



Village of Suffern
NY Rising Community Reconstruction
Program Committee Meeting 3

Thursday, July 31, 2014

5:30 PM, Village Community Center



Welcome and Introductions

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Status
- Public Engagement Meeting 1 Review
- Geographic Scope of Plan
- Community Vision & Goals
- Asset Inventory and Map
- Critical Issues
- Storm Damage
- Needs & Opportunities Discussion
- Public Comment
- Schedule





Status

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 (ASC)



Key Program Components

- Geographic Scope
- Visioning
- Storm Damage and Risk Areas
- Asset Inventory
- Public Engagement Meeting #1
- Needs and Opportunities
- Assessment of Risk to Assets
- Resiliency Strategies, Projects and Actions
- Regional Coordination
- Draft NYRCR Reconstruction Plan
- Final NYRCR Reconstruction Plan





Public Engagement Meeting

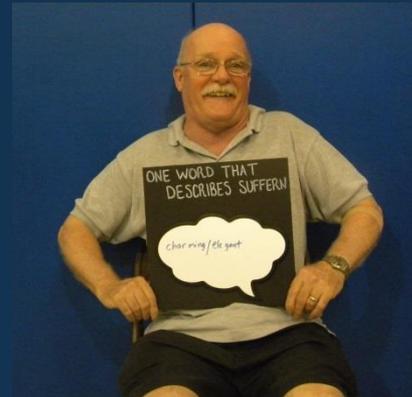
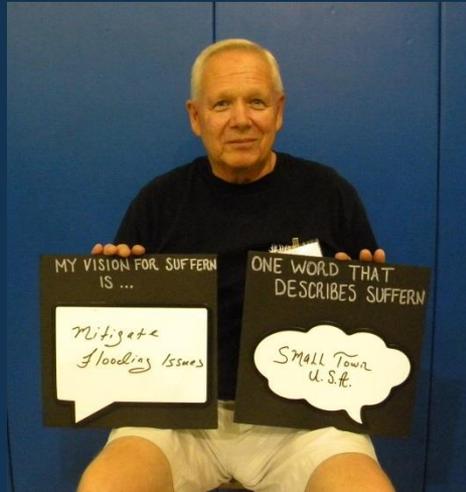
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Public Engagement Meeting #1

- 50 attendees
- Thank you for getting the word out and participating



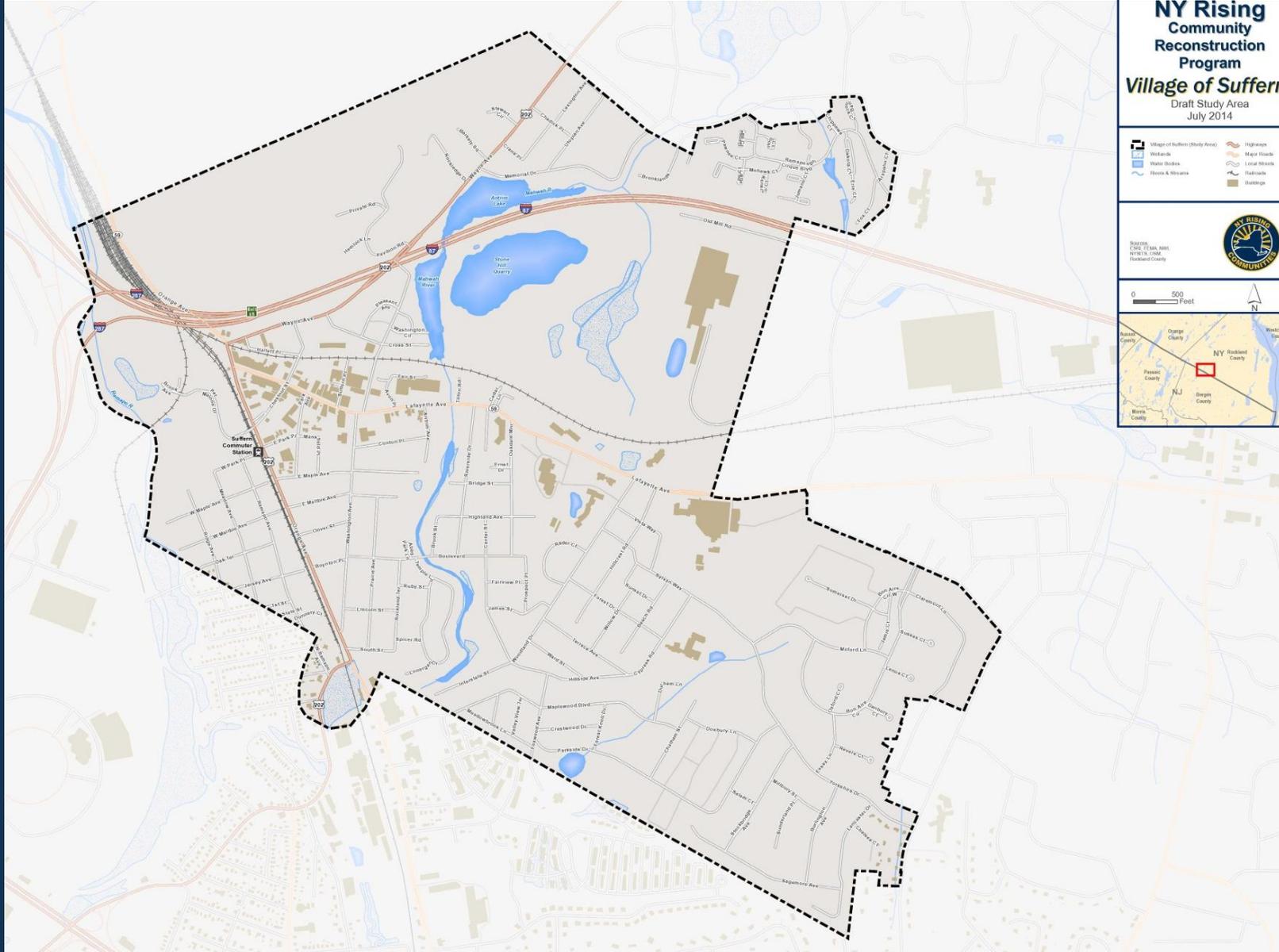
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Geographic Scope

