

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Committee Meeting



November 13, 2013, 5:00 – 6:45 pm

Au Sable Forks Community Center

Au Sable Forks, New York

Agenda

1. Review of 10/21 Committee Meeting
2. Planning Process Overview and Status
3. Strategies and Projects Discussion
4. Project Implementation – Funding Discussion
5. Upcoming Meetings
6. Any Other Business

Planning Process Overview

- Deliverable Status:
 - **Conceptual Plan – complete**
 - Draft Strategies and Projects List, Final Asset Inventory – underway, due Nov. 29th
 - Draft Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Screening – underway, due December 27th
 - Final Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Screening – due January 15th
 - Final Plan – underway, due Mar. 28th

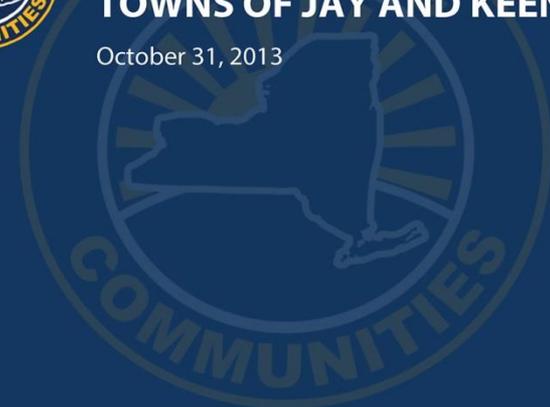
Conceptual Plan

- Final revision approved today
- Content will be adapted for use in Final Plan



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Contents of Reconstruction Plan

Background & Vision

- Storm damage, key regional and community issues, community vision

Asset Inventory Risk Assessment

- Community assets
- Risks to those assets

Needs & Opportunities

- Community needs (pre- and post-storm) and opportunities for investment and action

Reconstruction Strategies

- Strategies (general) and projects (specific) to address needs & opportunities for six recovery functions

Implementation Plan

- Grouping and phasing of projects and other actions to implement strategies
- Schedule reflecting timing & responsible parties

