



Town of Clarkstown  
NYRCR Committee Meeting #2

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

4:00 PM, Town Hall

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Committee Homework
  - Visioning Exercise
  - Storm Damage and Critical Issues
  - Photos
  - Ethics Disclosure
- Final Geographic Scope
- Asset Inventory and Asset Mapping
- Public Engagement Meeting #1
- Committee Assignments
- Schedule and Meetings



# Planning Team

- **Governor's Office of Storm Recovery**

- Suzanne Barclay – Regional Lead
- William Harding – NYSDOS Planning Lead
- Barbara Kendall – NYDOS Planner

- **Consultant Team**

- Project Manager: Nina Peek (AKRF)
- Assistant Project Manager: Flaam Hardy (AKRF)
- Senior Planners: Lisa Nagle and Susan Rivers (Elan)
- Engineering: Jaclyn Hakes, Sarah Quandt and Michael Pianka (MJE)
- Public Engagement Specialist: Michael LaPick (Arch Street Communications)



# Key Program Components

- Geographic Scope
- Visioning
- Storm Damage and Critical Issues
- Asset Inventory
- Public Engagement Meeting #1
- Assessment of Risk to Assets
- Needs and Opportunities
- Resiliency Strategies, Projects and Actions
- Regional Coordination
- Draft NYRCR Reconstruction Plan
- Final NYRCR Reconstruction Plan





# Review Committee Homework

# Geographic Scope



# Working Draft of Storm Damage Areas

- Area below Lake DeForest
- West Nyack businesses and residential areas
- Upper Nyack Residential Area
- Neighborhoods with overhead electrical lines
- Area along Hackensack River
- Area along Nauraushaun Brook
- Sickletown Road
- West Nyack Post Office
- Klein Avenue Neighborhood
- Clarkville Manor Condominiums
- Route 59
- South Mountain Road
- Phillips Hill Road
- Brooks in Nanuet
- Gable Road in New City
- Palisades Ridge



# Working Draft of Critical Issues

- Downed Trees and Power Lines
  - Road Closures
    - Emergency Vehicle Access
    - Transportation for seniors to emergency facilities
- Widespread and Prolonged Power Outages
  - To Critical Facilities
  - Gasoline Stations not in service
- Flooding of Residential Neighborhoods
- Business Closures
- Interruptions to Town Services (refuse)





# Visioning Exercise

# Vision Statement Worksheet

- What makes the Town of Clarkstown a unique community?
- What makes Clarkstown a place where you like to live?
- What would Clarkstown look like if you had the power to make it any way you wanted?
- How could the Town improve in the next 10 to 20 years? How can it become more resilient?



# Working Draft of Vision Statement

Clarkstown, the economic hub and Rockland County seat, is a safe, diverse and resilient community. The community enjoys access to multi-modal transportation options, diverse housing choices, a variety of small and large commercial venues, and robust educational and cultural facilities in a bicycle and pedestrian friendly environment.

The continued protection of our natural resources, including: the Palisades Ridgeline, Hackensack and Hudson Rivers, wetland systems, and stream corridors, provides benefits including environmental and water quality protection, flood mitigation, recreational opportunities, and preservation of community character.



# Working Draft of Clarkstown's Goals

- Preserve the unique community fabric made up of rural, suburban, and urban settings.
- Maintain balance of commercial, industrial, residential development with the preservation of open space
- Enhance infrastructure and stormwater systems where needed.
- Augment emergency services including providing power during storm events.



# Working Draft of Clarkstown's Goals

- Protect natural resources including the Hackensack and Hudson Rivers, wetland systems, stream corridors, and Clarkstown's lakes.
- Provide multi-modal opportunities including safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Build closer working relationships the States of New York and New Jersey to address flooding issues associated with the Hackensack River.





# Asset Inventory and Asset Mapping

# Recovery Support Functions

Natural/Cultural  
Resources



Infrastructure



Health/Social  
Services



Community Planning,  
Capacity Building



Economic  
Development



Housing



# Asset Inventory Map



# Asset Information

- What assets were damaged and in what storms (Irene, Lee and Sandy)?
- What assets were cut off by flood waters?
- What assets are important for storm response?
- What assets are critical to storm recovery?
- For how long were assets offline/unusable – Hours, Days, Weeks, Months?
- Asset Valuation – High, Medium or Low





# Public Engagement Meeting #1

# Overview of the Public Engagement Meeting

- Introduce the Clarkstown NYRCR Team
- Present an Overview of the NYRCR Program
- Present Geographic Scope
- Establish Vision and Goals
- Identify Assets
- Provide input on Risk Areas and Storm Damage
- Identify Critical Issues



# Public Engagement Meeting Activity Areas

- “My Vision for Clarkstown is: \_\_\_\_\_”
- Clarkstown’s Greatest Assets are: \_\_\_\_\_”
- Describe Clarkstown in one word:



# Role of the Planning Committee

- Recommends websites and social media for promoting public engagement meetings
- Distributes flyers for Public Engagement Meetings
- Assists with the presentation of materials and collection of information from Town Residents





# Planning Committee Assignments

# Input from the Planning Committee

- Upload storm damage photos to Webfolders
- Publicize Public Engagement Meeting
- Complete Storm Damage Worksheet
  - Provide Storm Damage and Recovery Photographs
  - Provide additional input on Clarkstown's Critical Issues
- Review Asset Map and List
- Complete Asset Valuation





# Schedule and Meetings

# Scheduling

- Bi-weekly Planning Committee Meetings
  - Time: Second and Fourth Wednesdays 4 to 6PM  
Location: Town of Clarkstown Town Hall
  - **Next Meeting Wednesday August 13th at 4PM**
- Public Engagement Meeting #1
  - July 30th 6PM at Clarkstown Town Hall



# Draft Schedule



## PLAN DEVELOPMENT

1: Existing Conditions  
Analysis & Goal Setting



2: Needs & Opportunities



3: Projects & Strategies



4: Final Plan & Implementation Steps



In-person committee meetings – roughly twice monthly





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