



Howard Beach Planning Committee Meeting #1

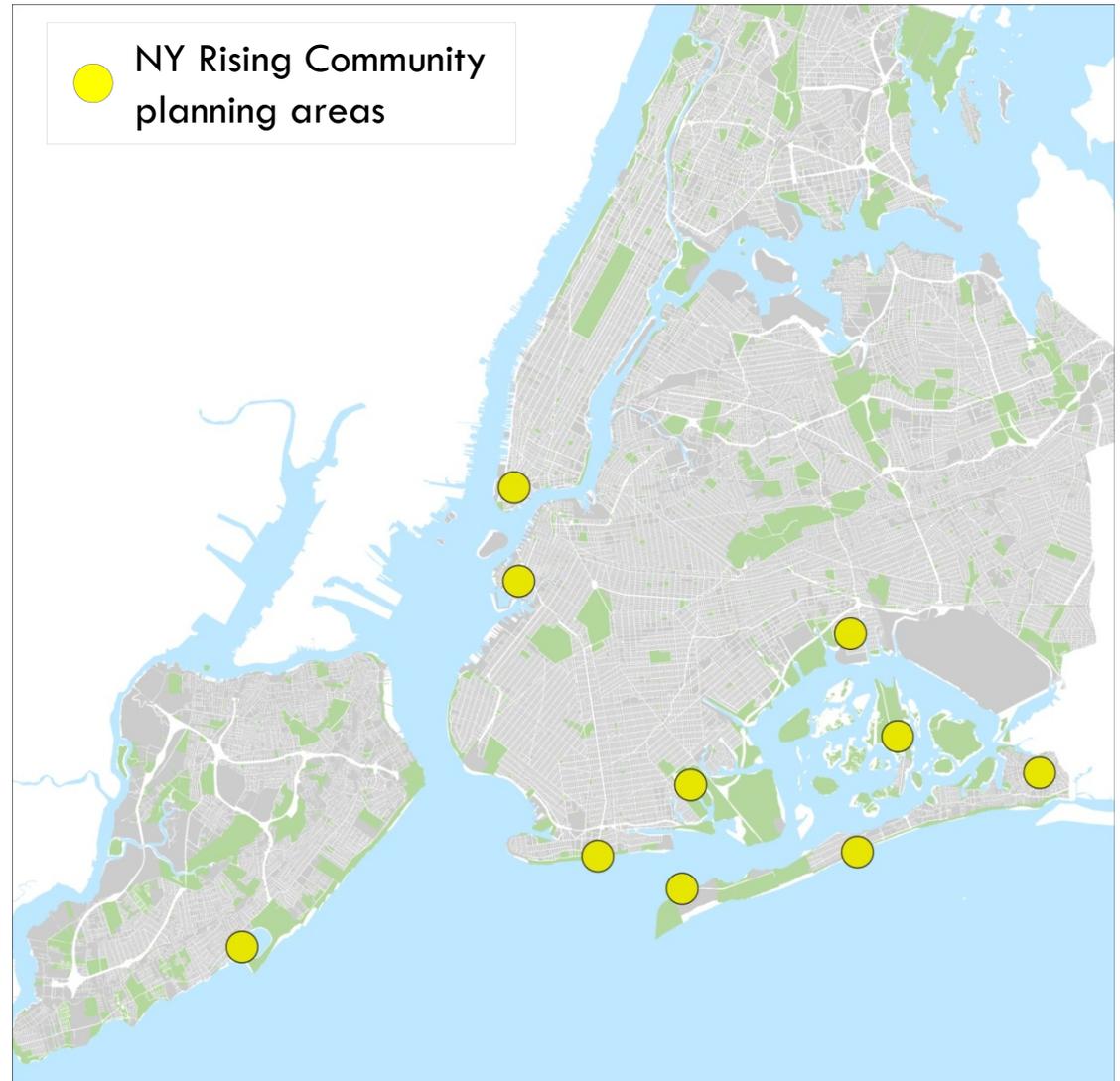
September 16, 2013

Agenda for Planning Committee Meeting #1

1. Introductions
2. NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
 - Overview
 - Team
 - Workplan and Schedule
3. Howard Beach Community Reconstruction
 - Study area, asset inventory, and risk assessment
 - Existing efforts and previous plans
 - Needs and opportunities
4. Questions and comments

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program overview

- **New York State assistance** for rebuilding after Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, Superstorm Sandy
- 10 NY Rising Community planning areas in New York City



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program overview

- **Community-driven** planning process to produce:
 - **Draft Conceptual Plan** by October 28
 - **Final Plan** by March 2014
- Communities eligible for **NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program funding**, as well as numerous other funding sources



The Planning Committee will follow a thorough process for identifying projects and actions

**Establish
Community
Vision**

**Identify
Assets, Risks,
Needs,
Opportunities**

**Outline
Preliminary
Projects and
Actions**

**Refine,
evaluate, and
Prioritize
Projects and
Actions**

**Identify
Funding
Sources
and develop
Implementation
Plan**

**Create
Final
Community
Reconstruction
Plan**

The Planning Committee will devise a Community Reconstruction Plan supporting specific goals

Goals

- Increase resiliency of key assets
- Address short, medium, and long-term risks
- Balance costs and benefits
- Protect vulnerable populations
- Drive economic growth
- Coordinate with regional initiatives
- Outline steps for implementation



Community Reconstruction Plan

Six Recovery Functions

Community Planning
& Capacity Building



Economic
Development



Health &
Human Services



Housing



Infrastructure



Natural &
Cultural Resources



Diverse funding sources will be considered in the planning process

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Funds:

- Howard Beach: \$18.3 million
- Possible additional funds for exemplary public engagement, regional coordination and design innovation

Additional select federal funds:

- CDBG-DR
- FEMA: Public & Individual Assistance, Hazard Mitigation Grants
- Social Services Block Grants
- Federal Transit Authority & Federal Highway Administration Relief
- Clean Water & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Additional select state and city funds:

- NY Smart Home Buyout Program
- NYC Build it Back (CDBG-DR)
- Small Business Matching Grant Program (CDBG-DR)
- NYC Nonprofit Recovery Loan/Grant Program

