



NYRCR

City of Middletown

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program

Public Engagement Meeting #1

July 22, 2014 7:00pm-9:00pm

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# Overview of the NYRCR Program

- **New York State and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo providing \$650M + planning/implementation for hard-hit communities (by Sandy, Lee, Irene, 2013 floods)**
  - ❖ Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds
  - ❖ Round 1: 102 communities; Round 2: 22 communities
  - ❖ NYRCR City of Middletown: Up to \$3M
  - ❖ Amounts based on federally-assessed storm damage



# Understanding the NYRCR Program

- **NYRCR Program Goal:**

*“ ... to empower the State’s most impacted communities with the technical expertise needed to develop thorough and implementable reconstruction plans to build physically, socially, and economically resilient and sustainable communities so as to rebuild New York’s communities in a way that will mitigate against future risks and build increased resilience.”* <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nycrcr/faq>

- **Implementation Focused**

- **Bottom-Up Community Participation and Collaboration**

- ❖ Identify assets/risks, needs/opportunities
- ❖ Best options/viable alternatives



# Understanding the NYRCR Program

- **Focus the NYRCR Strategies and Projects in 6 Major Categories:**
  1. Infrastructure
  2. Housing
  3. Economic Development
  4. Health and Social Services
  5. Natural and Cultural Resources
  6. Community Capacity Building
  
- ❖ Vulnerable Populations – Need to consider



## Qualifying for CDBG-DR

- **Is the project eligible under traditional CDBG?**
  - ❖ Public facilities and improvements, and privately-owned utilities
  - ❖ Relocation planning, capacity building
  - ❖ Acquisition of real property
  - ❖ Clearance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of buildings
  - ❖ Economic development assistance





## Qualifying for CDBG-DR

- **Is there a direct link between the project and the disaster?**
  - ❖ Does it address damage caused or exacerbated by a storm?
  - ❖ Does it address emerging issues that have been exposed and identified as a result of the storm?
  - ❖ Does it create greater resiliency against future storms?





# Plan Development Process





# What has the Committee Been Working On?

## JUNE 2014

- ✓ Middletown NYRCR Committee was established
- ✓ Reviewed existing local and regional documents

## JULY 2014

- ✓ Project Kick-off Meeting
- ✓ Tour of City - Description of Storm Damage
- ✓ Geographic Boundary Finalized
- ✓ Develop Draft Vision Statement and Goals
- ✓ Begin Risk Assessment
  - Begin Review of Critical Assets in Community
- ✓ Develop Public Engagement Strategy
  - **July 22 – Public Engagement Meeting #1**



# Description of Storm Damage

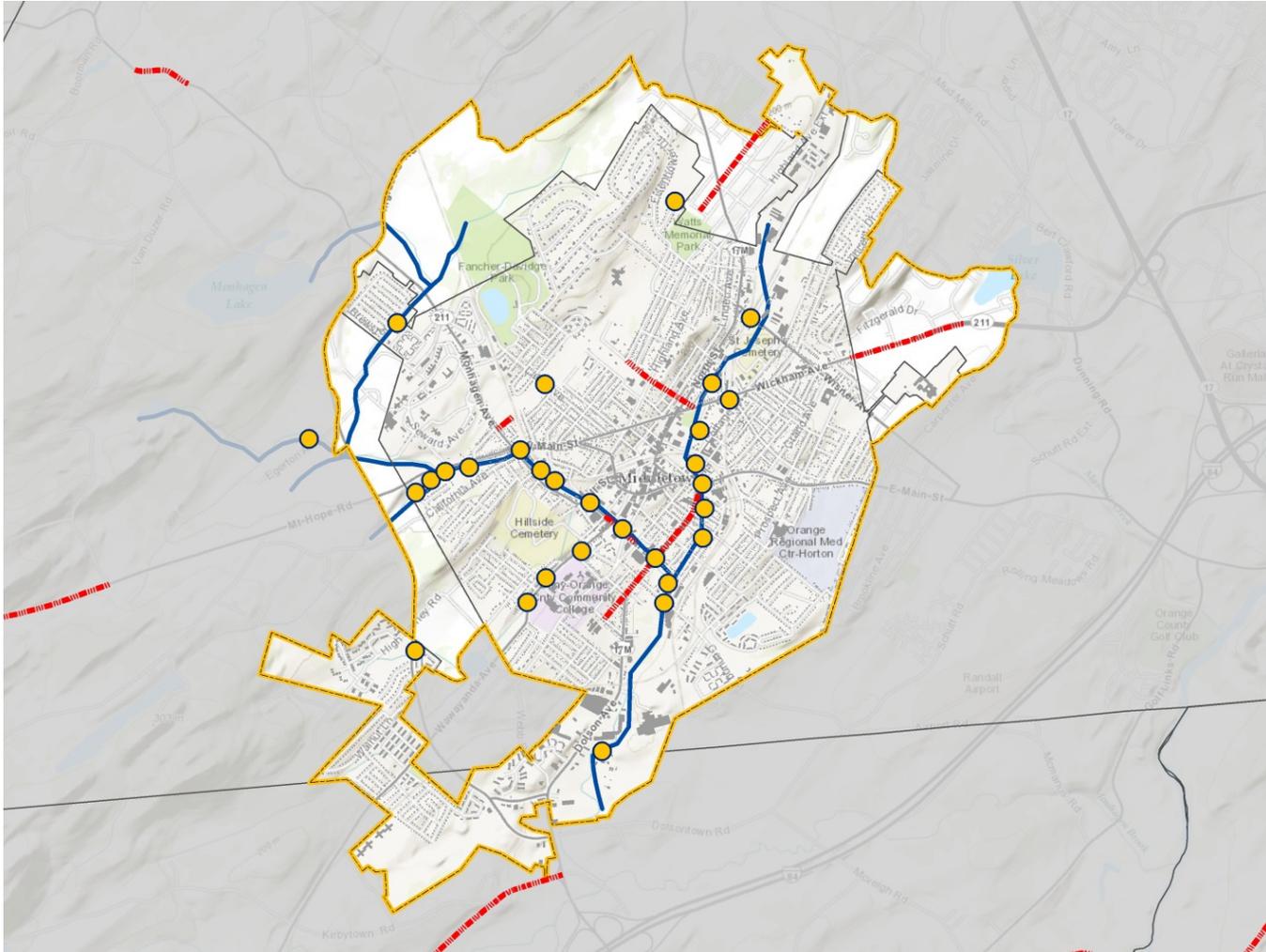
- Conducted Tour of Impacted Areas
- NYRCR Committee Member Input
- Citizen and Stakeholder Feedback
- To be gathered through outreach
- Local, State, Regional, Federal Documentation



