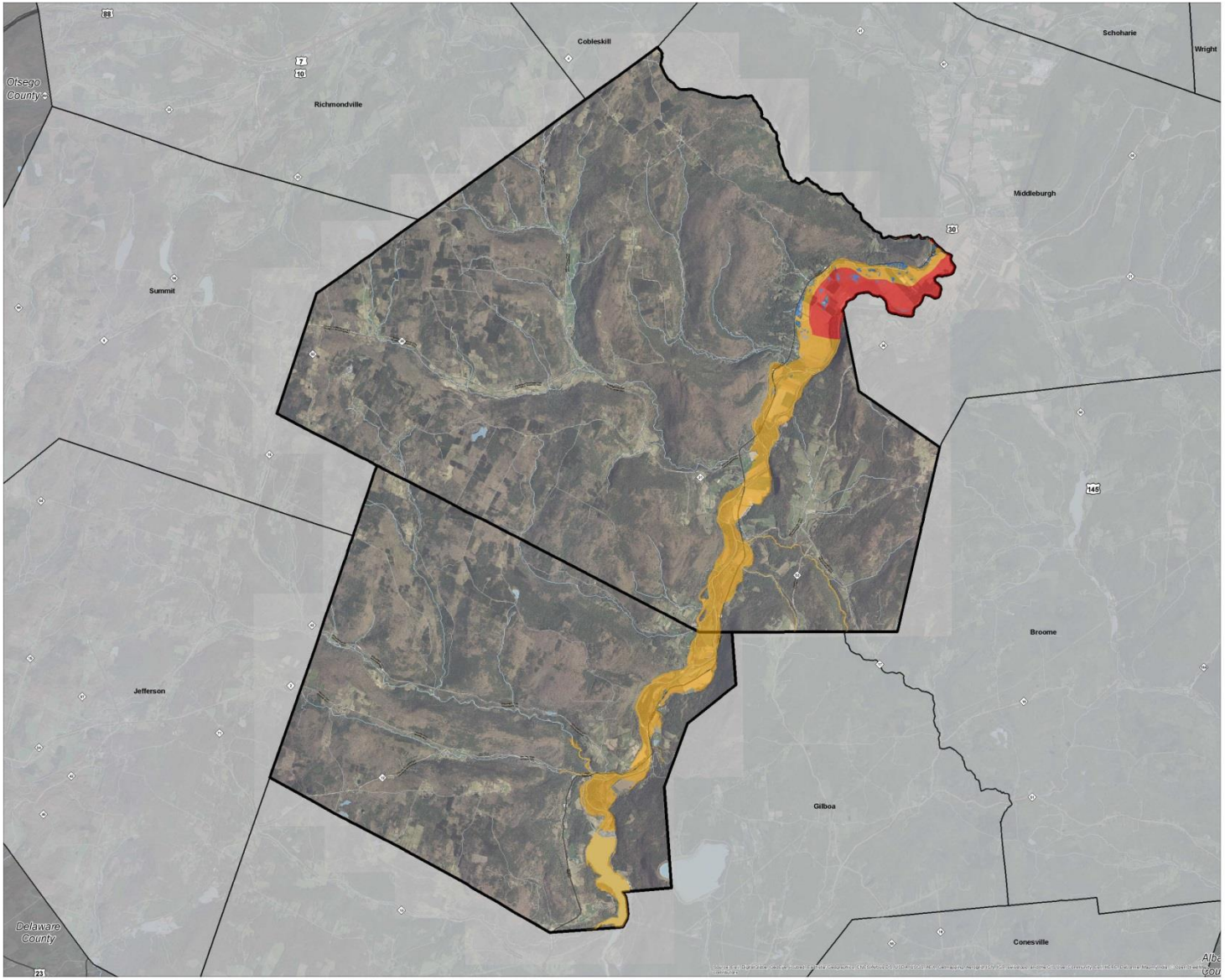
- Additional Materials
  - public engagement process/results, etc.

Geographic Scope

- Area where assets are most at risk.

- Area where reconstruction, future construction, or other resiliency measures should be encouraged.

Geographic Scope



Town of Fulton and Town of Blenheim Planning Area
Schoharie County
New York
Risk Area Map

Legend

- Towns of Fulton and Blenheim Planning Area
- Municipal Boundaries

Risk Area

- Extreme
- High
- Moderate

4,000 2,000 0 4,000 Feet

This map is for reference only.
Data Sources:
ESRI -Aerial, Roads
NYSGIS - Digital Orthos
FEMA - Risk Area

Description of Storm Damage

- Walking Tour
- Committee Input with a mapping exercise
- Stakeholder Feedback
  - To be gathered through outreach
- Local, State, Regional & Federal Documentation

Inventory of Assets

- Identify assets in each category:
  - In “Extreme” and “High-Risk Areas”
  - Defined as critical facilities by FEMA (essential to health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard events)
  - Identify Community Value
  - Identify Vulnerability