The Planning Team will provide technical assistance to the Planning Committee

Howard Beach Planning Committee

Chair

John Calcagnile, Francis Scarantino

Committee Members

Andrew Bauman, Betty Braton, John Fazio, Roger Gendron, Frank Giglia, Frank Gulluscio, Edward Kalanz, Frank Lombardi, Jose Quijano

NY State Government

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program

Director: Jamie Rubin

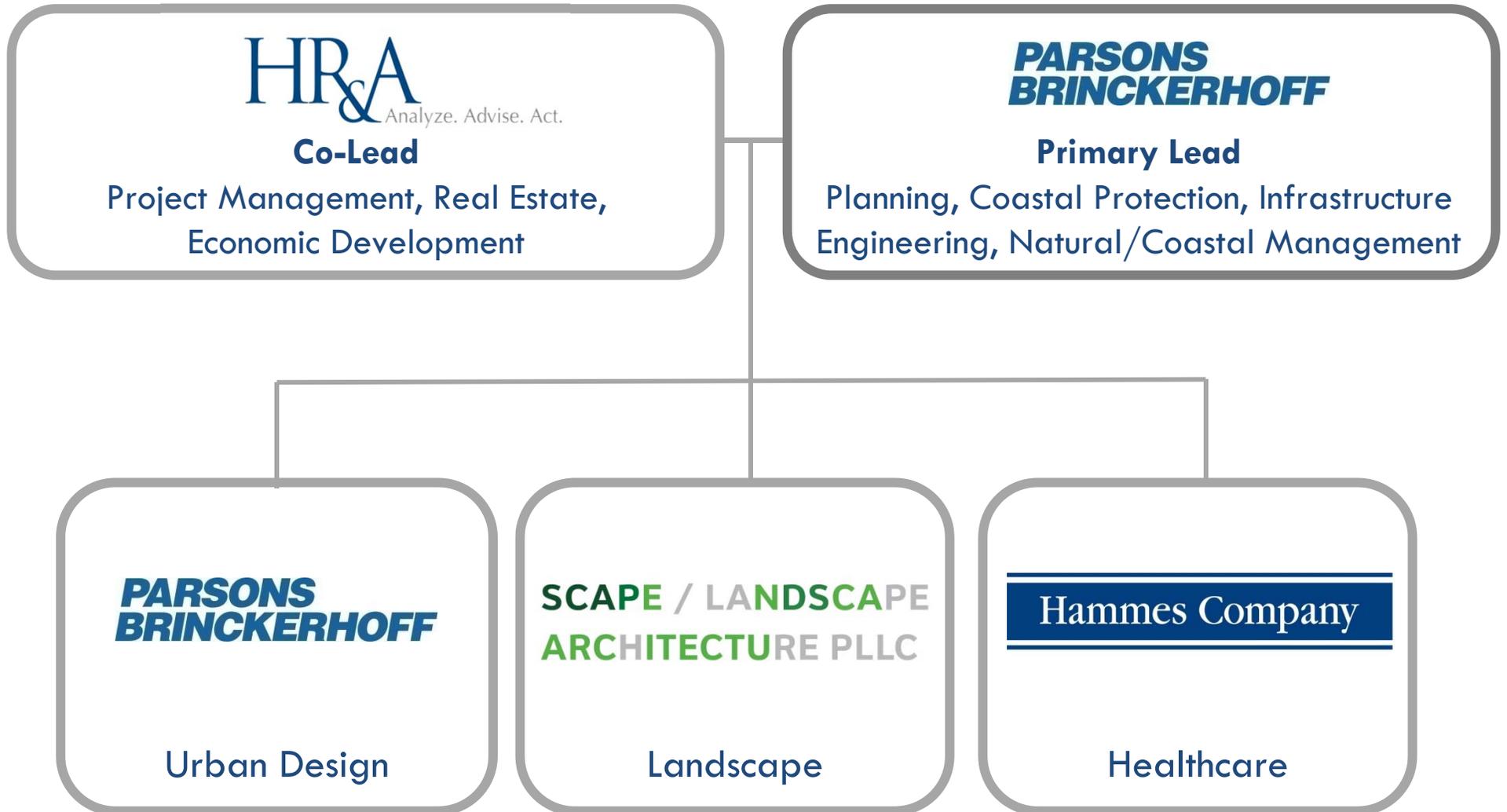
NY Rising: NYC Planning
Regional Lead: Claudia Filomena
NYC Lead Planner: Steve Ridler

