Lower Manhattan
Planning Committee Meeting #1

September 18, 2013

Agenda for Planning Committee Meeting #1

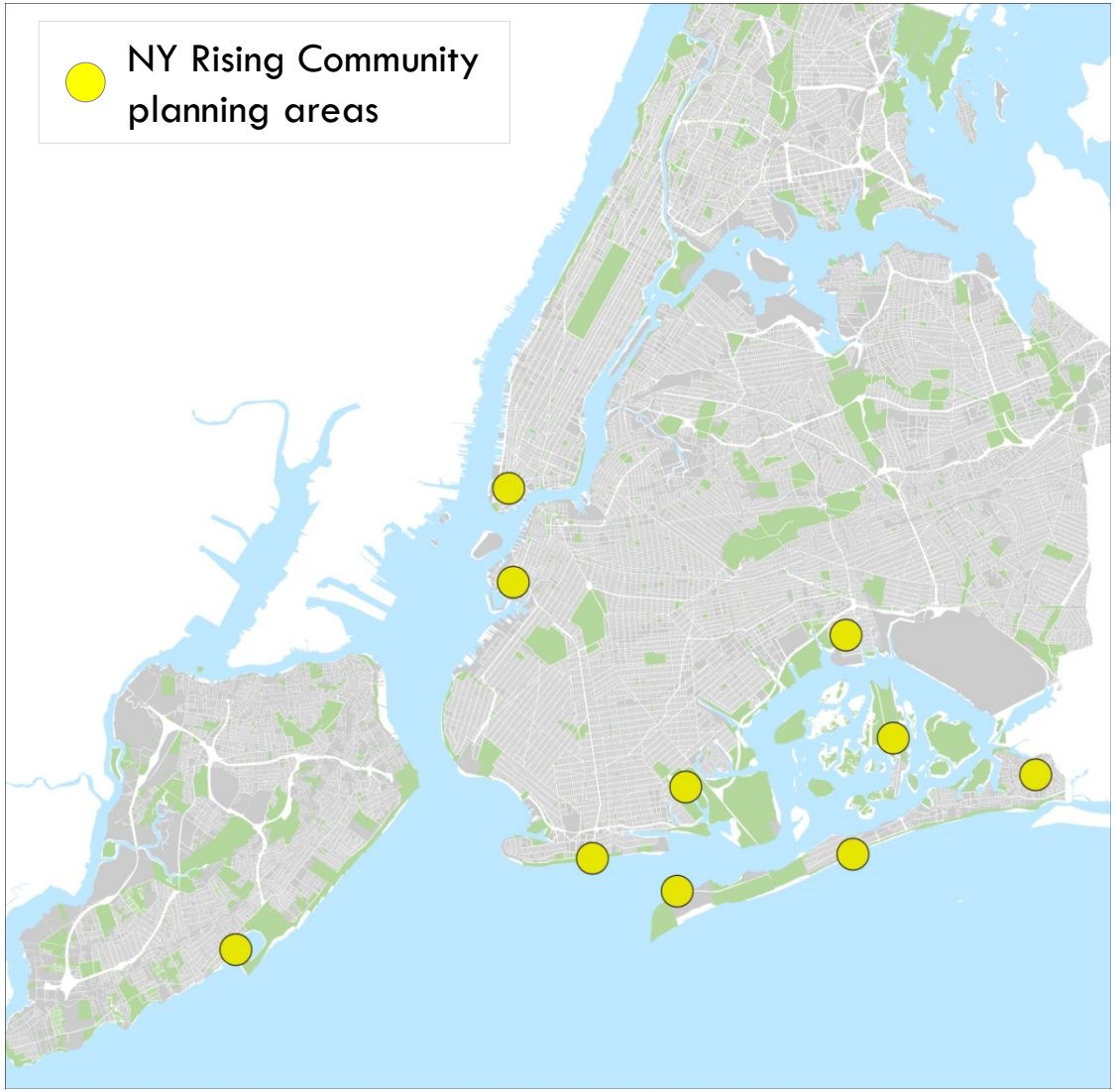
1. NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
   - Overview
   - Team introduction
   - Work plan

2. Lower Manhattan Community Reconstruction
   - Study area, asset inventory, and risk assessment
   - Existing efforts and plans
   - Needs and opportunities

