



Village of Suffern  
NY Rising Community Reconstruction  
Program Committee Meeting 2

Thursday, July 17, 2014

5:30 PM, Village Community Center



# Welcome and Introductions

# Agenda

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- Ethics
- Review of Committee Input to Date
- Visioning Exercise
- Asset Inventory and Asset Mapping
- Public Engagement Meeting #1
- Committee Assignments
- Public Comments
- 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: Chris Robbins (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: Allie Zamow (ACS)





Ethics



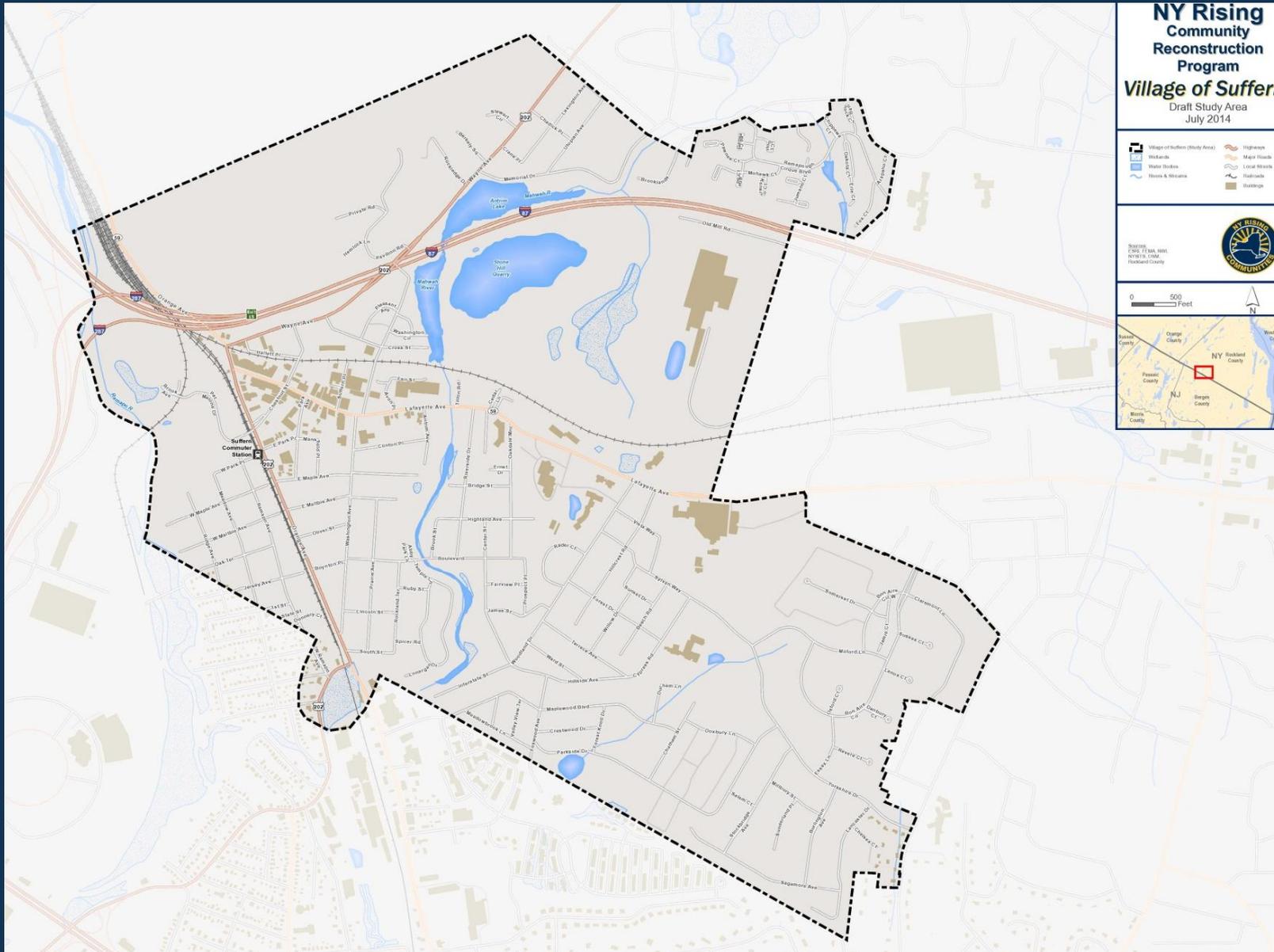
# Review of Committee Input

# Key Program Components

- Geographic Scope
- Visioning
- Storm Damage and Risk Areas
- 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



# Geographic Scope



# Storm Damage Photos



# Storm Damage Areas

- Squires Gate Development (Lonergan Drive)
- South Street (near Pump station)
- Lake Antrim Area, Memorial Pool
- Route 59
- Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants
- Ball Fields
- East Maple Residential Area
- Knolls of Ramapo
- Montebello Road
- West Ward



# Critical Issues

- Emergency Access
- Streambank Erosion
- Road Closures
- Inundation of Critical Facilities
- Flooding in Residential Neighborhoods
- Business Closures
- Loss of Power





# Visioning Exercise

# Vision Statement Worksheet

- What makes the Village of Suffern a unique community?
- What makes Suffern a place where you like to live?
- What would Suffern look like if you had the power to make it any way you wanted?
- 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 Village'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*



# Working Draft of Vision Statement

Suffern is a warm, resilient, and conveniently located community dedicated to building back better. We work together to maintain our quality of life and small town charm, and restore, redevelop and revitalize our downtown, infrastructure systems, and our natural resources that make Suffern a unique and vibrant place.