**NY Rising:
New & Old Howard Beach
Community Planners**
Bonnie Devine, Amy DeGaetano

Planning Team

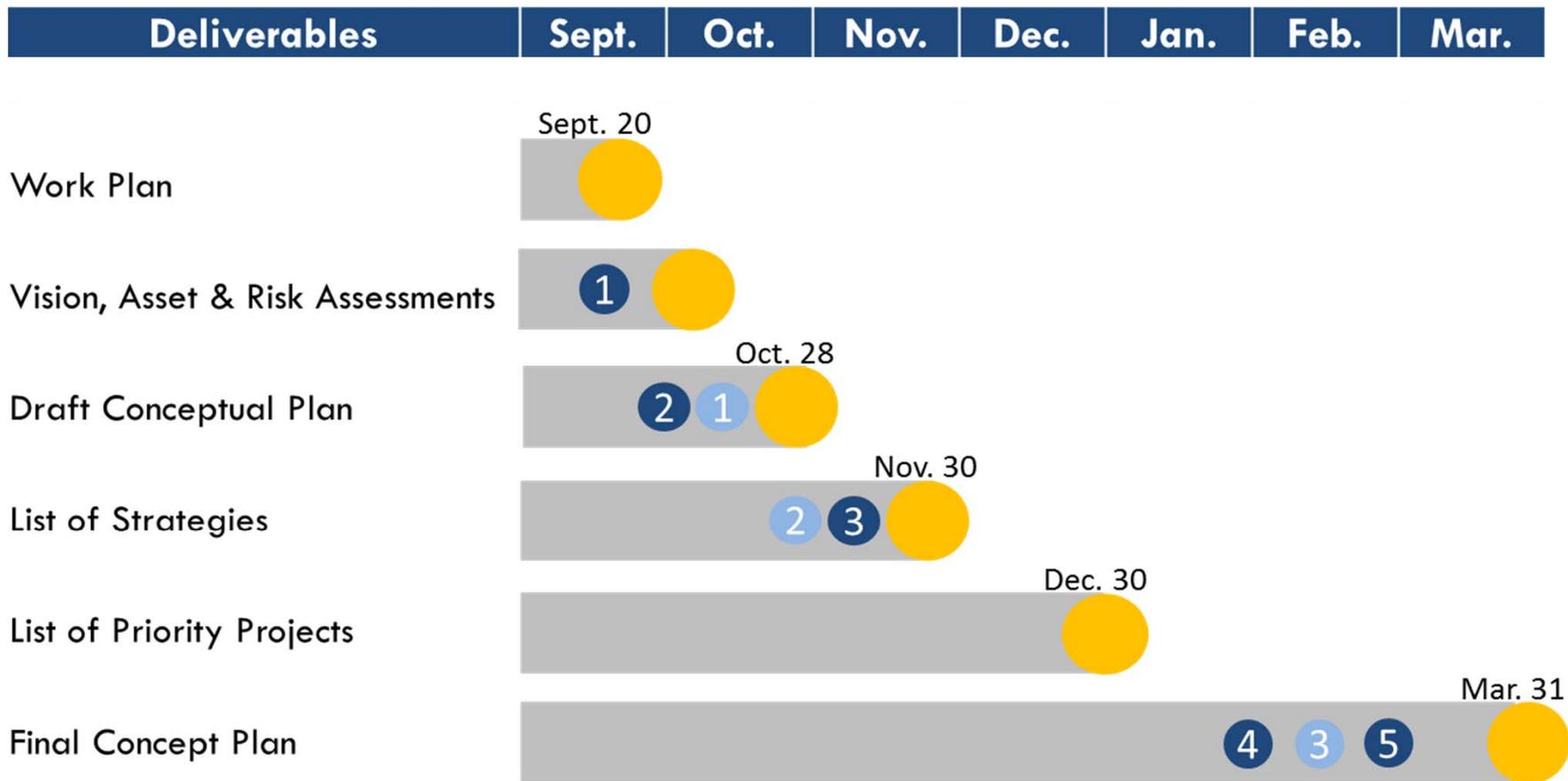
HR&A Advisors/Parsons Brinckerhoff

The Planning Team brings together multidisciplinary expertise



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program work schedule

- Planning Committee Meeting
- Public Meeting
- Deliverable Due Date



Community engagement strategy

Minimum of 3 public meetings:

- 1 by October 28th
- 1 by November 10th
- 1 by February 16th

Howard Beach Planning Committee has already begun developing a community engagement strategy

Further discussion of engagement strategy:

- Role of planning committee
- Publicity strategy
- Multiple possible community engagement techniques
 - Town Hall meeting
 - Information session
 - Storefront charrette
 - Online engagement/survey



