
Agenda Item: EXISTING PLANS

Presenter: Amy Mahl (E & E)

Summary of Discussion:

- Still need a copy of some plans - Emergency Response Strategic Plan (Greater Amsterdam School District), and St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Operations Plan.
- Debris assessment study received in hard copy.

Decision/Motions/Votes: NA

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Committee Members to provide plans or contact those who can provide the plans	Tom DiMezza, Patricia Green	ASAP

Agenda Item: COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

Presenter: Amy Mahl (E & E)

Summary of Discussion:

Committee reviewed vision statement and added suggestions to revise:

- Add "anticipate AND MITIGATE flood risks"
- Add at risk or vulnerable populations into vision
- Restructure to make more positive tone. Take the last portion – "will take advantage of waterfront opportunities" and move this to front and revise next part to "while anticipating flood risks". Make sure to include economic waterfront opportunities in addition to recreational.
- Remove the words "traditional" and "community" and just use vulnerable/at risk populations.

Decision/Motions/Votes: NA

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Committee Members to review revised statement that will be presented at the public meeting	Committee Members	10/10/13

Agenda Item: GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

Presenter: Amy Mahl (E & E)

Summary of Discussion:

- Add Hamlet of Fort Hunter municipal outline or label on map
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- Close buffer gap between the Mohawk River east of Route 30 where buffers don't meet
- Extend buffer along Route 30 north to Miami Avenue – undeveloped area has been displaced by development and retention ponds were built in that area. Important to consider these ponds and make sure they are functioning as designed.
- Area between Route 30 and Willow Creek – check to see if this area is included (St Paul Street is elevated but then it drops down steeply towards the river).

Decision/Motions/Votes: NA

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
E & E to revise project area map	E & E GIS	10/28/13

Agenda Item: ASSETS

Presenter: Amy Mahl (E & E)

Summary of Discussion:

Presented asset maps and legend to committee, for review and conversation about assets.

- How about agricultural land as an asset? (would be a natural and cultural asset)
- All assets shown are point assets. But what about waterfront –that is and area, not a point location. Is there a certain section that we can identify for particular economic/ recreational importance?
- Item 33 no longer exists (fire station).
- Add Fort Johnson Fire Station #2 (On Golf course road ¼ mile west of Route 30 on north side of street)
- County building gets flooded but it is a community not included in this program. This is one of the most vital assets. It has many services there and shuts down for days after a flood. Add this one as a descriptor –considerations of assets that sit outside of the geographic area.

E & E will email out electronic versions of the asset maps and legend for committee member additional review and input.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
E & E to email maps	Nicole Parganos	Done 10/9
Committee Members to provide their input	Committee Members	10/11

Summary of Discussion:

NEEDS

- LA Group (Needs Assessment subconsultant) is going to contact everyone individually to discuss needs and opportunities.
- Question to all: How were business impacted during Irene?
 - Not all able to recover, some locations closed, some able to relocate. Major crop losses to highest yielding agricultural land in the county. Schoharie County spent \$250K on just debris removal for the Schoharie Creek river basin. This expenditure didn't include crop loss, which could be estimated at \$500K. Agriculture is biggest economic sector. Farmers also lost a lot of land along the creek. Major silt deposition in creek is a concern for future flood events.
- Need for evacuation and short term shelter of displaced people. Sheltering is the primary need, short term housing next. Fonda public schools have generators available. Eastern part of Amsterdam is not self-contained (they do not have generators and cannot temporarily house people). None of the City of Amsterdam schools have generators; they currently can't be set up as shelters. Only Hagaman Fire Department is self-contained.
- Medical care during flood is a need – Services couldn't get to some people who were on the south side of the Mohawk during the flood. Hospital services, response and access for medical services are all needed during a flood. Potentially deploying an ambulance temporarily or physician and nurse into one or two of the shelters across the river to have some type of care is possible. An outpatient facility being build right now for St, Mary's is on the north side of the river but need something on the south side.
- Communications during an emergency could be improved. Radio systems are old, not on high band, etc. Reverse 911 exists. Facebook was found to be the most useful communication method for residents.
- In Fort Plain there is no money available to clean out streams since it's not an immediate danger to infrastructure, but stream corridors are blocked which causes a problem during a following event. Stream maintenance, clearing, and restoration is needed for more portions of tributaries and the Mohawk, and beyond where infrastructure is now, because banks could overflow sooner and impact more during the next flood event. Same thing happening in Fort Johnson. Creeks to be addressed include Dove Creek, and Eva's Kill creek; extend this effort to the Mohawk River- agreed by all.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Project opportunity to run water sewer and gas up route 67 corridor to get more people off floodplains. Discussed in Amsterdam Comprehensive Plan.

Decision/Motions/Votes:

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
LA Group will reach out to the committee	Jim Martin	10/11

Summary of Discussion:

- Regular public meetings will be held.
- E & E will send draft guidance for the public outreach strategy.
- Co-chairs and NYSDOS have some additional thoughts on outreach.
- Use social media – Twitter, City of Amsterdam Facebook page
- Review of stations and set up for upcoming public meeting on 10/10

Decision/Motions/Votes:

- Committee decided that a public outreach sub-committee was not needed.
- 10/23 – NYRC conference will be held in Albany during the day for all participants
- Next public meeting scheduled for 10/23 will be moved to a later date. November 6th or 7th are potential dates pending availability of the Florida Town Hall.

Action Items

Person Responsible

Due Date

Determine date for next public meeting

Bill Strevy to check on Town Hall availability
ASAP