

Working Together to Build Back Better



Gerritsen Beach
Sheepshead Bay

7:00 PM, September 17, 2013

Vollies Memorial Hall

Community Reconstruction (CR) Plan Agenda for Tonight

- Getting Started – Hitting the Ground Running
- Understanding the Community Reconstruction (CR) Program
- Introducing the Planning Team
- Project Approach
- Local and Regional Issues and Potential Opportunities
- Community Visioning & Outreach
- Post Meeting – Informal Discussion

Tonight's Goals

- Understand the Community Reconstruction Program and opportunities for your community
- Set the stage for a community visioning and planning process that:
 - Results in a set of projects and strategies that reflect local vision and needs
 - Maximizes the total local, regional, state and federal investment for needed improvements

Hitting the Ground Running

Discussion topics:

- Introductions
- Geographic Scope
- Community Visioning
- Community Engagement Strategy
- Assets to be Inventoried
- Regional Issues
- Meeting Schedule



Project Overview

Understanding the CR Program

New York State Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Approved April 26, 2013

- \$1.7 billion in supplemental federal funding for housing, infrastructure and business recovery activities for recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee
- Funding flows through the NYS CDBG – DR Program
- New York State established the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
- \$25 million allocated for reconstruction planning in the most affected communities
- Additional funds will support projects and activities identified in Community Reconstruction Plans

www.nyshcr.org/Press/ActionPlan



Recovery Resources Center

Recovery HOTLINE
1-855-NYS-SANDY (1-855-697-7263)
8AM-8PM weekdays
National Flood Insurance Program Help Line
1-877-568-9045

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NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
Click here to learn more about how New York is Building Back Better

New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
The New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program has been established to provide additional rebuilding and revitalization assistance to communities severely damaged by Hurricanes Sandy and Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

Apply for Housing or Business Recovery Assistance TODAY!
[Apply here](#)

CR Plan Guidance

Latest News

September 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Announces Funding for Town of Upper Jay to Build new Fire Station After Hurricane Irene

September 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Attends First NY Rising Community Reconstruction Meeting in Town of Jay

August 1, 2013: Governor Cuomo Announces Over \$1.3 Million in Federal Flood Mitigation Funding for Village of Greene

Fact Sheets

- [Multi-Family](#)
- [Smart Home](#)
- [Smart Rebuild NYS](#)
- [Small Business](#)
- [Coastal Fishing](#)
- [Seasonal Tourism](#)
- [Community Reconstruction Program](#)

Resources

- Small Business Development Center Disaster Recovery Centers for Housing & Small Business Programs
- Sandy Help Team Intake Centers for Housing & Small Business Programs



Governor's Homepage



Hurricane Sandy Insurance Assistance



Emergency Preparedness Commissions

- NY DHSES
- HCR
- FEMA
- HUD
- HUD in NYS
- NYS DOS
- ESD

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov>

Goals of CR Plan

Building a Stronger Future

- Assess the community's vulnerabilities to future natural disasters
- Identify economic development needs
- Identify projects and actions to increase resilience and further promote economic development
- Allocate reconstruction funding
- Identify other funding sources and partnerships to implement the full plan

Project Team

DOS has appointed a Planning Team to provide technical assistance to the Planning Committee

Gerritsen Beach/Sheepshead Bay Planning Committee

Co-Chairs: Doreen Garson and Jim Donovan

Committee Members:

Barbara Berardelli	Missy Haggerty
Cliff Bruckenstein	Teresa Scavo
Ellis Wagner	Bob Bantam
Kathy Flynn	Paul Sarubbi
Linda Cupo	

NY State Government

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program

Director: Jamie Rubin

NY Rising-NYC Planning Regional Co-Leads

Claudia Filomena and Chelsea Muller

NYC Lead Planner: Steve Ridler

NY Rising: Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay Community Planners

Bonnie Devine and Amy DeGaetano

Planning Team

URS/LiRO/AIM Development

URS Team

- Local knowledge combined with national expertise in coastal area recovery planning
 - Katrina
 - Ike
- Community planners and hazard mitigation and infrastructure experts working together
- Deep understanding of full range of funding sources available
- Commitment to community-driven process and priorities

Team Members

URS Corporation

- Project Manager and Planning Lead

The LiRO Group

- Recovery Planning and Infrastructure Development

AIM Development Group

- Housing and Economic Experts

What Needs to Get Done?