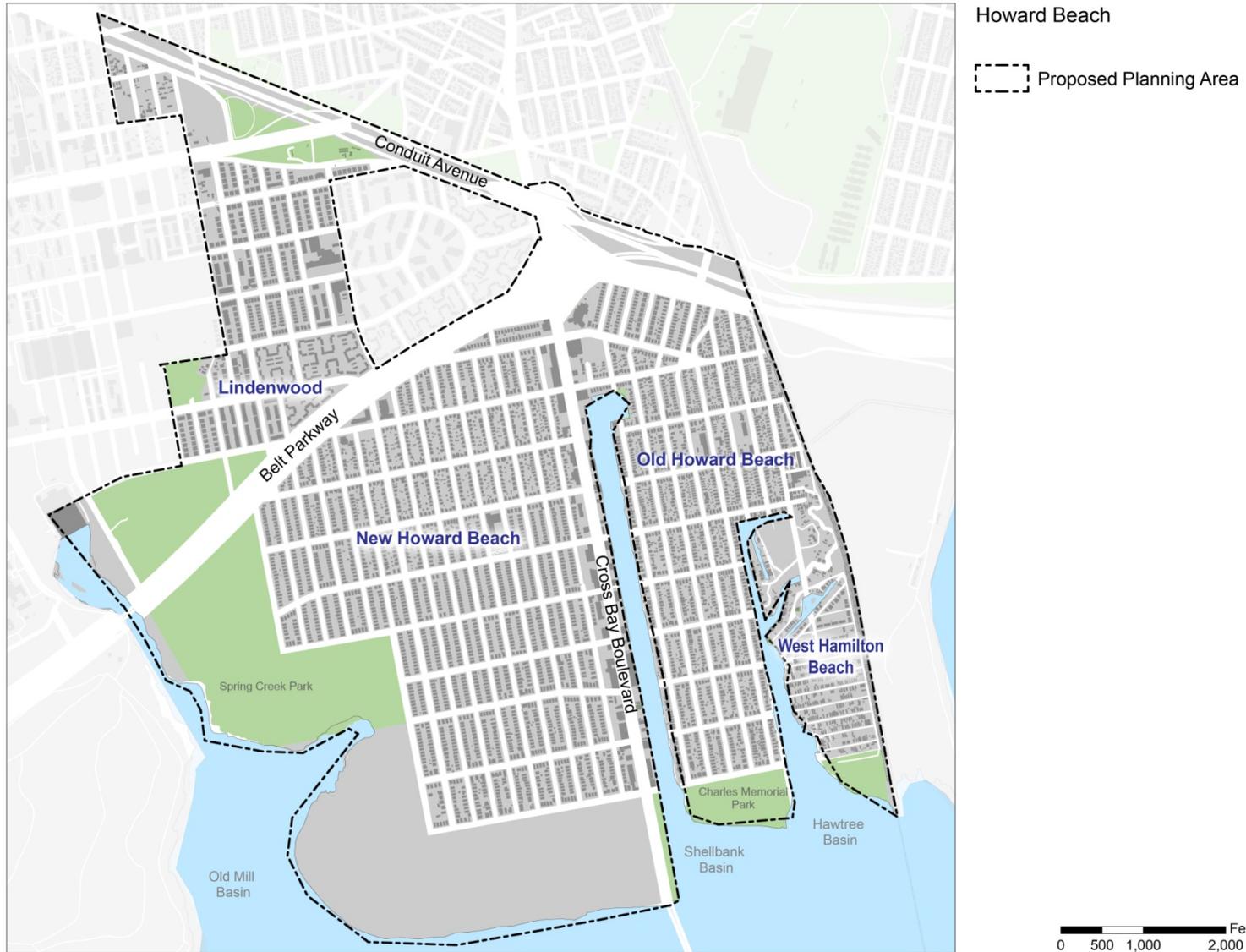
Open Plan interactive mapping

The screenshot displays the 'publicspace challenge' website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'ABOUT' and 'CONTACT US'. The main content area features a satellite map of Miami with numerous colorful pins (red, blue, yellow, purple) indicating user-submitted ideas. A specific idea is highlighted, showing a photo of a waterfront walkway and a text description. The text reads: 'My idea to improve this place... Benches on Brickell Bay- On Brickell Bay Drive there is a BEAUTIFUL walkway along the water, but with no where to sit, read, lounge and linger. My husband and I walk along here, well, he walks, i roll. He pushes me in my wheelchair. I have lived on Brickell for almost 20 years and always wondered why there were no benches on this beautiful path.. So that people could... This would help make our Miami better by encouraging people to stay outside longer and enjoy the fresh air. Having benches would increase'. The website footer includes logos for 'Our Miami The Miami Foundation', 'PPS PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SPACES', and 'ioby'. Social media icons for Twitter and Facebook are also visible.



Howard Beach Reconstruction

Potential Howard Beach planning area



Asset Inventory process for NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program

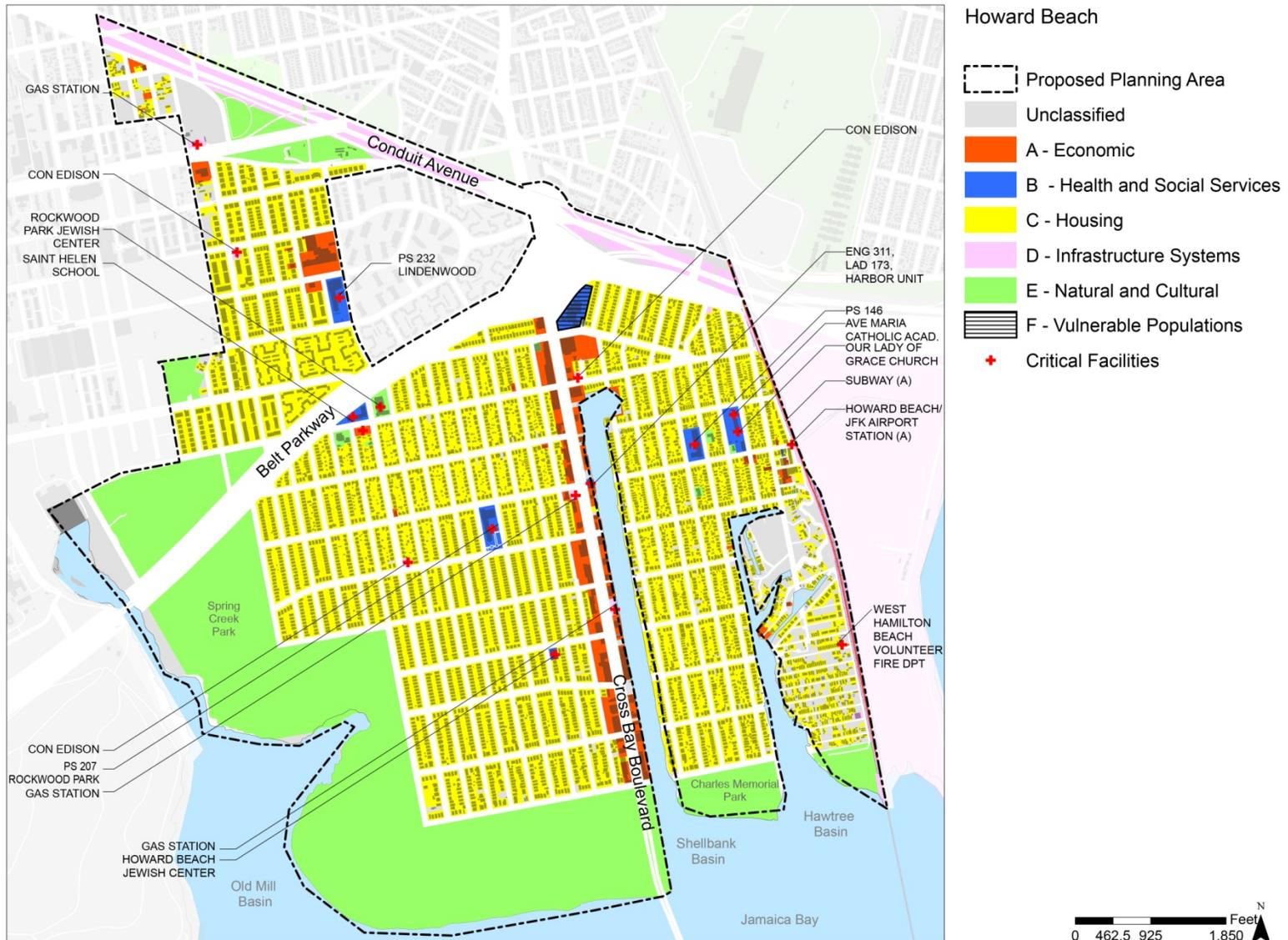
- **Identify all assets in extreme and high risk zones** based on NYS DOS Risk Areas

- **Categorize each asset** into one of 6 asset categories:
 - Economic
 - Health and Social Services
 - Housing
 - Infrastructure Systems
 - Natural and Cultural Resources
 - Socially Vulnerable