Project Identification Process

- Project List: From other plans and developed from steps below

- Community Asset Inventory

- Risk Assessment

- Project Benefits Assessment

- Project Costs

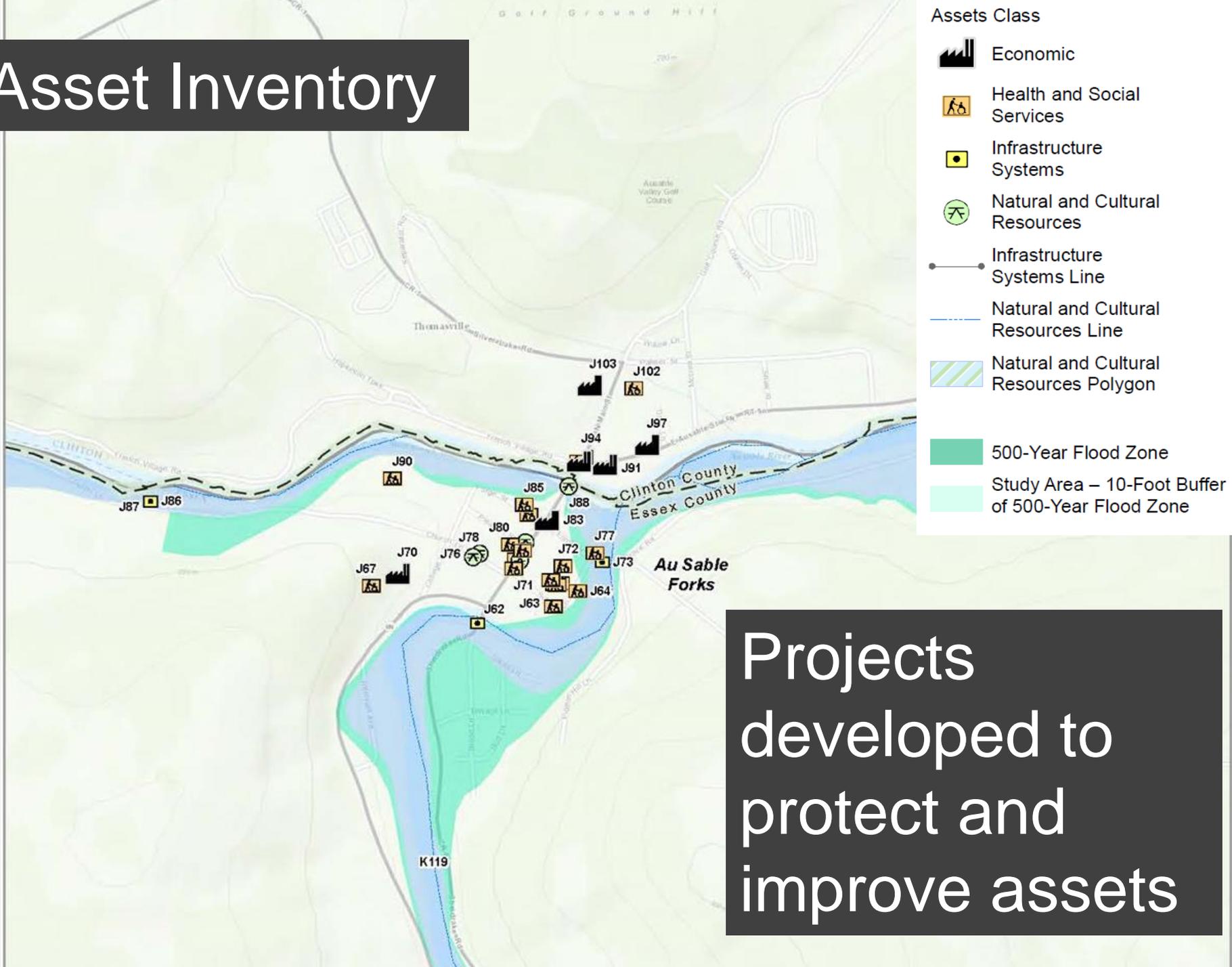
- Benefit / Cost Analysis

- Final Project Selection

screening

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Asset Inventory



Projects developed to protect and improve assets

Risk Assessment

Benefit = Reduction of risk

		Outcome (magnitude of damage)			
		Negligible	Marginal	Critical	Catastrophic
Likelihood	Frequent	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Likely	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
	Possible	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	Extreme
	No historic flood	Low	Low	Moderate	High

Proposed Project Prioritization

1. Project Screening for feasibility, co-benefits, then...
2. Project priority = Benefit / Cost (factor in cost share)

Strategies and Projects

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

Community Planning and Capacity Building

- **Develop local zoning and stormwater management ordinances and enforcement capacity to mitigate erosion and sedimentation and protect riparian buffers and floodplains**
- **Enhance education and outreach on flood awareness and stream management**
- **Strengthen capacity of emergency and support services to respond during a natural disaster and manage resources through recovery**
- **Complete planning efforts to build flood resilience**

Economic Development

- **Support “Main Street” revitalization in hamlets**
- **Increase business retention and expansion in communities**
- **Support recreation-based and eco-tourism through efforts that may include enhancing trout habitat, improving river access, and regional trail development**
- **Expand cell/broadband access to promote economic development and facilitate emergency response**

Health and Human Services

- **Increase availability of assisted living within communities**
- **Develop new local healthcare resources**

Housing

- **Evaluate options for relocation of vulnerable housing outside of floodplains and development of new housing in areas that are not prone to flooding**
- **Evaluate elevation of existing housing where appropriate**
- **Promote senior and affordable housing development**

Infrastructure

- **Implement structural and non-structural flood mitigation measures to protect life and property from flooding, including strategies that reconnect the river with the floodplain**
- **Expand cell access/broadband access (*see Economic Development*)**
- **Improve the transportation network, including regional trail networks and sidewalks**
- **Evaluate the reintroduction of hydroelectricity on the West Branch of the Ausable River**
- **Improve flood warning systems**
- **Incorporate green infrastructure and low-impact development techniques into public and private development or redevelopment projects**
- **Maintain and where necessary improve septic and wastewater infrastructure to prevent pollution and prevent flood damage**
- **Evaluate bridges and culverts to identify infrastructure that is vulnerable to or contributes to flood impacts**

Natural and Cultural Resources

- **Enlarge and improve culverts to support fish habitat connectivity and reduce flooding**
- **Address stream bank erosion and restore river and stream beds**
- **Implement stormwater management best practices to manage runoff and reduce stormwater pollution**
- **Improve stream corridor management**
- **Develop arts and cultural assets to support tourism and local recreation**
- **Enhance public access for water-based recreation and tourism**

Project Implementation

- CDBG DR Funds, eligible project types:
 - Real property activities
 - New construction of rental housing
 - Economic development
 - Public services
 - Public facilities
 - Planning and administration
 - Code enforcement
 - Brownfields

CDBG and NYRCR

- All projects developed must be “eligible”
- All projects must be tied to the disaster event
- All projects must meet one of three national objectives:
 - Benefit low/mod income persons (50% of funds)
 - Prevent or eliminate slums and blight OR
 - Meet an urgent need
- State liaisons will assist during planning process to clearly identify categories for projects identified and ensure linkage to event and national objectives

Competitive Funding Categories

1. Best regional collaboration
2. Best use of technology in the planning process
3. Best community involvement in the planning process
4. Best inclusion of vulnerable populations
5. Best use of green infrastructure to bolster resilience
6. Best innovative and cost-effective financing of critical projects
7. Best infrastructure investments with multiple co-benefits

Next Steps

- Upcoming Meetings
 - Committee meeting
 - Week of Dec. 16-20
 - Review Final Asset Inventory and Draft Strategy/Project List
 - Public meeting
 - January
- Any Other Business

Questions? Ideas?

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