



Village of Suffern
NY Rising Community Reconstruction
Program Committee Kick-off

Monday, June 30, 2014
5:00 PM, Village Hall

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR)
- Ethics
- Schedule and Meetings
- Today's Committee Input
- Committee Assignments





Welcome and Introductions

Planning Team

- **Governor's Office of Storm Recovery**
 - Kate Dineen
 - Dan Berkovits
 - Alex Breinin
 - Lori DuBord – Acting Regional Lead
 - William Harding – NYSDOS Planning Lead
 - Barbara Kendall – NYDOS Planner
- **Consultant Team**
 - Program Manager: Nanette Bourne (AKRF)
 - Project Manager: Chris Robbins (AKRF)
 - Assistant Project Manager: Flaam Hardy (AKRF)
 - Senior Planners: Lisa Nagle and Susan Rivers (Elan)
 - Public Engagement Specialist: Allie Zamow (Arch Street Communications)



Planning Committee

- Name
- Your role in the community
- Something we should know about flooding in Suffern
- What is your vision for Suffern to “build back better”?





Overview of NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program (NYRCR)

NYRCR Program

- Empowers localities severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee to “build back better”
- Culminates in a community-driven recovery plan for Suffern that:
 - Considers current damage, future threats, and economic opportunities
 - Identifies resilient and innovative reconstruction projects



Funding

- Community Development Block Grant–Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
 - \$4.4 billion throughout NY State
 - \$664 million to NYRCR Program
 - \$3 million of NYRCR funds to Suffern
- Funds used for recovery efforts involving
 - Community Planning and Capacity Building
 - Housing
 - Economic Development
 - Infrastructure Systems
 - Health and Social Services
 - Natural and Cultural Resources



Overview of the Process

- Establish vision and goals
- Identify assets, needs and opportunities
- Develop strategies to reduce risks to assets
- Formulate projects with a focus on CDBG-DR funding
- Prepare cost estimates and risk assessment
- Draft final reconstruction plan



Elements of the Final Plan

- Community Overview, Geographic Scope, Storm Damage, Critical Issues, Community Vision, Relationship to Regional Plans
- Description of Assets, Risk Assessment, Needs and Opportunities
- Resiliency Strategies
- Project Profiles
- Additional Resiliency Recommendations



Role of the Community

- 10 Planning Committee Meetings
- 4 Public Engagement Events
 - Community input on vision, geographic scope, and community asset maps
 - Community input on needs and opportunities, strategies, and projects and actions
 - Community input on proposed projects
 - Share Final Plan and next steps





Ethics



Schedule and Meetings

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



Scheduling

- Next committee meeting
- Set meeting dates and times for committee
(ex. 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5:00)
- Schedule first public engagement event
Week of July 21



Upcoming Deliverables

Deliverable	Draft	Final
Geographic Scope Map	June 30	July 15
Public Engagement Strategy	June 30	July 15
Vision Statement	By July 18	August 1
Asset Inventory	By July 18	August 22



Meeting Resources and Support

- The Planning Committee
 - Recommends websites and social media for promoting community engagement events
 - Provides contacts at venues for committee meetings and public engagement events
 - Assists with distributing posters and handouts for public engagement events
 - Provides photographs during and after storm events depicting flooding and resultant damage