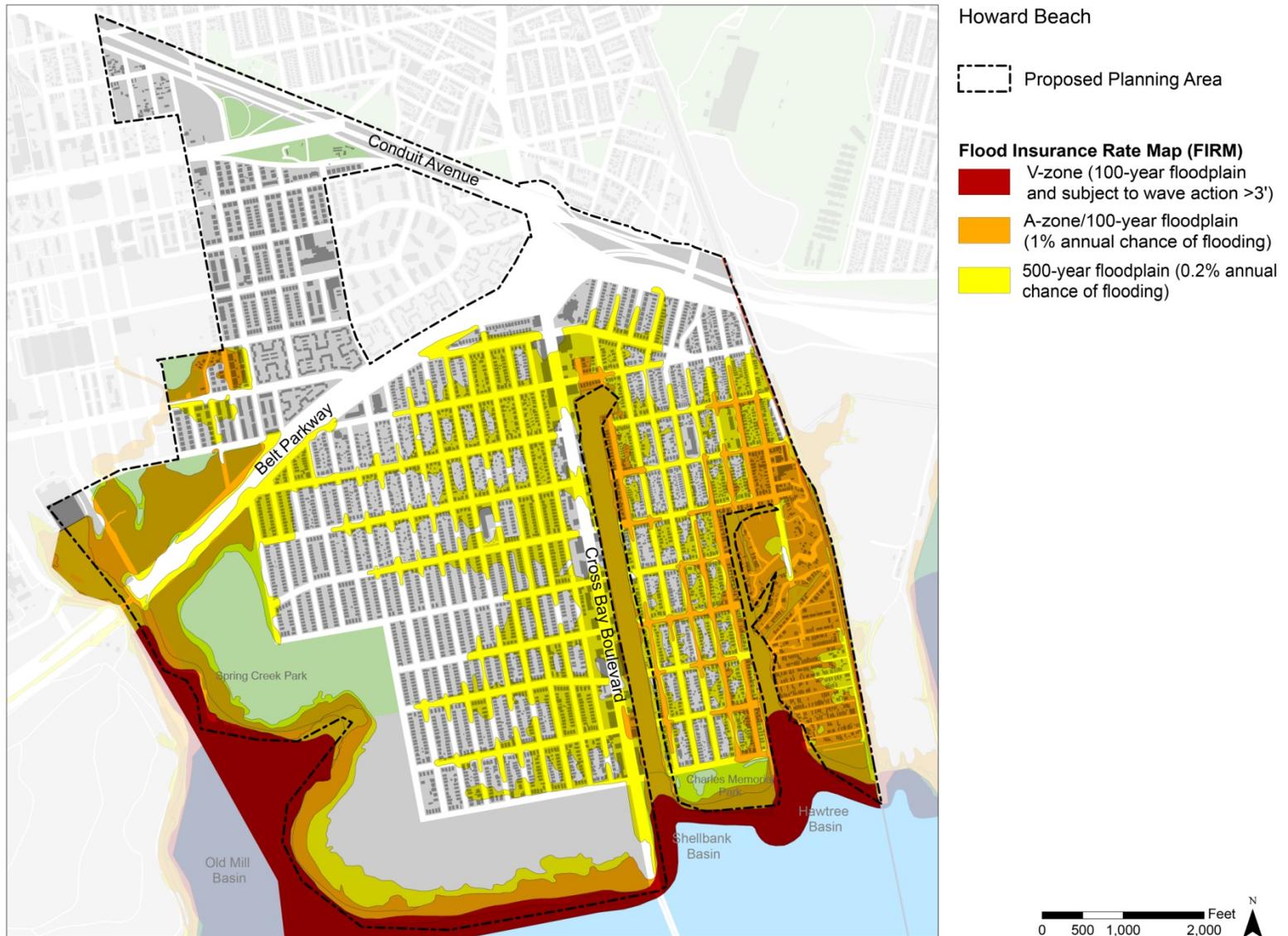
- **Identify additional critical assets** based on FEMA definitions, or as identified by another source (e.g., SIRR or local community plans)