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

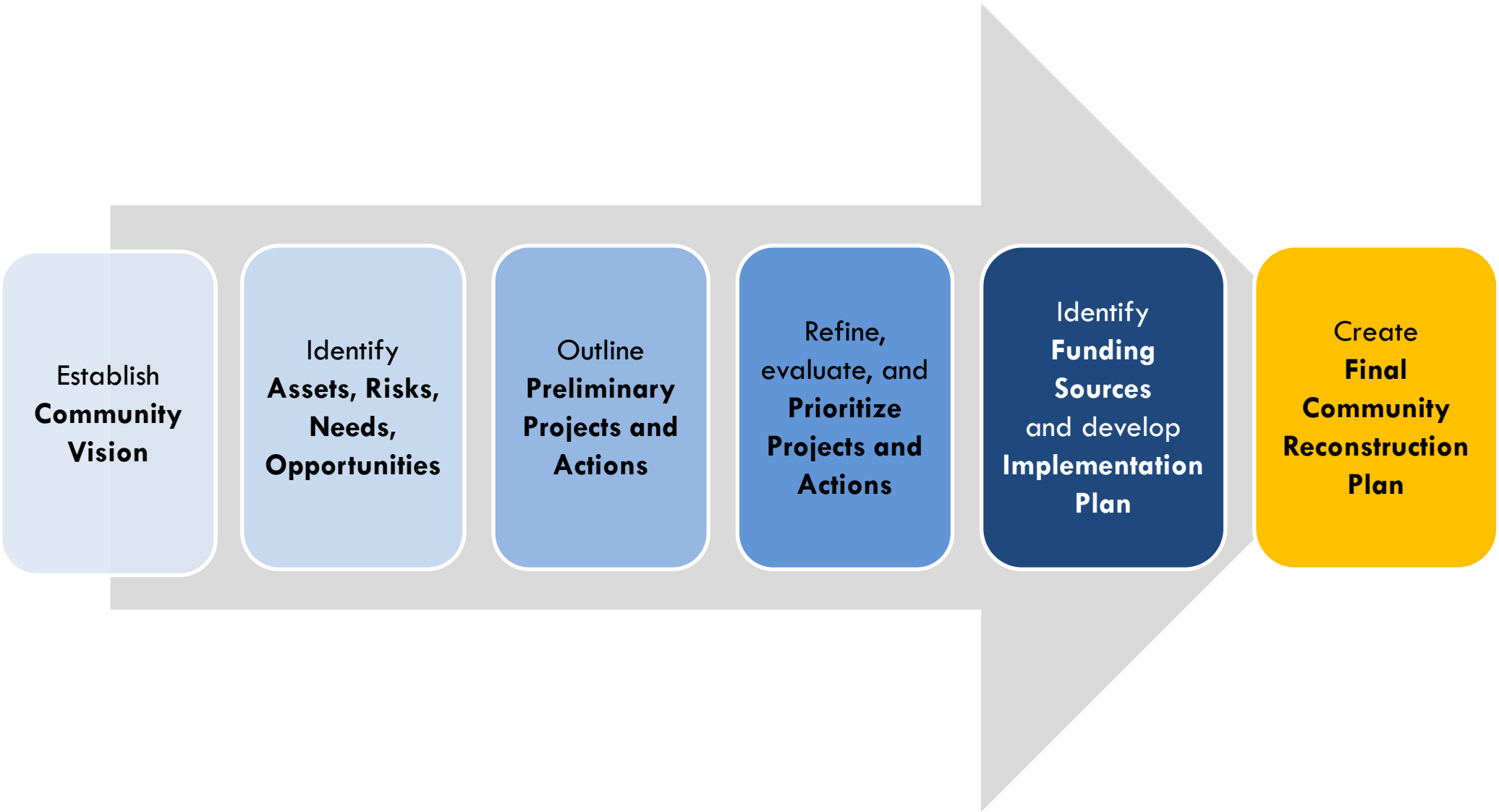


NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program overview

- 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 Committee will follow a thorough process for identifying projects and actions



NY Rising Community Reconstruction goals and components

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 to be considered in the planning process

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Funds:

- Up to $25 million for Lower Manhattan
- Possible additional funds for exemplary public engagement, regional coordination and design innovation

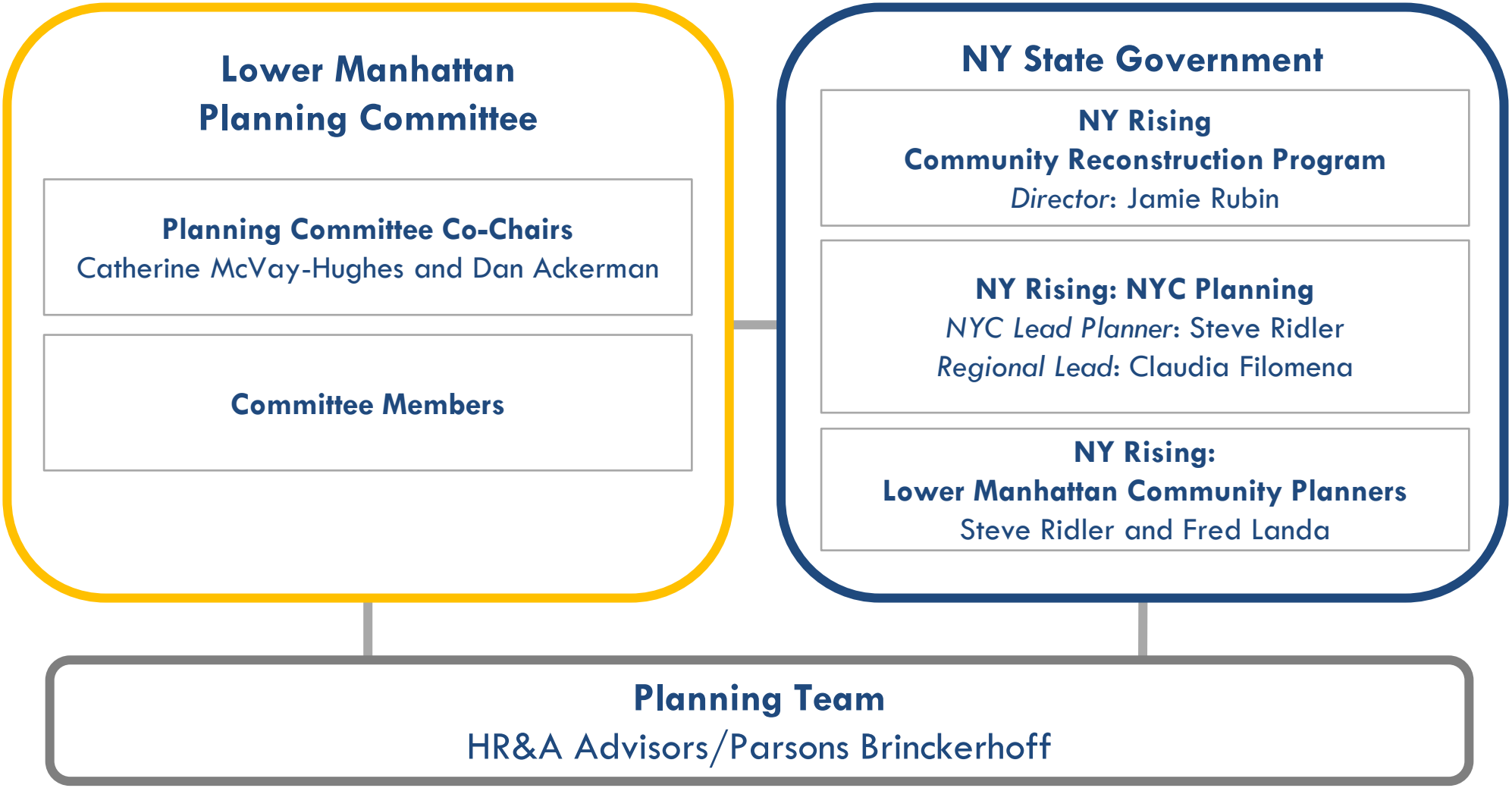
Additional select federal funds:

- 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

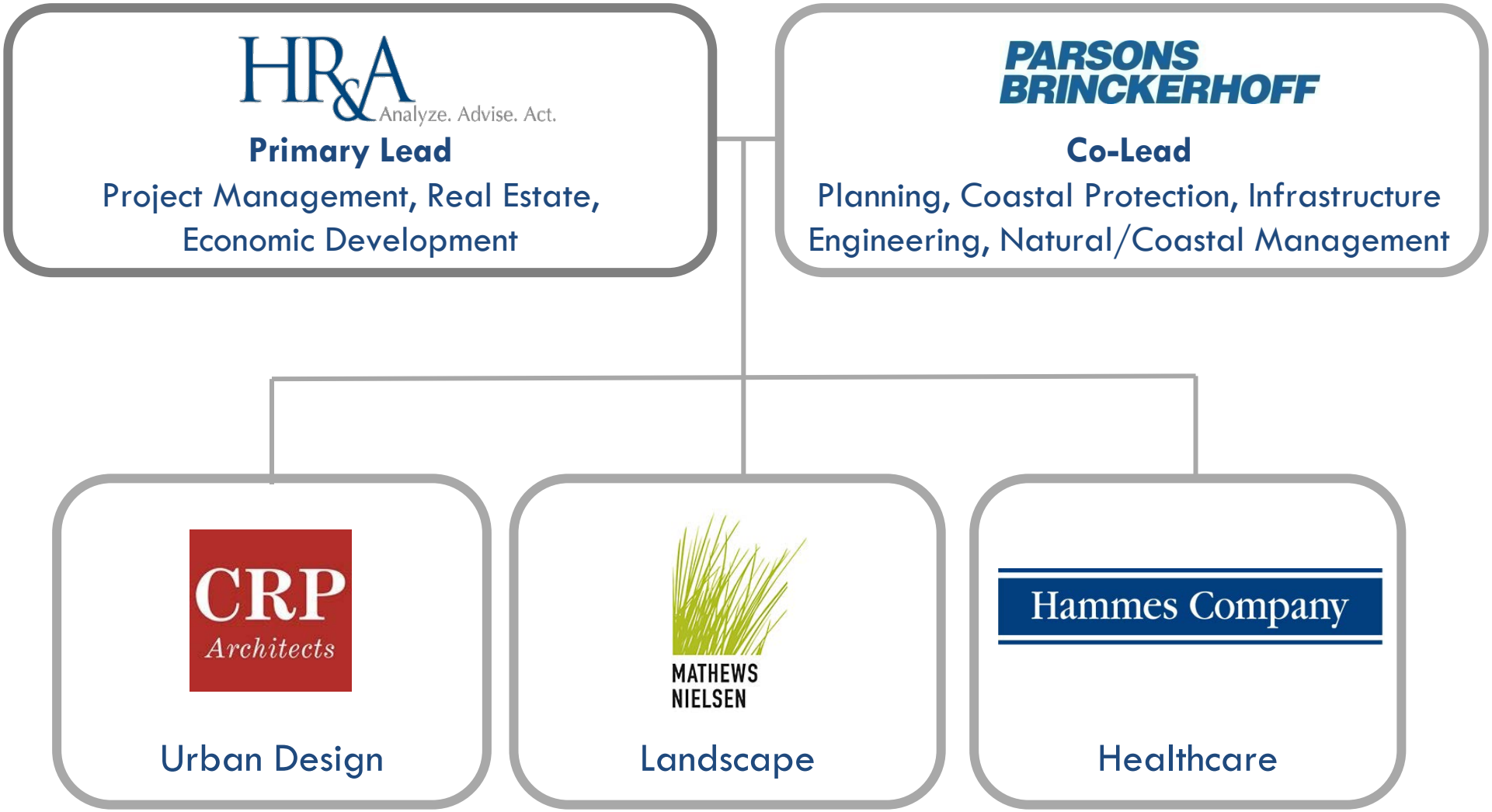
Additional select state and city funds:

- NYS - Recreate NY Multi-Family Housing Mitigation/Elevation Grant Program
- NYC - Build it Back (CDBG-DR)
- NYC - Small Business Matching Grant Program (CDBG-DR)
- NYC - Nonprofit Recovery Loan/Grant Program

