



Town of Clarkstown  
NYRCR Committee Meeting #2

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

4:00 PM, Town Hall

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Committee Homework
  - Ethics Disclosure
  - Storm Damage and Critical Issues
  - Photos
  - Visioning Exercise
- 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
- Storm Damage and Critical Issues
- Visioning
- 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



# 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 Town. 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

# Asset Classes

Natural/Cultural  
Resources



Infrastructure Systems



Health/Social  
Services



Vulnerable  
Populations



Economic



Housing



# Asset Inventory Map

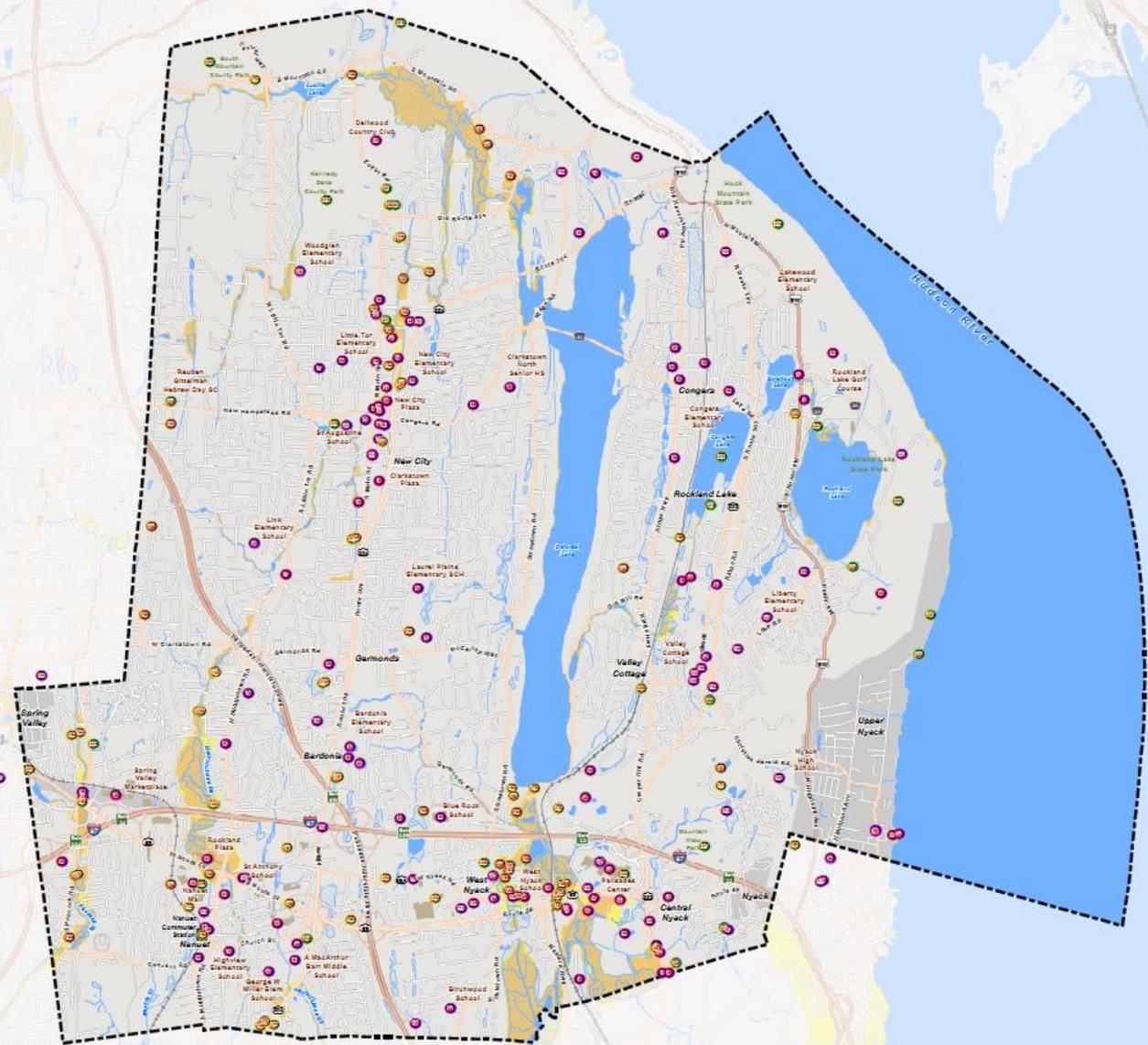
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**NY Rising  
Community  
Reconstruction  
Program**  
Town of Clarkstown  
Draft Asset Inventory  
July 2014

Assets	
Schools	Fire Stations
Health and Social Services	Buildings
Housing	Pipelines
Infrastructure Systems	Water Assets
Natural and Cultural Resources	FEMA Floodzones
Water and Storm Water	High Hazard
Other of Considerable Study Area	Moderate Hazard
Wetlands	Flood Hazard
Water Assets	Moderate Hazard
Flood Hazard	Flood Hazard
Moderate Hazard	Flood Hazard
Flood Hazard	Flood Hazard

Scale: 0 2,000 Feet

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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_”
- One word that describes Clarkstown:



# 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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