EXAMPLES

- Emergency service facilities (EOCs)
- Police, fire stations
- Public works facilities
- Schools
- Food stores
- Medical facilities
- Pharmacies
- Medical supply vendors
- Evacuation shelters
- Jails and juvenile detention centers
- Senior, vulnerable population housing
- Disaster assistance services

Assets: Housing

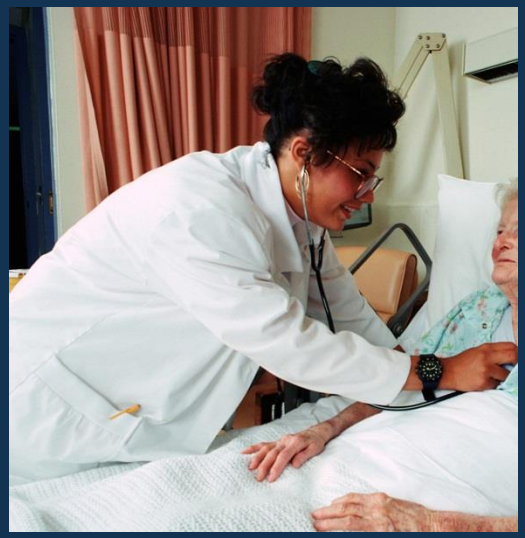
- Which neighborhoods are most vulnerable?
- What types of housing are most at-risk?

Assets: Infrastructure

- What is at-risk?
  - Transportation
  - Roads & Bridges
  - Water/Wastewater
  - Electric Grid
  - Communications
  - Fuel

Assets: Community Facilities

- Preserve Uninterrupted Emergency Response and Medical Services
- Protect Educational Facilities

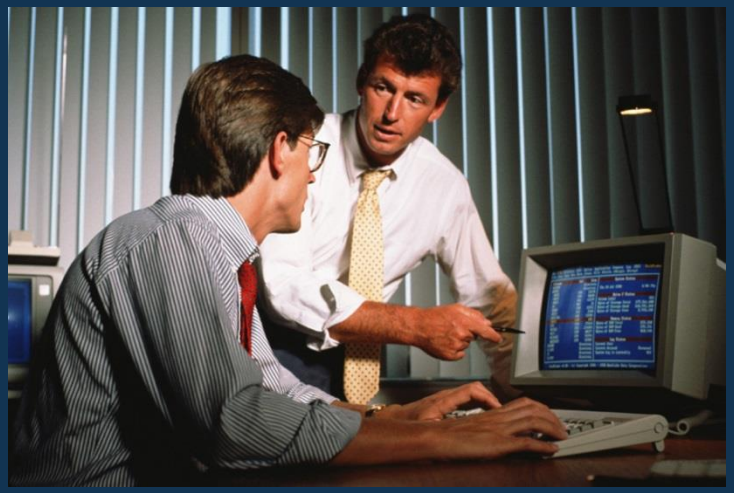


Assets: Natural Systems

- Open Space Resources to be Incorporated into Resiliency Planning
  - Wetlands, floodplains, riverbanks

Assets: Economy

- What Investments Could Restore, Enhance Future Economic Development?
  - Protect / Strengthen Business Areas
  - Capitalize on Assets, Key Features
  - Diversify
  - Access to Employment
  - Back-up Systems



Regional Issues and Plans

- Schoharie County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Schoharie County Long Range Economic Development Strategy
- Blenheim Long Term Community Recovery Plan
- Other Plans

Vision Statement

- Vision Statements can be short-, mid-, or long-term
- What is the realistic “favorable future” we want to see in Fulton & Blenheim?
- Reduce risk, increase community resiliency
- Solution-focused, comprehensive
- Community-inclusive – all demographics, especially the most vulnerable who struggle with self-protection and rely on services susceptible to disruption
- How can we capitalize on current assets?
  - social, economic, natural, cultural, other

Public Engagement Strategy

- Identify audiences, stakeholders
  - Primary residents, out-of-town property owners
  - Businesses, non-governmental organizations
- Identify engagement techniques, outlets
  - Public meetings/workshops, websites, e-campaigns, social media, public access channels, mailings, ads, special events, and high-traffic venues
- Develop timeframe for action
  - Schedule PM #1 – Need date and time
  - Schedule PM #2 – Need date and time

Committee Meetings

- Committee Meeting Frequency

- Expectations of Us
  - Agendas and meeting minutes distributed in advance
  - Agendas to reflect current elements in process, next steps
  - We will provide all materials, subject matter experts
  - Meetings will begin/end on schedule

- Expectations of Committee Members
  - Regular attendance & active participation
  - Respect of all ideas
  - Encourage community participation in all public events

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- More Information
  - http://stormrecovery.ny.gov (Main Site)
  - http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/resources-0 (Plan Elements)
  - http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/faq (FAQs)

Adjournment