# Working Draft of Suffern's Goals

1. Preserve community character to maintain small town charm.
2. Revitalize downtown businesses.
3. Enhance infrastructure and stormwater systems where needed.
4. Continue high level of emergency services and enhance physical access to neighborhoods.
5. Protect and clean Lake Antrim and the Mahwah and Ramapo Rivers and capitalize on these resources as a recreational component of the community.
6. Promote and enhance cultural attractions to bring people into the village.
7. Maintain close working relationships with neighboring communities and the State of New Jersey to address flooding issues that do not respect municipal boundaries.





# Asset Inventory and Asset Mapping

# Recovery Support Functions

Natural/Cultural  
Resources



Infrastructure



Health/Social  
Services



Community Planning,  
Capacity Building



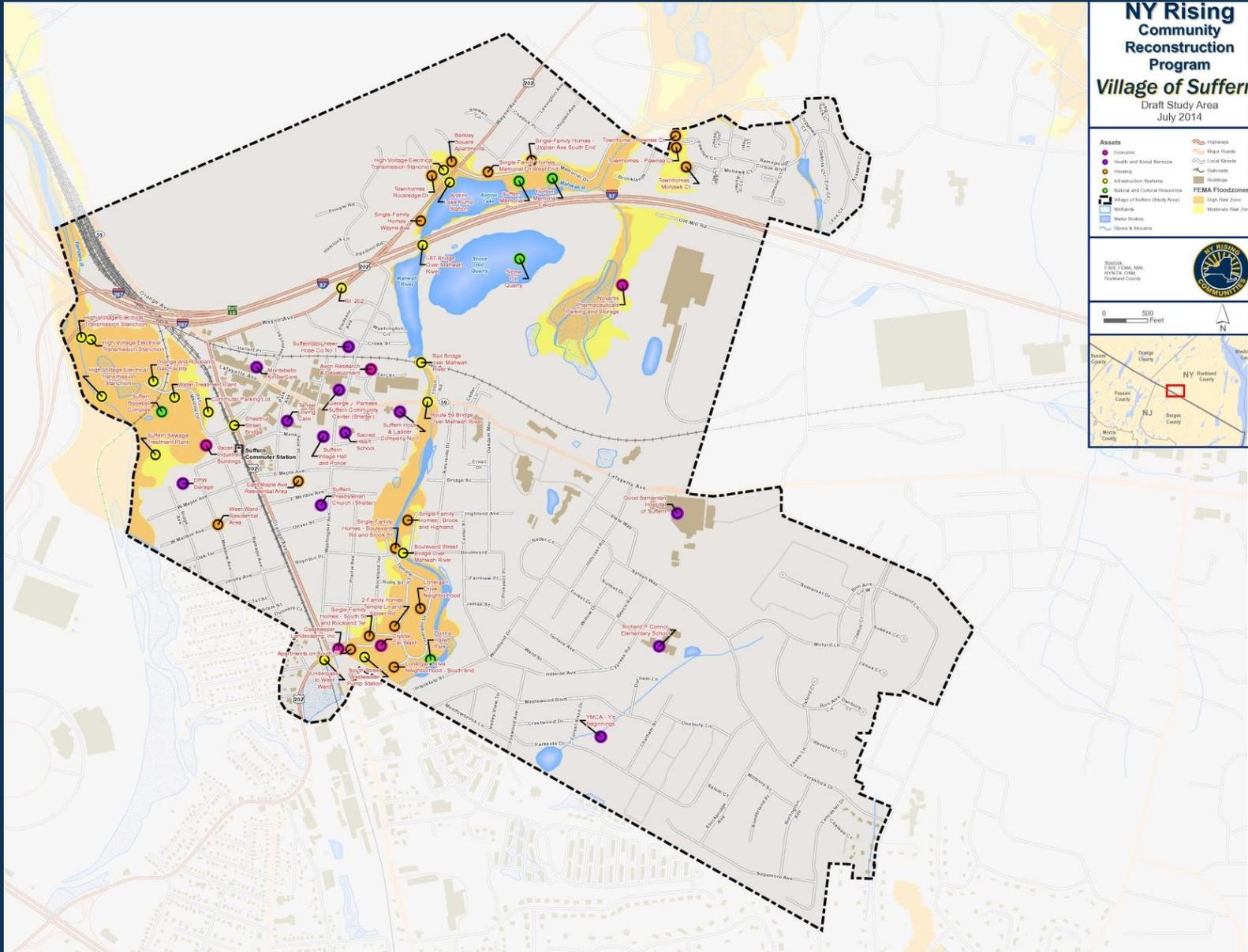
Economic  
Development



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 Village of Suffern 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



# Role of the Planning Committee

- The Planning Committee
  - Recommends websites and social media for promoting community engagement events
  - Forwards Constant Contact meeting notifications to contacts within the Village
  - Distributes posters and handouts for Public Engagement Events
  - Identifies events in the Village where information on Public Engagement Meetings can be distributed
  - Assists with the presentation of materials and collection of information from Village 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 Suffern's Critical Issues
- Review Asset Map and List
- Complete Asset Valuation





# Public Comments



# Schedule and Meetings

# Scheduling

- Bi-weekly Planning Committee Meetings
  - Time: Second and Fourth Thursdays 5:30-7:30 pm
  - Location: Suffern Community Center
  - **Next Meeting Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm**
- Public Engagement Meeting #1
  - July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm at Suffern Community Center



# 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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