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

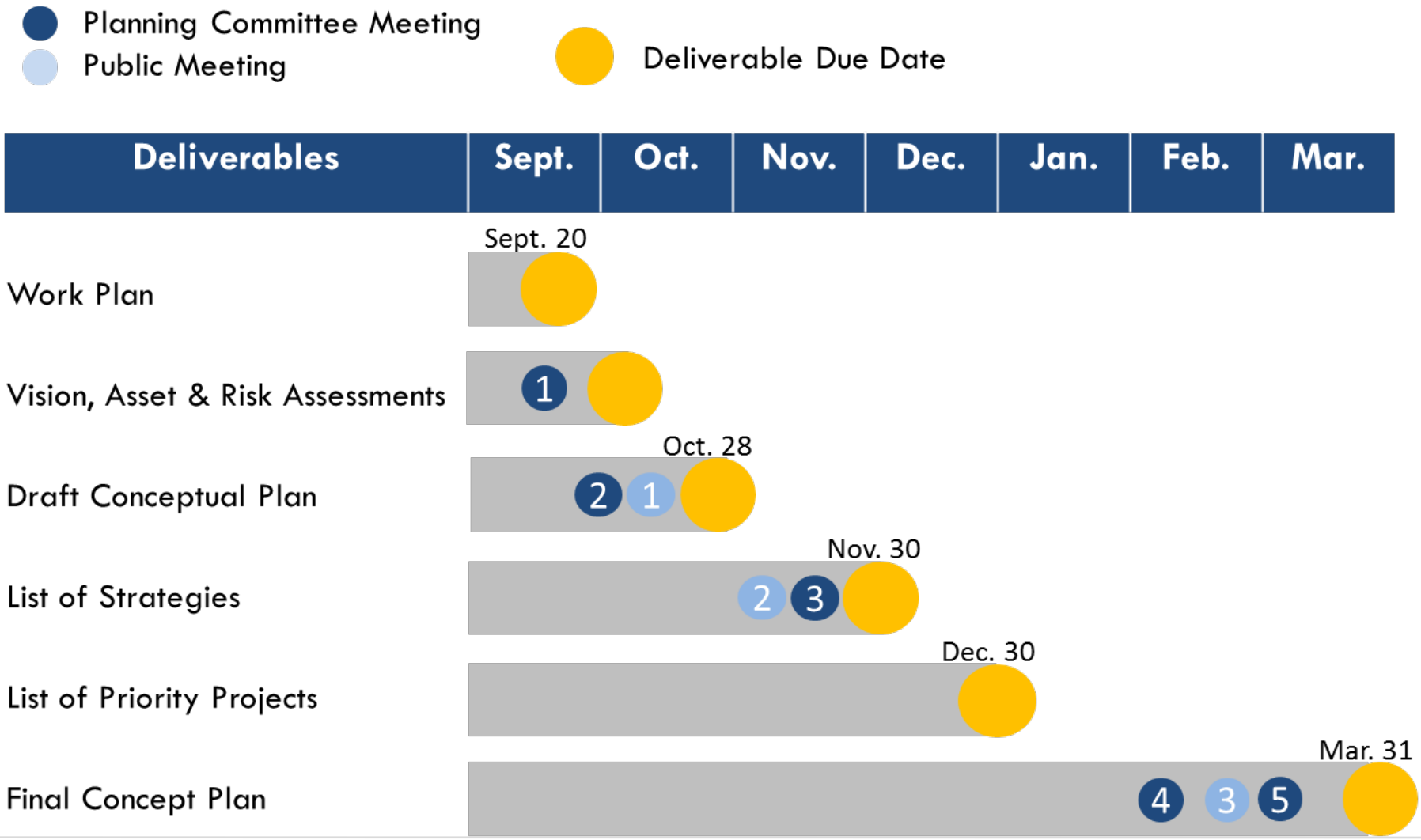


The Planning Team brings together multidisciplinary expertise



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program work plan

Planning Committee and Public Meeting Timeline



Community engagement strategy

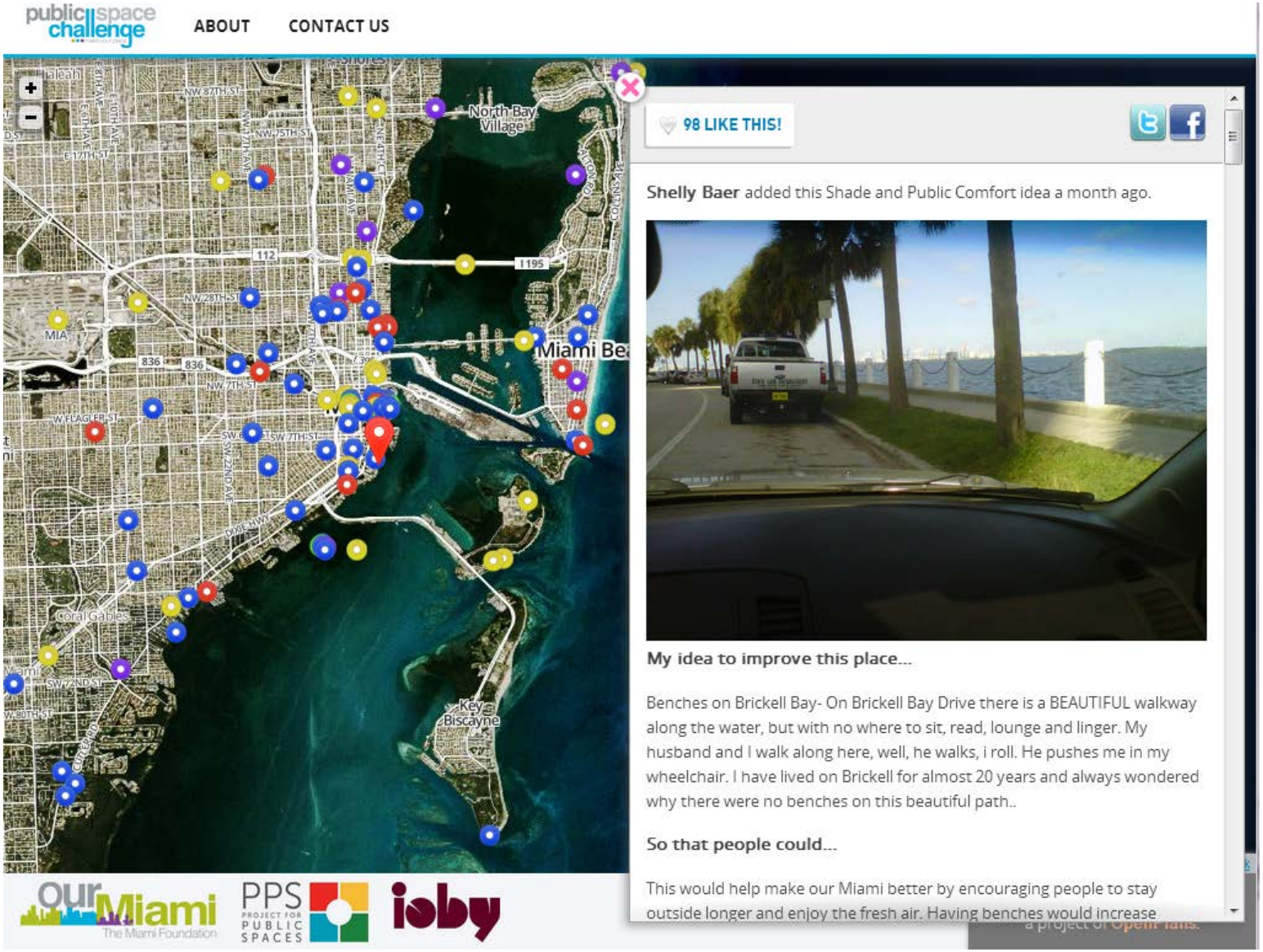
3 public meetings:

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

Community engagement strategy components:

- Role of planning committee
- Publicity strategy
- Public engagement techniques
  - Informational meeting
  - Town Hall meeting
  - Storefront charrette
  - Online engagement

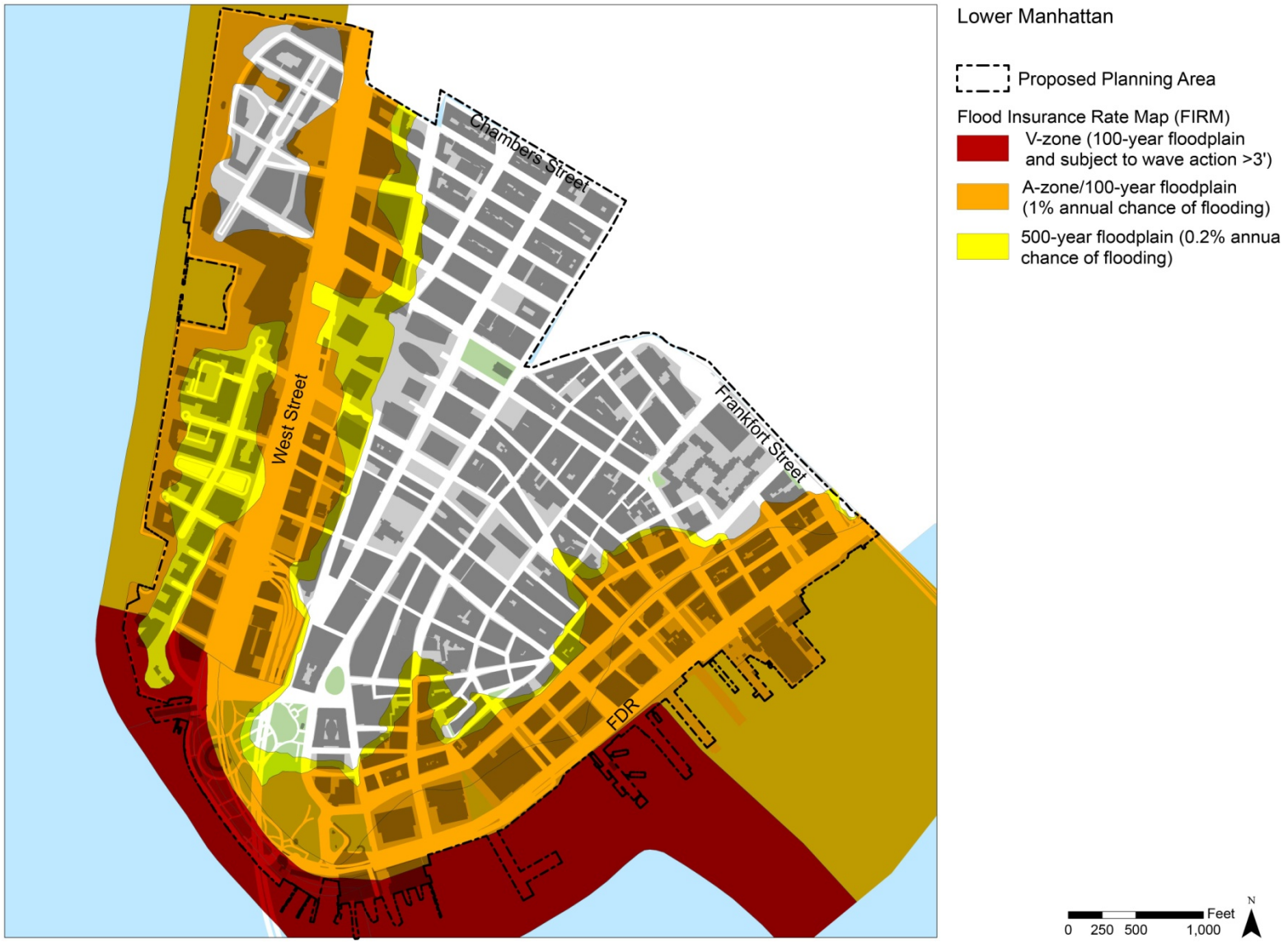
Open Plan interactive mapping



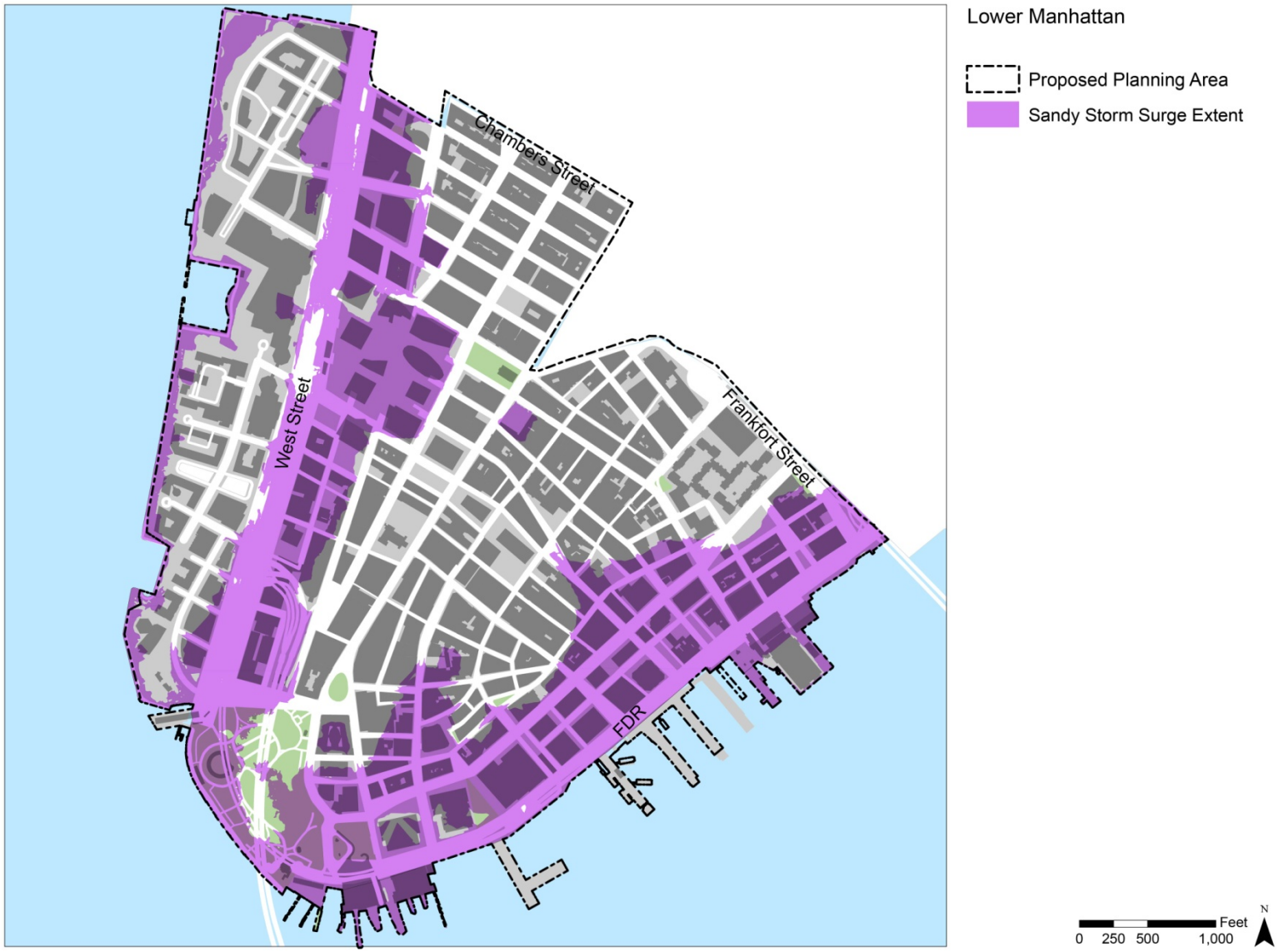
Lower Manhattan Community Reconstruction

