



Meeting Summary

Clarkstown Planning Committee Meeting 5

September 10, 2014, 4:00 to 6:30 PM
Clarkstown Town Hall, Room 313, New City, NY

Attendance:

Committee Members: Mark Brescher, Carol Donnelly, John Eshoo, Michael Gach, Luke Kalarickal, Dennis Letson, Jose Simoes

GOSR Regional Lead: Suzanne Barclay

DOS Planner: Barbara Kendall

Consultant Team: Nina Peek (AKRF), Flaam Hardy (AKRF), Elizabeth Matamoros (AKRF), James Duffy (ASC), Michael LaPick (ASC)

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.

Agenda Item: Reconstruction and Resiliency Strategies, Projects, Programs and Actions **Presenter:** Nina Peek

Summary of discussion: Nina presented the final Needs and Opportunities, and a draft list of Strategies. After a brief discussion of the strategies, it was decided that the Project Team will email the Draft Strategies to the Committee for review and comment. The Committee will review the lists and provide comments to the Project Team by Friday September 12th.

Agenda Item: Public Engagement Meeting #2**Presenter:** Nina Peek

Summary of discussion: Nina presented the agenda for the upcoming Public Engagement Meeting #2. Mark Brescher volunteered to introduce the NYRCR Program, and the Committee members, and welcome attendees to the meeting. Suzanne Barclay will present the NYRCR Program components. Each Committee Member was asked to sign up for a specific recovery support function and will staff a table to facilitate discussion during breakout sessions. The meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 17th from 7-9pm at the Pascack Community Center. The Project Team distributed a "Facilitator's Guide" to the Committee members. The Committee will review the Facilitator's Guide in advance of the meeting and arrive 15 minutes early to go over responsibilities at the event.

Agenda Item: Review of NYRCR Draft Plan Section II

Presenter: Nina Peek

Summary of discussion: The Project Team provided time to answer any questions or concerns regarding the Draft Section 2 submission of the Final Plan. Committee Members should submit their comments on Section II to Suzanne Barclay by Friday September 12th.

Agenda Item: Scheduling and Other Business

Presenter: Nina Peek

Summary of discussion: The second Public Engagement Event will be held on September 17th from 7-9pm at the Pascack Community Center Gymnasium. The Project Team provided flyers, brochures and posters for the Committee to distribute to the Public. The 6th Planning Committee meeting will be Tuesday September 23rd from 4-6pm at Town Hall, and the 7th Planning Committee Meeting will be Wednesday October 8th from 4-6pm at Town Hall. The Town will have a booth at Oktoberfest in West Nyack on October 19th, 2014. NYRCR project information pamphlets will be available for distribution.

Agenda Item: Planning Committee Assignments

Presenter: Nina Peek

Summary of discussion: The Project Team distributed a preliminary draft project list for Committee review. The Committee is asked to provide comments to the Project Team by Friday, September 19th, so that the revised list can be discussed at future meetings.

Agenda Item: Presentation "Save the Rain"

Presenter: Kristopher Dodson

Summary of discussion: Kristopher Dodson, from the Syracuse Environmental Finance Center, gave a presentation to the Suffern and Clarkstown Planning Committees about green infrastructure and development options to improve stormwater management. He first presented a variety of green infrastructure options such as bio-swales, rain gardens, rain barrels, porous pavements, and green roofs. He provided a case study of the "Save the Rain" program in Syracuse, NY, which is a comprehensive stormwater management plan, intended to reduce stormwater flows into the local sewer systems and pollution to Onondaga Lake. Kris demonstrated the variety of successful projects that have been undertaken through this program over the past four years to significantly reduce stormwater management and sewer overflow.