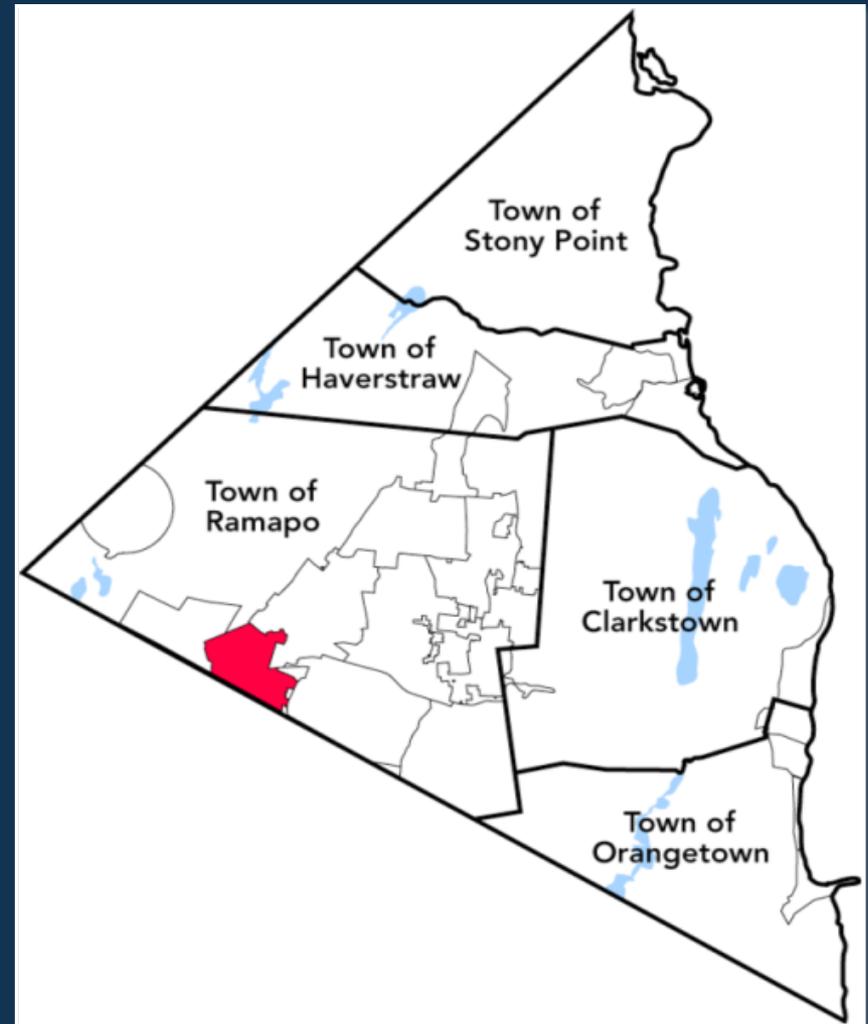




Committee Input

Geographic Scope

- Area where assets are most at risk
- Area in which future construction, reconstruction or natural area restoration should be encouraged



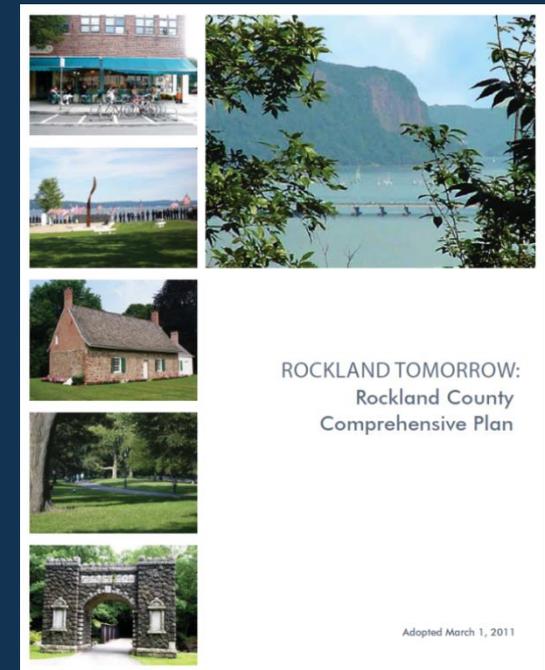
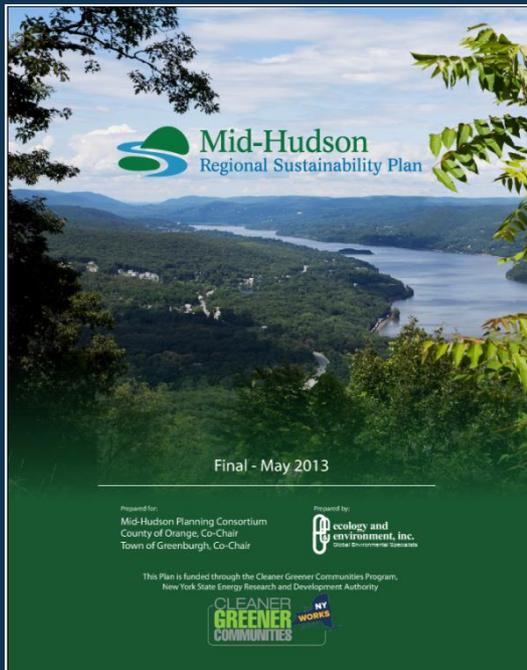
Storm Damage and Critical Issues

- Identify areas that were damaged during past storms
- Identify areas that are vulnerable to future storm damage
- Identify areas that are critical to protect from storm damage
- **ASSIGNMENT:** Provide descriptions and photos of storm damage
- Identify Suffern's critical issues
 - Are there issues with preparedness
 - Are there issues with response
 - Are there issues with vulnerability of key assets and/or services
- **ASSIGNMENT:** Further identify Critical Issues
- Planning Firm will review regional and local plans



Regional and Local Plans

- Rockland Tomorrow – County Comprehensive Plan (2011)
- Rockland County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2010)
- Mid-Hudson Region EDC Strategic Plan (2011)
- Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan (2013)
- Town of Ramapo Comprehensive Plan (2004)



Vision Statement

- What makes the Village of Suffern a unique community? What makes Suffern a place where you like to live?
- How could the Village improve in the next 10 to 20 years? How can it become more resilient?
- Sample Vision Statement:

Stony Point is a vibrant and connected riverfront and hillside community. Our Vision is to preserve our town's history and protect our people and our natural resources while making the community more resilient in the face of future hazards and attracting visitors to ensure an ecologically sound and economically strong future for the people of Stony Point



Planning Committee Assignments

Input from the Planning Committee

- Complete Storm Damage Worksheet
 - Provide Storm Damage and Recovery Photographs
 - Provide additional input on Suffern's Critical Issues
- Complete Visioning Worksheet
- Please return completed sheets to the contact on the Planning Firm (crobbins@akrf.com) by Friday July 11, 2014





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