Lower Manhattan proposed planning area

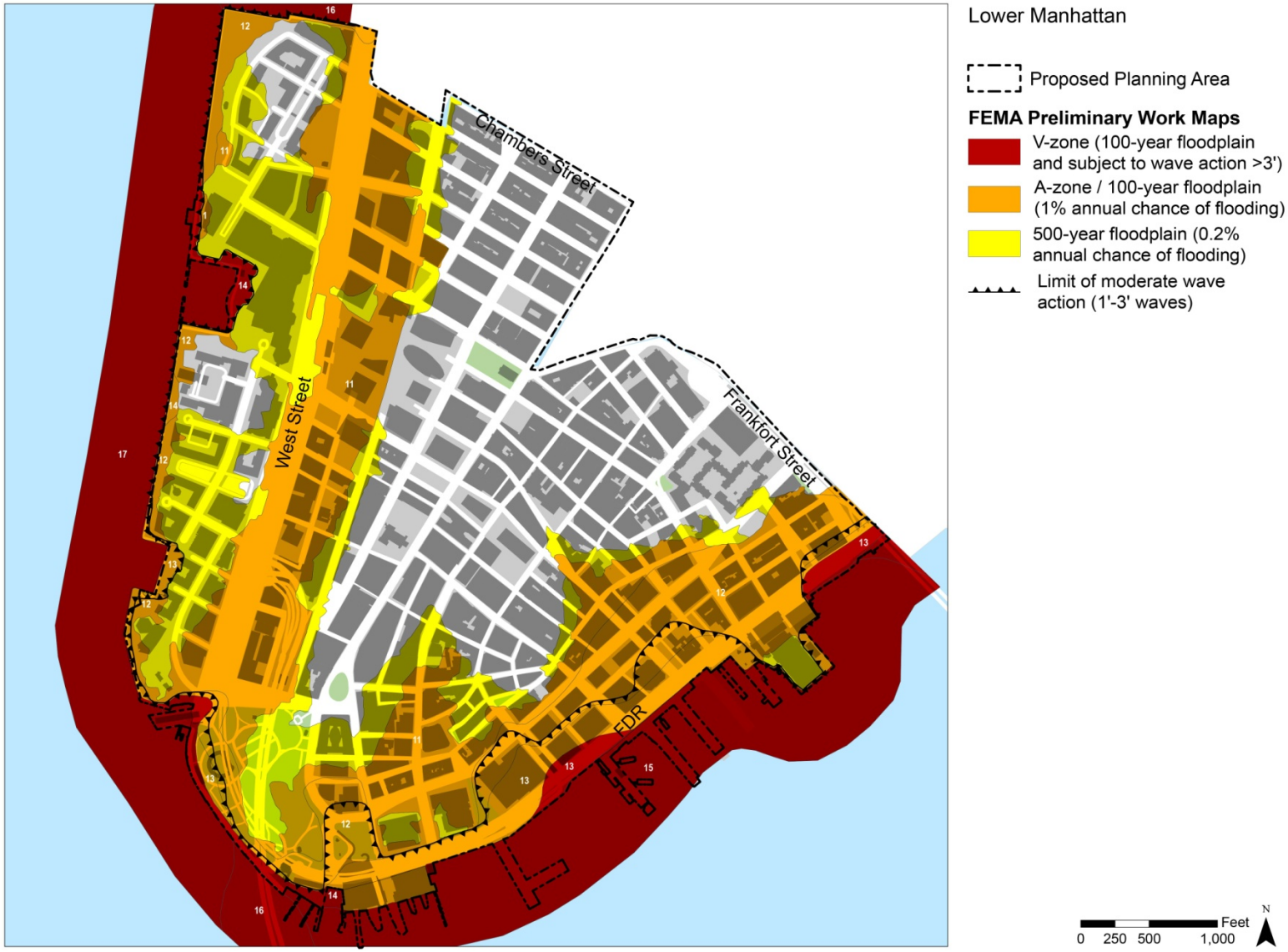
FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (1983)