Project Tasks



Project Tasks



Economic Development



Community Planning



Natural/Cultural Resources



Infrastructure



Housing



Health/Social Services

Organize for Action

- Select consultant
- Appoint Plan Committee
- Identify geographic scope
- Establish vision and goals
- Develop work plan

Create Understanding

- Data collection
- Existing plan review
- Site visits & discussion
- Asset mapping
- Risk mapping

Integrate the Information

- Risk Assessment
- Needs/opportunities assessment
- Regional planning integration

Strategies to Move Forward

- Identify projects
- Project development
- Evaluation of projects
- Prioritization
- Cost-benefit analysis

Complete Plan

- Finalize text & drawings
- Provide implementation actions
- Identify next steps

Community Visioning & Outreach

Community Vision

- Community input is critically important. This is a “bottom-up” approach. CR Plan must reflect input and support of community!
- Planning Committee comprised of local people with personal knowledge, experience and concern for area.
- Planning Committee will guide:
 - Who else to involve
 - How best to listen
 - What’s important to focus on

Community Vision

- Community Visions can be short, medium and/or long-term
- Visions:
 - Define hopes for the future
 - Capitalize on existing social and economic assets
 - Reduce risk and increase community resilience
 - Provide focus and direction

Public Outreach Strategy

To engage the public in the development of the CR Plan there will be:

- Regular Committee meetings
- Public Engagement Events
- Working Groups



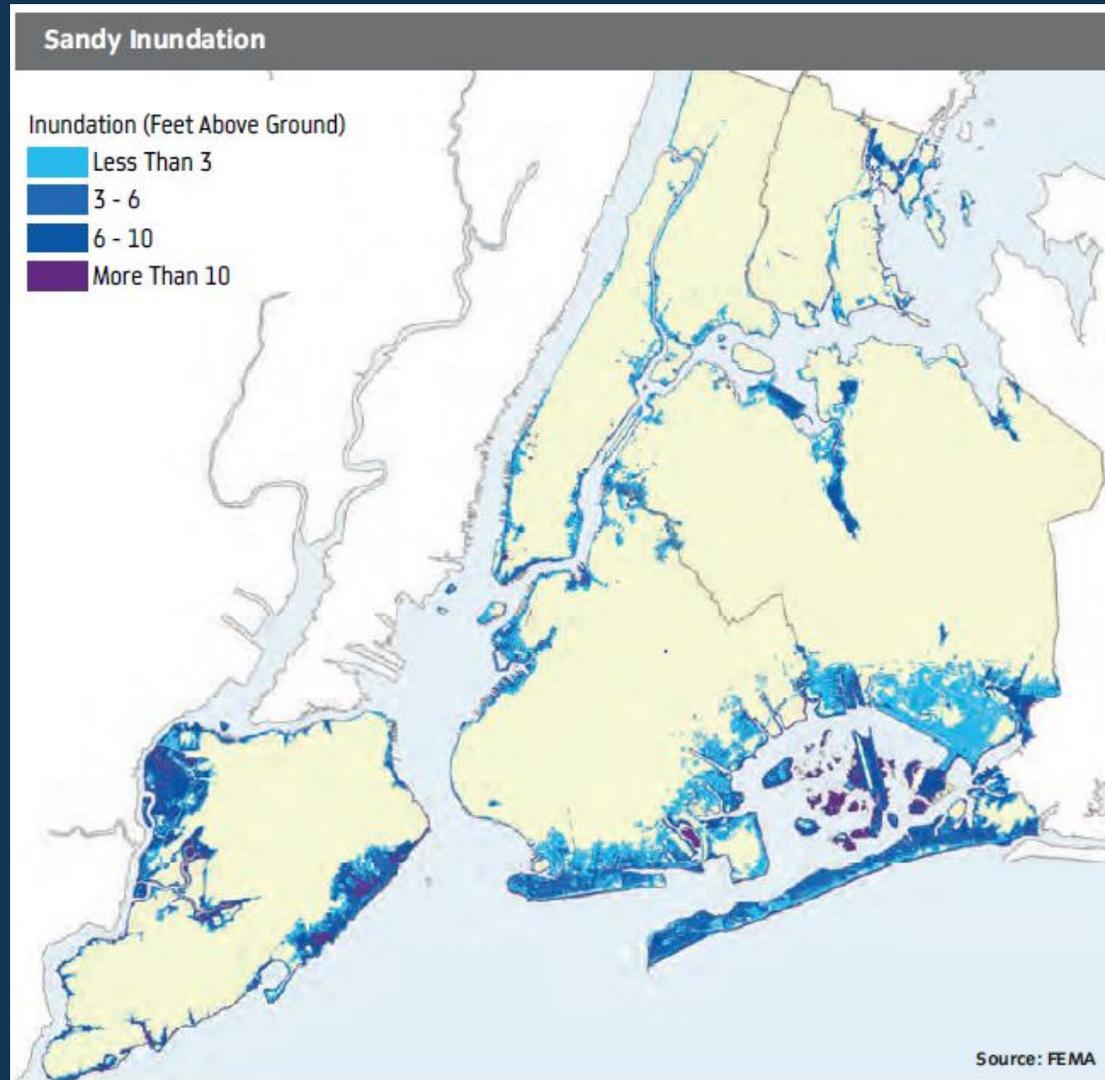
Public Outreach Strategies

- Public outreach takes many forms, we will discuss and decide collaboratively how best to reach and engage the community.
 - *Messaging & outreach*: options such as e-mail, signage, flyers, etc...
 - *Activities & engagement*: options include workshops, public meetings, surveys, etc...
- Timeline & implementation for outreach will be decided collectively.