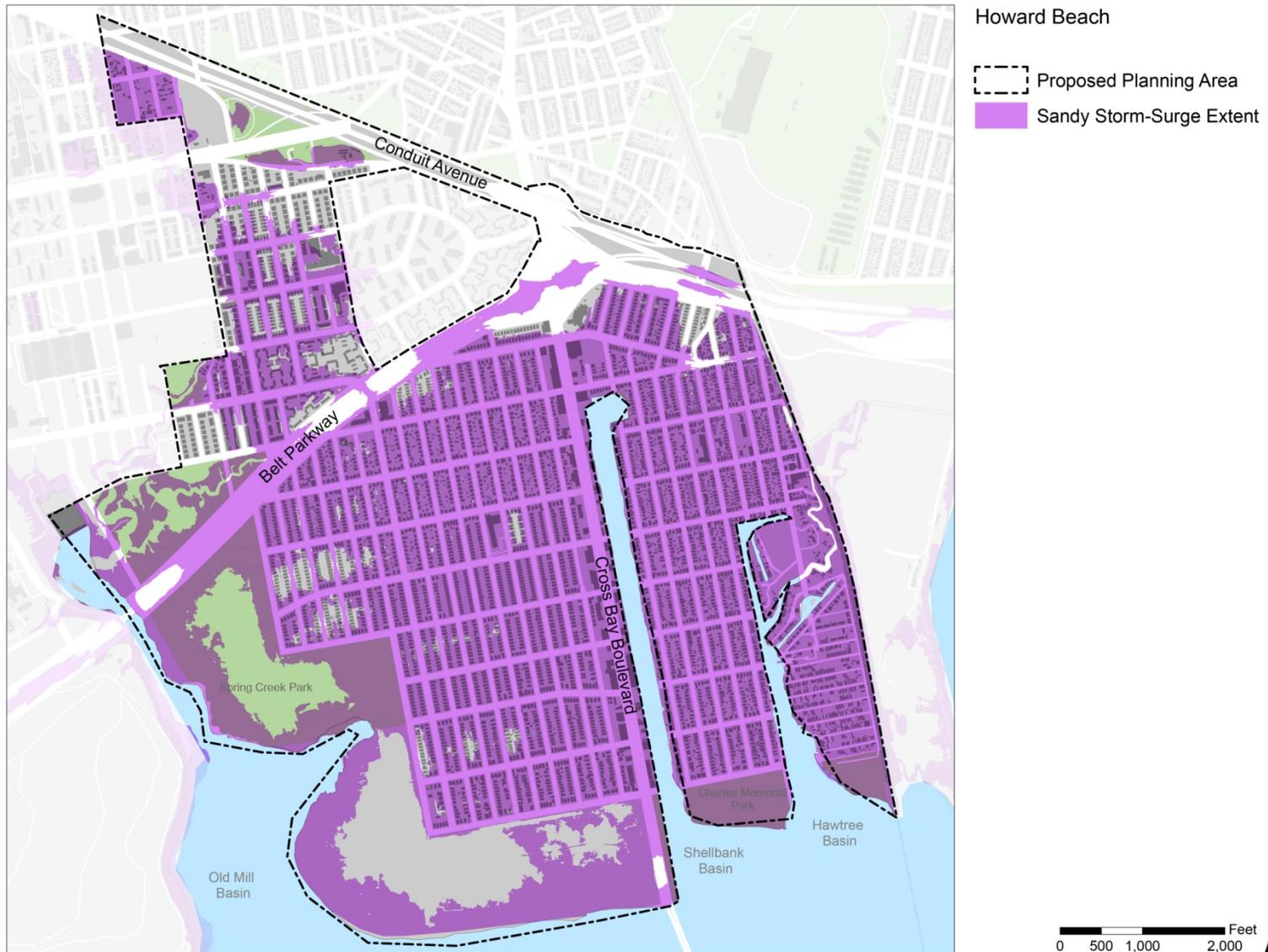
Preliminary Asset Inventory



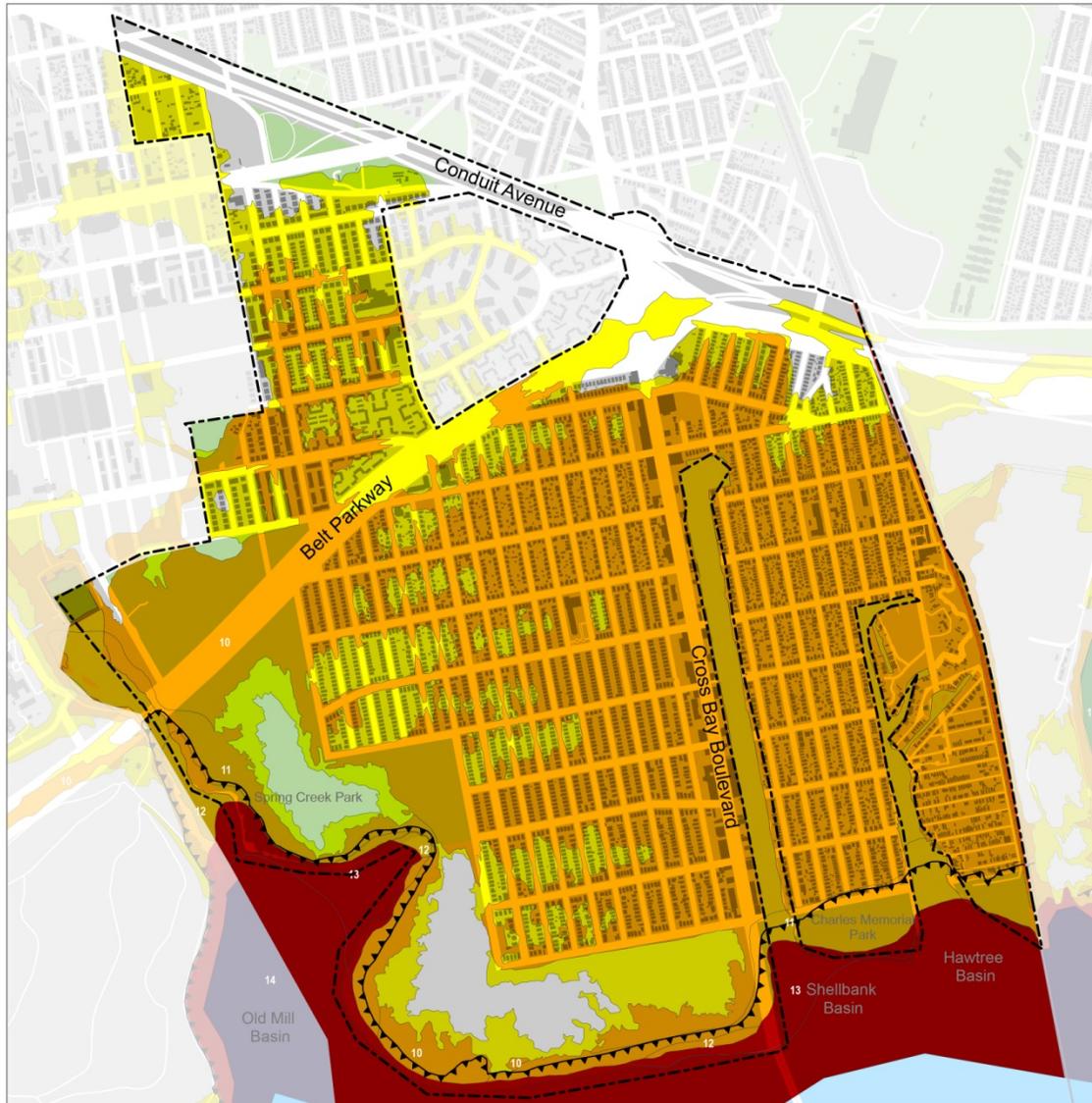
FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (1983)



Inundation during Sandy



FEMA Preliminary Work Maps (June 2013)