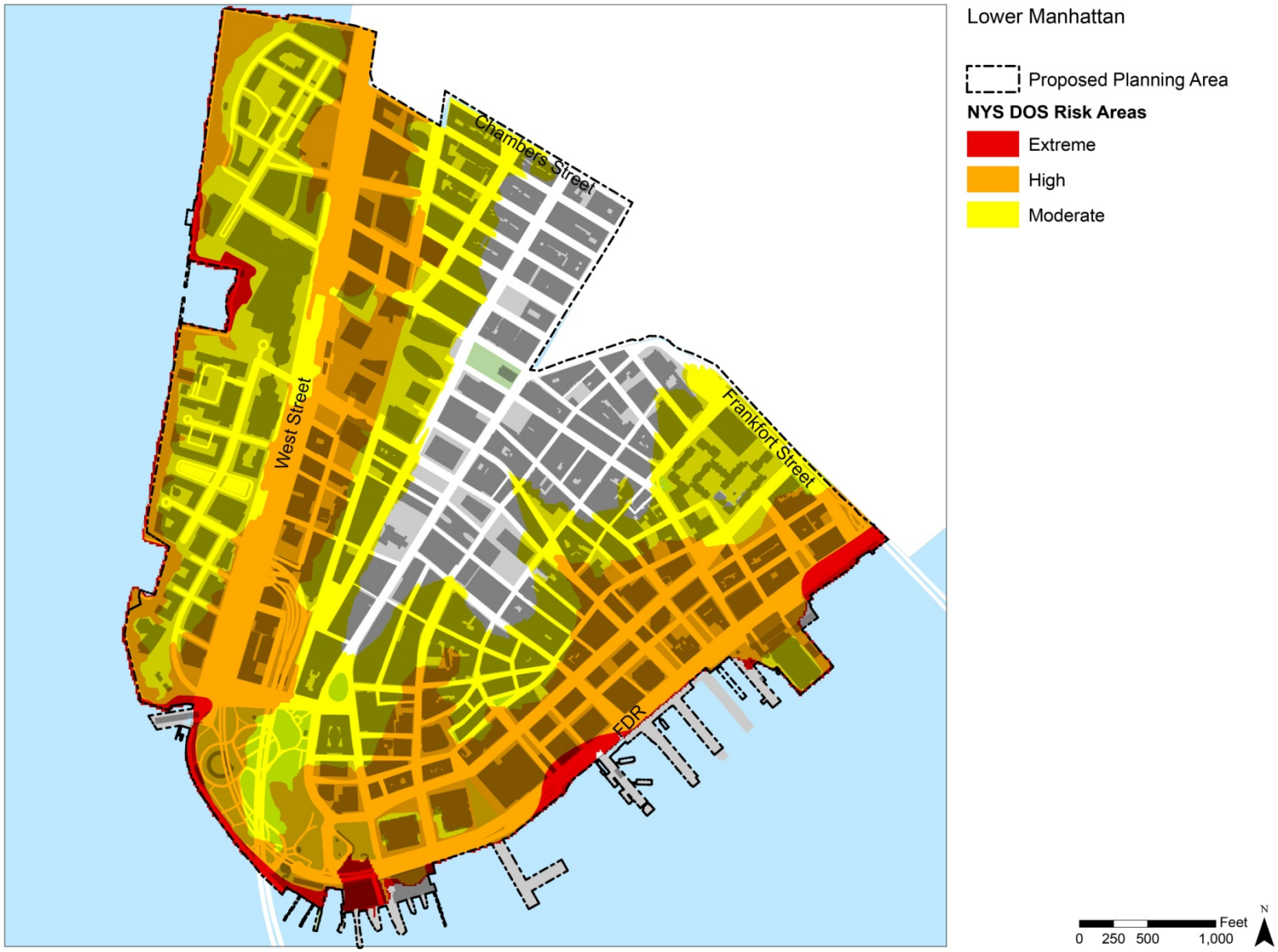
Inundation during Sandy



FEMA Preliminary Work Maps (June 2013)



NY State Risk Assessment Areas



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 – Economic

Preliminary Asset Inventory – Health & Social Services

Preliminary Asset Inventory - Housing

Preliminary Asset Inventory – Infrastructure Systems

Preliminary Asset Inventory – Natural & Cultural Resources

Preliminary Asset Inventory

Key planning and recovery efforts in Lower Manhattan

- Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resilience (SIRR Report)

- Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC):
  - World Trade Center redevelopment
  - Fulton Corridor Revitalization Project

- Downtown Alliance (ADNY):
  - Greenwich South plan
  - Water Street Pops! Plan

Planning and development: underway and proposed

Key planning initiatives, before and after the storm, by LMDC, Downtown Alliance, NYCEDC and others:

District and corridor plans

World Trade Center redevelopment
Greenwich South plan
Water Street Pops! Plan
Fulton Corridor Revitalization Project

Cultural & community resources

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum
Lower Manhattan Community & Cultural Enhancement Program
South Street Seaport Museum
Peck Slip School

Waterfront access

East River Waterfront Access Project
East River Waterfront Esplanade & Piers Project
Hudson River Park

Parks and open space

Battery Park Playspace
Bowling Green
Brooklyn Bridge Plaza
Coenties Slip
Drumgoole Plaza
Old Slip
Peck Slip Park
Tribeca Park
Wall Street Triangle

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Transportation

WTC Transportation Hub
Fulton Transit Center
West Street Promenade
South Ferry subway station
Montague Tunnel (R train)
Hugh Carey Tunnel
Proposed PATH extension to Newark

