



# Meeting Summary

## Clarkstown Planning Committee Meeting 4

August 29, 2014, 4:00 to 6:00 PM  
Clarkstown Town Hall, Room 301, New City, NY

### Attendance:

*Committee Members:* Carol Donnelly, John Eshoo, Luke Kalarickal, Dennis Letson, Sgt. Jim McCormick, Peter Noonan, Joe Simoes

*GOSR Regional Lead:* Suzanne Barclay

*DOS Planner:* Barbara Kendall

*Consultant Team:* Nina Peek (AKRF), Flaam Hardy (AKRF), Jaclyn Hakes (MJE), Sara Quandt (MJE)

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**Agenda Item:** NYRCR Program Status Update                      **Presenter:** Nina Peek

**Summary of discussion:** Nina presented an outline of the NYRCR planning process and discussed what the Committee has completed so far, what is ongoing, and what steps remain for the coming months.

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**Agenda Item:** NYRCR Program Updates                                      **Presenter:** Suzanne Barclay

**Summary of discussion:** Suzanne explained that a consultant hired by the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery will attend a future Planning Committee Meeting late September to discuss the CDBG-DR funding criteria for NYRCR projects. In addition, a NY Rising to the Top Competition has been established. The community that demonstrates the most exemplary achievement in one or more of the following categories will be awarded bonus funding:

1. Regional Approach
2. Inclusion of Vulnerable Populations
3. Use of Green Infrastructure

The Planning Committee **agreed** to participate **in the competition**. The application will be due early December. Regarding meeting attendance, the Planning Committee decided that Committee Members can miss no more than four meetings before being removed from the Committee.

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**Agenda Item:** Asset Inventory Review and Mapping Review                      **Presenter:** Flaam Hardy

**Summary of discussion:** Flaam Hardy presented the asset inventory and maps that were revised to incorporate input from: the last Committee Meeting, edits from the Planning and GIS departments, and the Extreme Risk Areas and assets located in those areas. The Project Team will send the revised Asset Inventory List and Map to the Committee for final will review and signoff by Wednesday September 3rd.

DHCR 9/15/14 11:00 AM

**Deleted:** must let Suzanne know by mid-October if they wish

**Agenda Item:** Needs and Opportunities Review

**Presenter:** Nina Peek

**Summary of discussion:** Nina presented the revised Needs and Opportunities list developed after the last Committee Meeting. The Committee will review the list and provide comments to the Project Team by Wednesday September 3rd.

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**Agenda Item:** Unmitigated Risk Assessment Methodology

**Presenter:** Jaclyn Hakes

**Summary of discussion:** Jacklyn gave an overview of the Unmitigated Risk Assessment Methodology. Jacklyn explained that the process takes the assets identified by the Committee that are in extreme and high risk areas, and assigns them a risk score based on various criteria using the Risk Assessment Tool prepared by NYSDOS. The Risk score helps quantify the risk to each asset, illustrating distribution and the types of assets least resilient (most vulnerable) to flooding. This information will assist in developing projects to mitigate risk to these identified assets. Jacklyn showed the Committee the Risk Assessment Tool and discussed the initial findings of the process.

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**Agenda Item:** Scheduling

**Presenter:** Nina Peek

**Summary of discussion:** The 5th Planning Committee Meeting will be held on September 10th. The Committee will meet at 4pm in Room 313. At 5:30, there will be a joint meeting with the Suffern Planning Committee for a presentation by Khristopher Dodson from the Syracuse Environmental Finance Center. The 6th Planning Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday September 23rd from 4-6pm (this meeting was rescheduled from our regular meeting date of September 24, to accommodate Rosh Hashanah). The Public Engagement Event will be held on September 17th from 7-9pm at the Pascack Community Center Gymnasium. The Project Team provided flyers and posters for the Committee to distribute to the Public. The Town will have a booth at the October 19th, 2014 Oktoberfest in West Nyack, at which NYRCR project information pamphlets will be available for distribution.

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**Agenda Item:** Green Infrastructure Presentation

**Presenter:** Sarah Quant

**Summary of discussion:** Sarah Quant from MJ Engineering and Land Survey, PC gave a presentation on Green Infrastructure Practices and their ability to mitigate flood risk by slowing and reducing stormwater discharge. She presented five different types of Green Infrastructure measures: 1) Rain gardens 2) Vegetated swales 3) Green roofs 4) Porous pavements 5) Stream buffer restoration. Sarah explained each measure and provided examples of their use in nearby projects.