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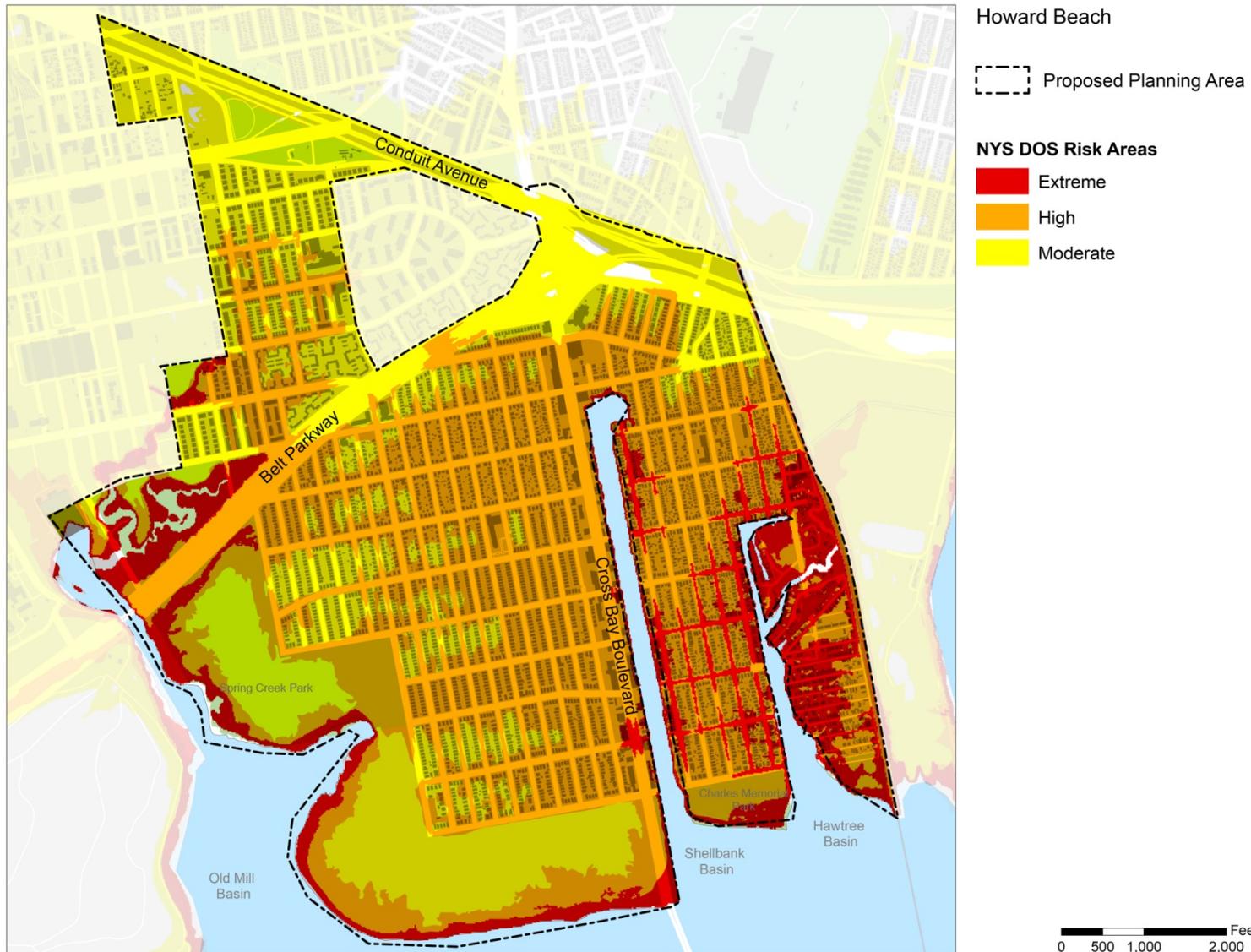
Proposed Planning Area

FEMA Preliminary Work Maps

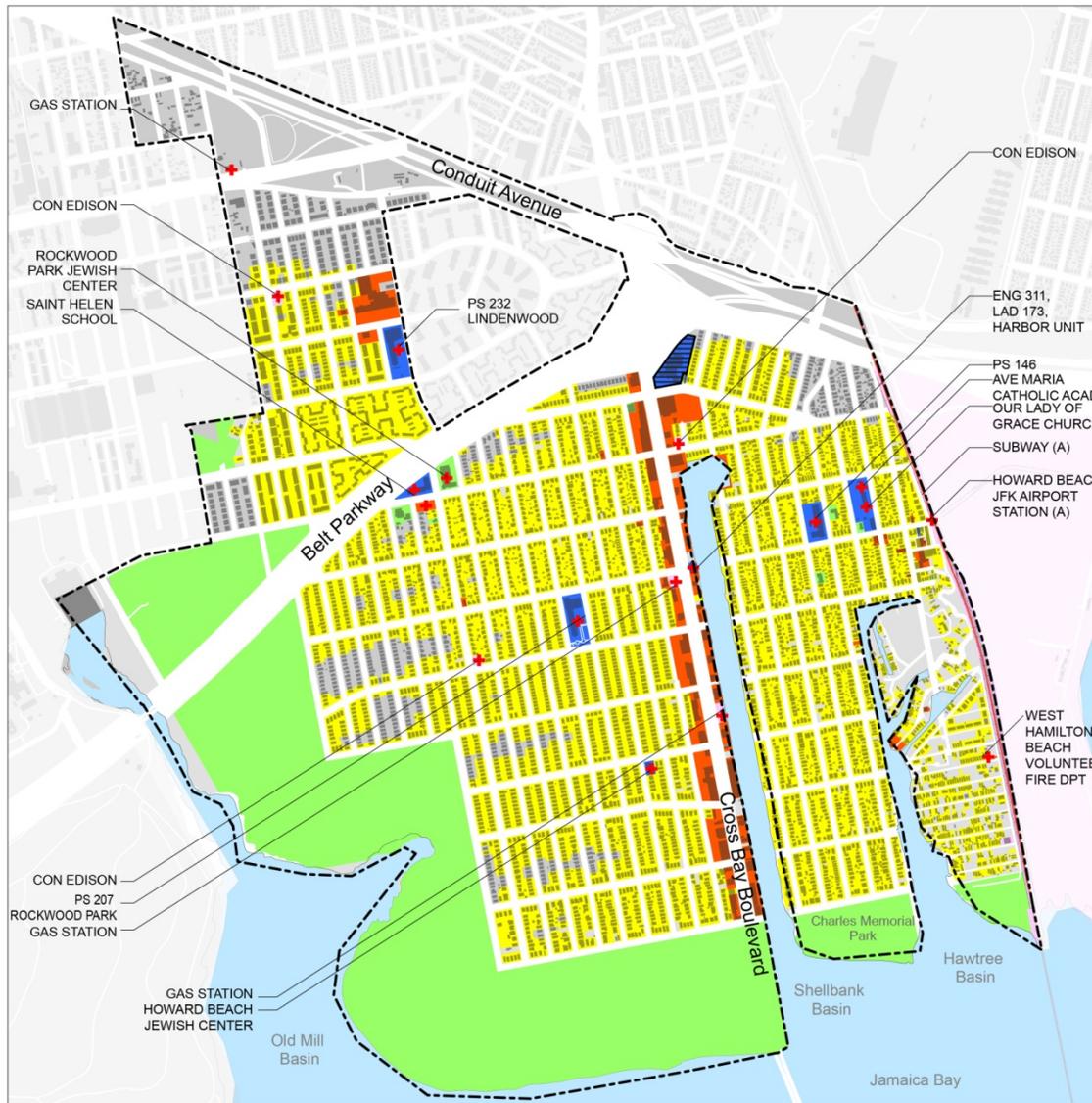
- V-zone (100-year floodplain and subject to wave action >3')
- A-zone / 100-year floodplain (1% annual chance of flooding)
- 500-year floodplain (0.2% annual chance of flooding)
- Limit of moderate wave action (1'-3' waves)