Infrastructure

Road reconstruction
Telecommunications

Emergency Preparedness

CB1 Emergency Preparedness report

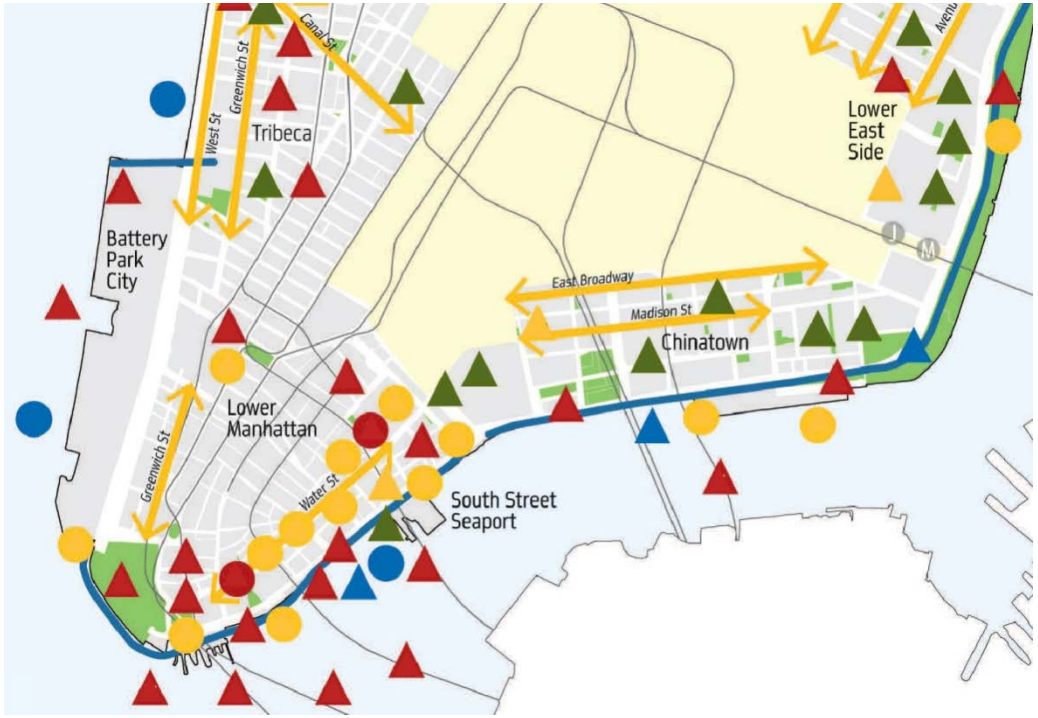
Economic development

Back to Business Grant Program
NYC Business Recovery Loan and Grant Program
Downtown Alliance Loan and Grant Program
Job Creation and Retention Program
Business Resiliency Investment Program
Hive At 55 coworking space
LaunchLM program
Take the Helm
Neighborhood Game Changer Competition
Battery Maritime Building
Pier A Renovation
South Street Seaport investments
Seaport City
Design competition for integrated flood protection

SIRR analysis & recommendations

Critical Infrastructure

- Protect Staten Island Ferry, NYCDOT tunnels from flooding
- Harden or modify shoreline parks to protect adjacent communities
- Construct physical enhancements to Water Street
- Call on non-City agencies to implement transportation strategies to address climate change threats



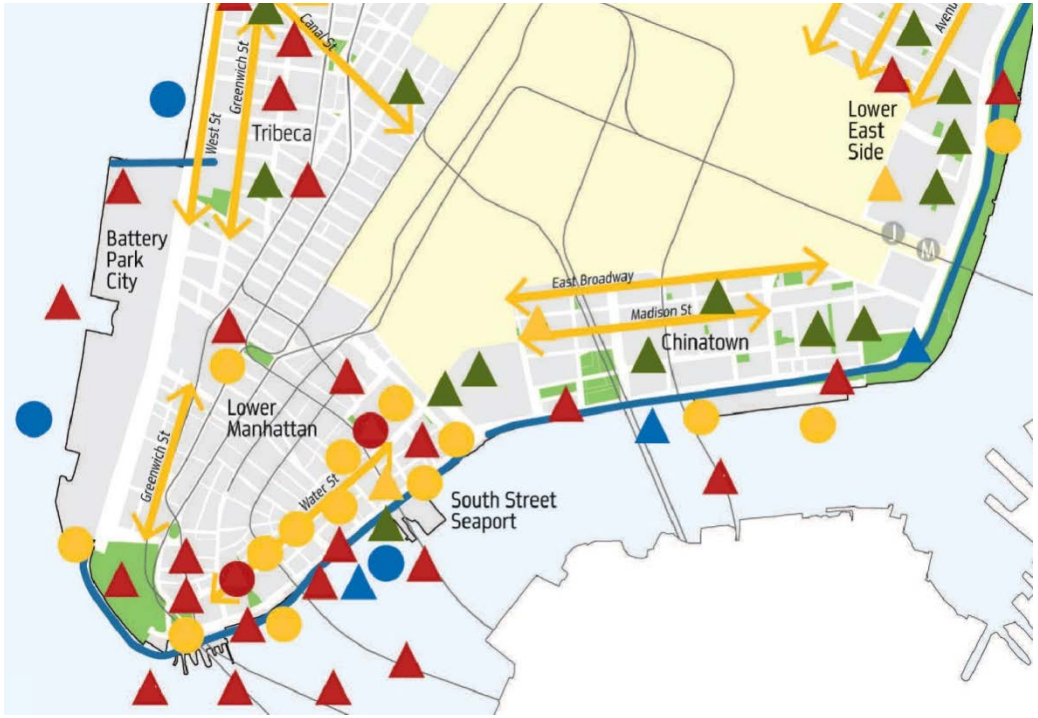
Coastal Protection

- Study an integrated flood protection system in Lower Manhattan
- Conduct a study for a multi-purpose levee along East River (Seaport City)

SIRR analysis & recommendations

Community & Economic Recovery

- Launch business recovery and resiliency programs
- Call for Neighborhood Retail Recovery Program
- Proposed changes to JCRP
- Implement temporary programming and permanent improvements of Water St. POPS
- Implement planned and ongoing investments



Buildings

- Retrofit public housing units damaged by Sandy
- Study and implement zoning changes to encourage increasing resilience of existing buildings
- Amend building codes to increase resiliency
- Encourage existing buildings to adopt resiliency measures

Needs and opportunities discussion

Assets & Needs

- What assets are the most valuable to Lower Manhattan? Which are most at risk?
- What projects can increase resiliency and simultaneously strengthen the Lower Manhattan economy?
- Are there other pressing needs that can be addressed synonymously with resiliency?
- Considering other possible funding sources and projects underway, what needs are unmet? What needs should take priority?

Vision & Role

- What is the Planning Committee's vision for the Lower Manhattan NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program?
- What niche can the Planning Committee carve out for the program funds?
- Is the proposed planning area the right one?

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Appendix

Revised planning area boundary based on planning committee input