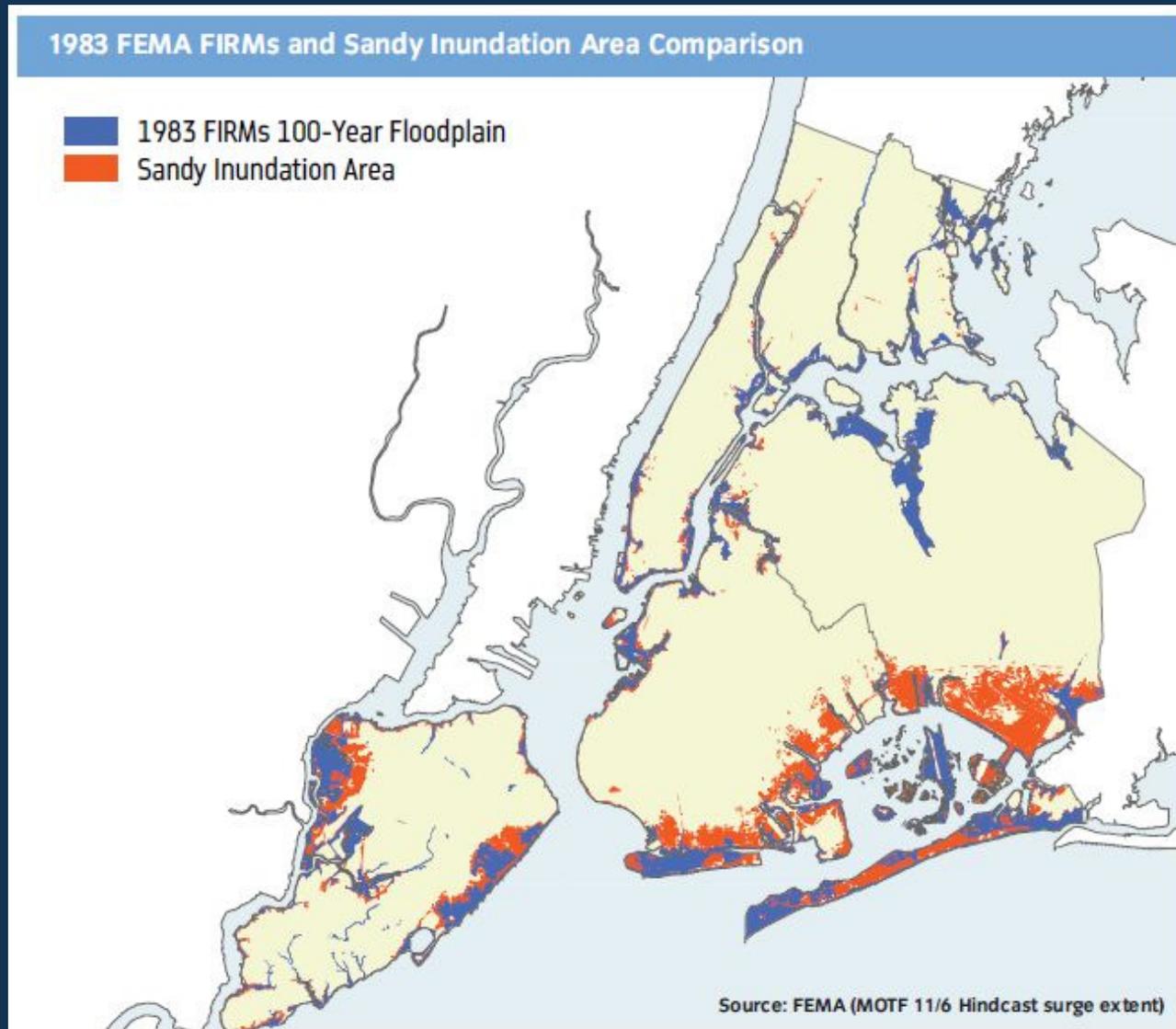


Looking Forward

Extent of Flooding During Sandy



FIRMs and Sandy Inundation



Geographic Scope

- Area where assets are most at risk
- Area in which reconstruction or future construction should be encouraged



