

# Working Together to Recover Stronger



Gerritsen Beach & Sheepshead Bay  
Committee Meeting #3

7:00 PM, October 16, 2013

Vollies Memorial Hall, 43 Seba Avenue, Brooklyn

# Community Reconstruction (CR) Plan

## Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome-Doreen Garson and Jim Donovan
- Public Engagement Events and Public Outreach Plan
- Final Selection of Vision Statement
- Reconstruction Strategies
- Conceptual Plan Development
- Questions from Public
- Next Steps

# Public Engagement Events

- Quick Recap of 10/7 and 10/8 events
- Planning for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting
- Public Outreach Plan



# TASK # 1: REVISE VISION STATEMENT

*DRAFT VISION STATEMENT PREPARED BY THE  
COMMITTEE*

Our vision is to restore the historical uniqueness of our waterfront communities by building upon our resilience which will ensure a stronger, safer, and brighter quality of life for future generations.

# Vision Statements

## Additional Key Words/Concepts Identified by Our Community

maritime, fishing, nautical	recreational	family-oriented, generational	neighborhood, community	comfortable
diverse	historic	diverse, multilingual, culture	safe, prepared, secure	hazard mitigation, eliminate vulnerability
courage, strength	resilience	accessible, connected, independent	quality of life	livelihood, working class, commercial
residential, spacious	future, longevity	caring	deep-rooted	vitality

## *LET'S REVISE and SELECT*

- Proposed Vision #1 - Our vision is to restore and build upon the historic uniqueness and diversity of our waterfront communities by promoting resilient and prepared neighborhoods that will ensure stronger, safer, and brighter quality of life for future generations.
- Propose Vision #2 - Our vision is to incorporate resiliency methods to restore our historic neighborhoods, improve the quality of life for our diverse residents, increase our economic vitality, and embrace and build upon our nautical roots.

**Committee Discussion and Final Selection**



**TASK #2:  
RECONSTRUCTION  
STRATEGIES  
...A PATH TO THE VISION**

# General Overview of Process



# 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

## EXAMPLE

A reconstruction strategy in the Economic Development Recovery Function may be:

*“Support the resiliency of small businesses damaged by Hurricane Sandy”.*



Example of projects that may follow from that strategy could be:

*“Support creation of formal merchants association on Emmons Avenue.” Or “Fund the creation of continuity of operations plans for small businesses along Gerritsen Avenue”.*

# Comprehensive Reconstruction Strategies

Recovery Functions	Proposed Strategies	Sample of Proposed Projects
Infrastructure	Mitigate future damage to community assets by enacting flood control and other preventative storm surge measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend shoreline and beach front along Gerritsen Beach</li> <li>• Strengthen or construct Bulkheads in several locations including: Tamaqua Marina, Allen Avenue, etc.</li> <li>• Dredge surrounding waterways including: Gerritsen Creek</li> <li>• Construct flood gates under Belt Parkway</li> </ul>
Community Planning & Capacity Building		
Natural & Cultural Resources		
Housing		
Economic Development		
Health & Social Services		

Review of projects and strategies recommended by community

## Committee Exercise

Review proposed projects and reconstruction strategies and fill in gaps.

- **Consider** damaged assets
- **Consider** community needs & opportunities
- **Consider** building upon strengths
- **Consider** building upon prior projects/initiatives
- **Consider** long-range, forward looking view
- **Consider** vulnerable populations



# CONCEPTUAL PLAN

# Elements of the Conceptual Plan

- The **community vision**
- The **geographic scope** of the plan
- **Key strategies** identified by the Committee
- **Potential key projects** identified by the Committee and from public input
- **Projects ready to go** as well as **big ideas**
- **Potential actions** that could be taken to implement the key strategies
- Description of how **the public** has been engaged



# CONCEPTUAL PLAN OUTLINE

See handouts

# Next Steps

- **October** – Ongoing preparation of draft Conceptual Plan
- **October 22nd** – Draft report to CR Committee for review
- **October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Committee to send comments by COB
- **October 28<sup>th</sup>** – Submittal of Conceptual Plan by Committee to the State. Copies to be put in community centers.

# Next Steps

- **November 20th:** Second public event to solicit community response to Conceptual Plan.
  - Tentative location: Brooklyn Amity School, 3867 Shore Parkway at Knapp St., Sheepshead Bay
- Risk assessment work underway
- **Final Plan** due by March 2014

# 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