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# Geographic Boundary





# Draft Vision Statement

- **Draft Vision Statement**

- ❖ What is the realistic “favorable future” we want to see in NYRCR City of Middletown
- ❖ Reduce risk and increase community resiliency
- ❖ Solution-focused and comprehensive
- ❖ Community-inclusive
- ❖ How can we capitalize on current assets?



# Risk Assessment - Inventory of Assets

- **Work with Sub-Committee to identify assets in each category:**
  - ❖ “Extreme,” “High-Risk,” and “Moderate” Areas
  - ❖ Defined as critical facilities by FEMA (essential to health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard incidents)

## EXAMPLES

- Emergency service facilities
- Infrastructure
- Police and fire stations
- Public works facilities
- Schools
- Food and grocery stores
- Medical facilities and pharmacies
- Businesses
- Natural systems/waterways
- Jails and juvenile detention centers
- Senior/vulnerable population housing
- Disaster assistance services



# Public Engagement Strategy

- **Identify audiences, stakeholders**
  - ❖ Citizens and residents
  - ❖ Businesses, non-governmental organizations
  - ❖ First responders, emergency management teams
- **Identify engagement techniques, outlets**
  - ❖ Public meetings/workshops, websites, e-campaigns, social media, public access channels, mailings, ads, special events, high-traffic venues
- **Committee Meeting**
  - ❖ Meetings in The Mulberry House Senior Center
  - ❖ Public participation is encouraged





# What will the Committee be working on during upcoming months?

## **JULY 2014**

- Begin to identify critical issues, needs and opportunities
- Risk Assessment - Begin HEC RAS Modeling

## **AUGUST 2014**

- By August 1 – CR Plan Section 1
- Risk Assessment - Complete HEC RAS Modeling
- By August 22 – CR Plan Section 2

## **SEPTEMBER 2014**

- By September 12 – Develop a list of strategies
- By September 12, 2014 – Public Engagement Meeting #2



# What will the Committee be working on during upcoming months?

## **OCTOBER 2014**

- By October 3 – List of projects and actions
- By October 22 –Draft #1 CR Plan

## **NOVEMBER 2014**

- By November 14 – Draft #2 CR Plan
- By November 14 – Public Engagement Meeting #3

## **DECEMBER 2014**

- By December 5 – Final CR Plan

## **JANUARY 2015**

- By January 16 – Public Engagement Meeting #4



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# WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE MONEY COMMITTED?

Community Voting Exercise



# Where Should the NYRCR Committee Invest the NY Rising Funds?

- Infrastructure (improve/rebuild roads, bridges, sewer and water systems, drainage systems to be less vulnerable to flooding or prevent flooding)
- Economic Development/Redevelopment (ex. Support of commercial hubs, redevelop opportunities, branding...)
- Health and Social Services (access to services, access of post-disaster access health care, support of vulnerable populations...)



# Where Should the NYRCR Committee Invest the NY Rising Funds?

- Housing (identification of funding for house elevations, relocations, acquisitions, diverse housing options...)
- Natural and Cultural Resources (historic preservation, stream bank management, preservation of natural resources and parks...)
- Community Planning and Capacity Building (ex. Better codes, enforcement, mixed use housing, improve response time during disasters...)
- Vulnerable Populations (implement programs to ensure evacuation or sheltering in place of aged, infirm population and the youth...)



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# Public Open House – Provide Your Ideas On Needs And Opportunities

We are looking for your input!



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# City of Middletown Vision Statement

*“IN THE WAKE OF THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY RECENT SIGNIFICANT STORM EVENTS, THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN WILL EMBARK ON A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS FOCUSED ON BUILDING MORE RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMY AND OPEN SPACE. DEVELOPING A COORDINATED PLAN TO ATTRACT ECONOMIC AND HOUSING REINVESTMENT WILL ENRICH THE QUALITY OF LIVING FOR THE CITY’S RESIDENTS.”*



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# Information Resources

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov> (Main Site)

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/resources-0> (Plan Elements)

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/faq> (FAQs)

**THANK YOU**