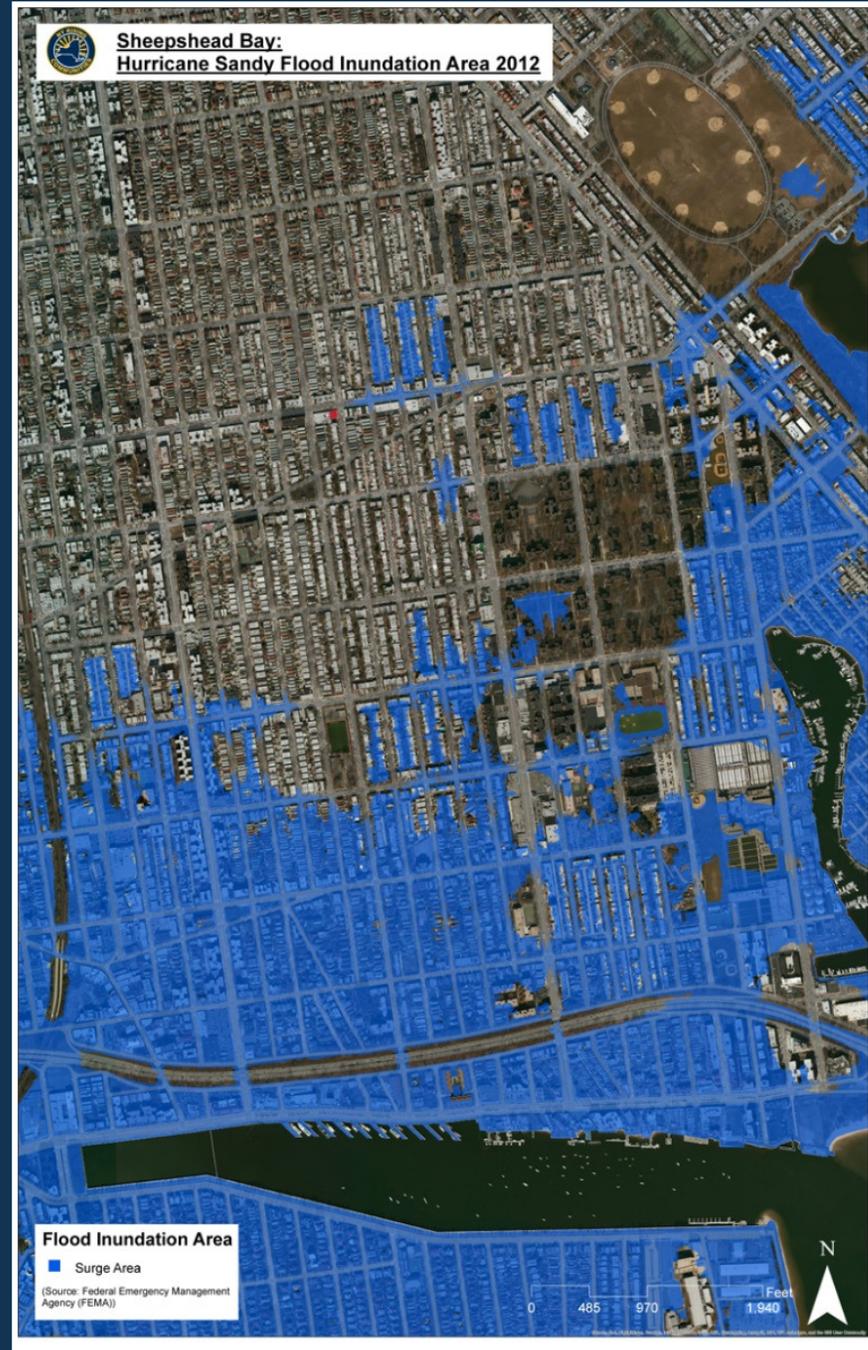
Gerritsen Beach: Sandy Inundation Area



Gerritsen Beach: Risk Assessment Areas



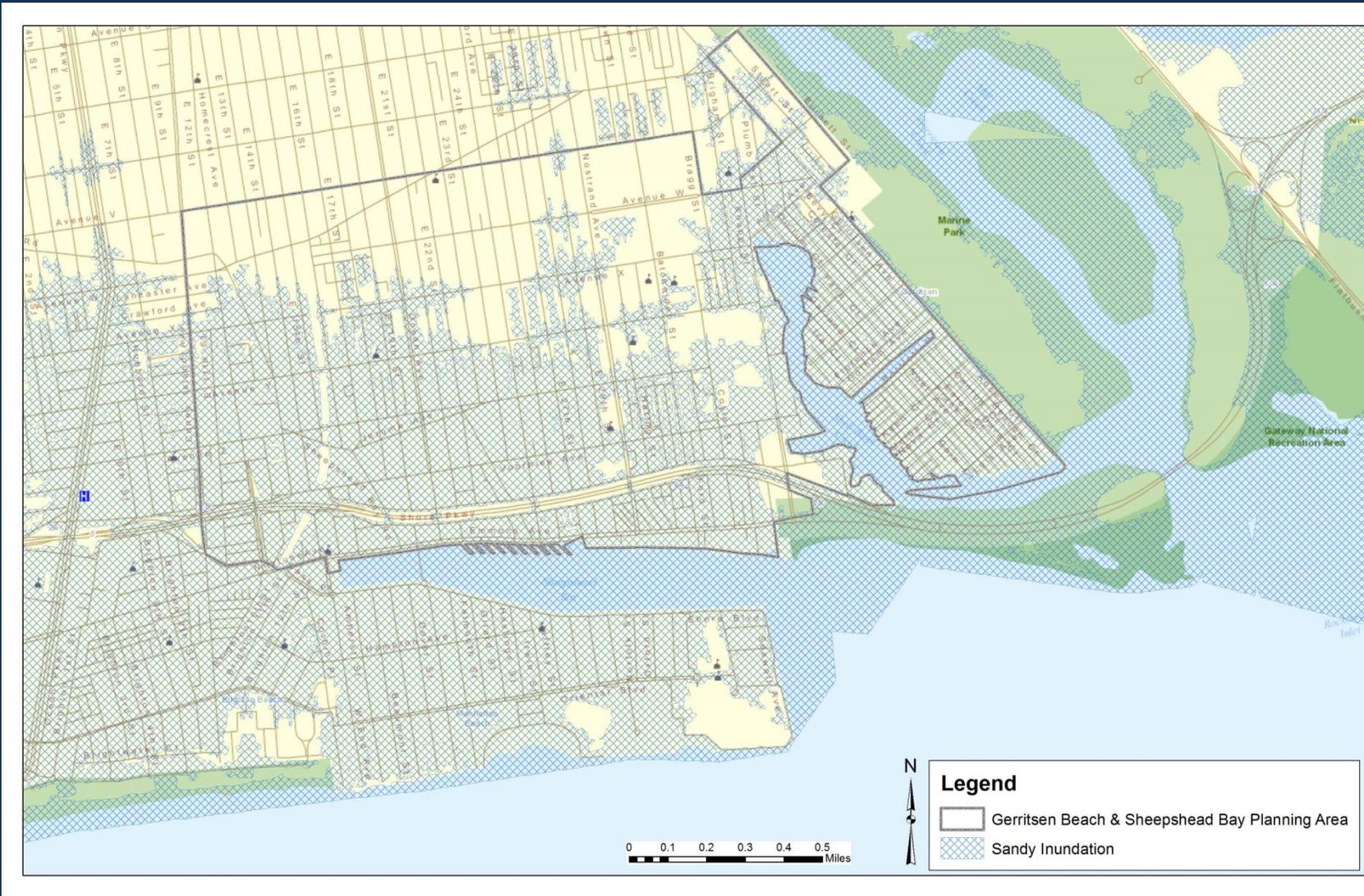
Sheepshead Bay: Sandy Inundation Area



Sheepshead Bay: Risk Assessment Areas



Asset Inventory



Identify Risks to Assets

Identify assets potentially affected by each of the following:

- Coastal hazards
- Location in extreme and high risk areas
- Defined as critical facilities by FEMA

Ultimate Goal: Reduce the risk to these assets AND make it easier to recover if they are damaged in the future

Critical Facility Examples:

- Emergency service facilities
- Schools
- Police and fire stations
- Emergency operations centers
- Public works facilities
- Evacuation shelters
- Jails and juvenile detention centers
- Physical and cultural assets

Focus on the Future

- Allocated CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds are just one source
- The most successful plans will:
 - Use Disaster Recovery Funds efficiently
 - Identify and present compelling cases for funding by additional sources
 - Leverage projects internally and with other implementation partners

Focusing Our Efforts

- Places and projects where can we have the greatest impact
- Projects that address the most important issues
- Actions that can leverage further investment by others and additional grant resources

Reconstruction Strategies:

- **Community Planning and Capacity Building**
- **Economic Development**
- **Health and Social Services**
- **Housing**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Natural and Cultural Resources**