NY State Risk Assessment Areas



Preliminary Asset Inventory: Assets in Risk Zones



Howard Beach

- Proposed Planning Area
- Unclassified
- A - Economic
- B - Health and Social Services
- C - Housing
- D - Infrastructure Systems
- E - Natural and Cultural
- F - Vulnerable Populations
- Critical Facilities

ALL assets in **high** & **extreme** risk zone and **critical facilities** in any risk zone.



Recovery efforts under way

Housing

- Homeowners have begun repairing and rebuilding homes damaged by flood

Infrastructure

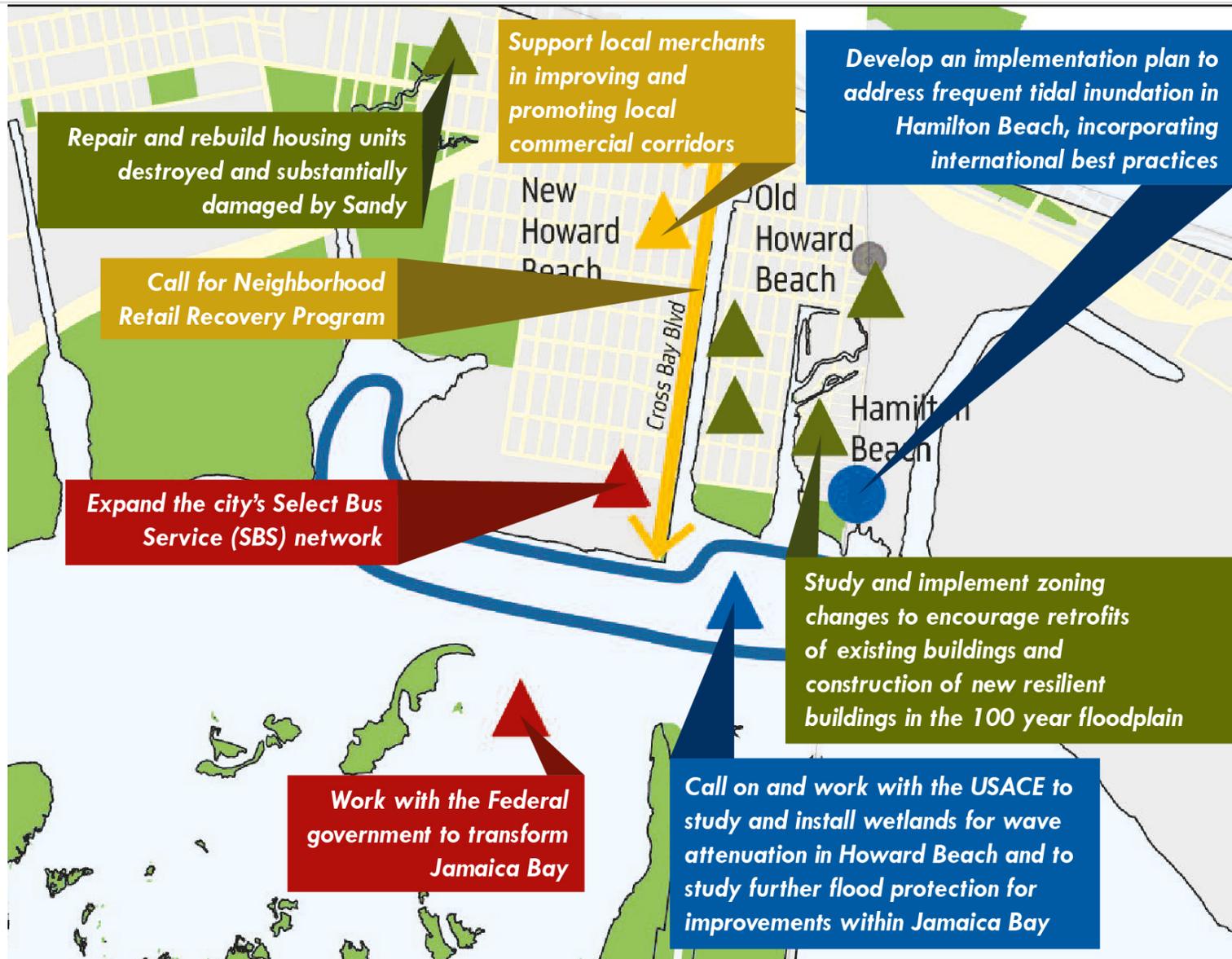
- Road, sidewalks, improved gas lines are in the ground
- Storm and sanitary sewer repairs
- Restoration of A train service

Natural & Cultural Resource

- Master Plan for Gateway National Park underway, rethinking relationship to surrounding communities



Previous study (Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resilience)



Planning Committee efforts to date

- Committee has met three times
- Discussed and outlined public engagements strategies and civic and social organizations to reach out to
- Developed resident questionnaire to better understand the local impacts of the storm
- Identified data needs and gaps

Needs and Opportunities discussion

- What assets are the most valuable to your community?
- Which are most at risk?
- Which present the greatest opportunities for recovery and resiliency?
- Are there issues that the current city/state programs are not addressing?