Total Amount Statewide \$1.7 billion

Conceptual Plan

Conceptual Plan will include:

- The community vision as approved by the Committee
- The geographic scope of the plan
- Key strategies identified by the Committee
- Potential key projects identified by Committee (ready-to-go and “big ideas”)
- Potential actions that could be taken to implement key strategies
- A description of how the public has been engaged in development of the Conceptual CR Plan
- Complete by October 28th

Complete Plan Document

- Revise and expand Conceptual Plan to:
 - Complete risk assessment
 - Complete cost-benefit analysis
 - Refine and prioritize recommended projects based on community feedback, cost/benefit, risk reduction
 - Prepare detailed implementation and funding strategy
- Continue to engage Planning Committee and community in meetings and workshops
- Plan complete by March 31st, 2014

Issues and Opportunities

Next Steps

- Committee to Review Work Plan Draft
- Schedule Planning Committee Meetings
 - October...
 - October...
- Committee to Assist with Asset Inventory and List of Projects
- Schedule and Plan Community Workshop
 - Committee to Review Outreach Plan
 - October...
- Conceptual Plan due October 28, 2013

Thank You!

Keep up with us on the Web

Community Reconstruction Program Website

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/community-reconstruction-program>

Gerritsen Beach/Sheepshead Bay Website:

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nycrcr/community/gerritsen-beach-and-sheepshead-bay>

Or search for NY Rising and follow the links