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Vision & Goals

Draft Vision Statement

Suffern is a quaint, resilient, easily accessible community dedicated to building back better.

We are a united community that works together to maintain our quality of life, small town charm, multi-modal transportation options, educational framework and cultural attractions as investments in future generations. *Residents* are dedicated to restoring, redeveloping, revitalizing *and making more resilient* our downtown, infrastructure, *storm water systems*, natural *and cultural* resources *all of which* make Suffern a unique, historic and vibrant place.



Working Draft of Suffern's Goals

- Enhance infrastructure and storm water systems where needed
- Continue high level of emergency services and enhance physical access to neighborhoods
- Protect and clean Lake Antrim and the Mahwah and Ramapo Rivers
- Build closer working relationships with neighboring communities and the State of New Jersey to address flooding issues that do not respect municipal boundaries.
- Revitalize downtown businesses and protect from future storm damage
- **Protect**, promote and enhance cultural attractions **that draw** people to the village
- Preserve community character to maintain small town charm





Asset Inventory and Asset Mapping

Asset Classes

Natural/Cultural
Resources



Infrastructure
Systems



Health/Social
Services



Socially Vulnerable
Populations



Economic
Development



Housing



Asset Information

- Asset Inventory
- Asset Map
- Community Value – High, Medium, Low
 - Feedback from Public Engagement Meeting incorporated into community value survey
 - Community Value is needed on multiple assets
- Which areas flood that aren't represented in the FEMA flood zones?
- Which areas frequently flood or are repetitively damaged?
- What assets were damaged and in what storms (Irene, Lee and Sandy)?
- What assets were cut off by flood waters?
- For how long were assets offline/unusable – Days, Weeks, Months?





Critical Issues and Storm Damage

Critical Issues

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

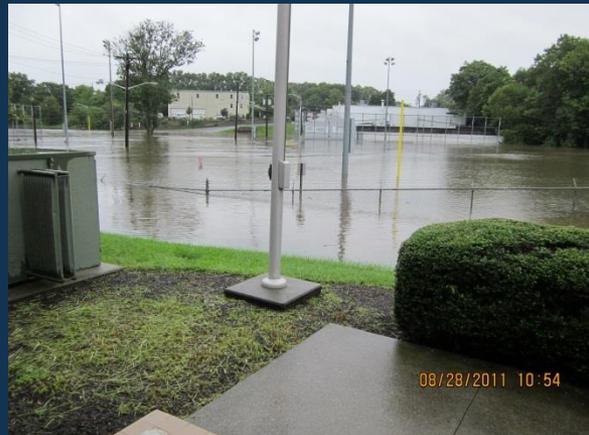


Storm Damage Areas

- Squires Gate Development
- South Street (near Pump station)
- Lake Antrim Area, Memorial Pool
- Route 59 – Where?
- Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants
- Ball Fields
- Knolls of Ramapo
- Montebello Road
- West Ward
- Other areas of repetitive flooding



Storm Damage Photos





Needs and Opportunities

Guidance Document

- Address Range of Needs
 - Repairing or replacing assets that were damaged
 - Rebuilding the local economy
 - Making assets more resilient
- Could be immediate to long term
- Can identify needs in terms of strategy development



Needs and Opportunities by Recovery Support Function

Natural/Cultural
Resources



Infrastructure



Health/Social
Services



Community Planning,
Capacity Building



Economic
Development



Housing



Needs and Opportunities

TO CONSIDER

Community Planning and Capacity Building

- Need for public education?
- Can laws/regulations/plans be updated to address resilience?
- How will Suffern implement storm recovery and mitigate impacts?

Economic Development

- How were the Village's economic drivers impacted by the storms?
- What can be done to protect them from future impacts or bring them back on-line more quickly if damage occurs?

Health and Social Services

- How have public health, health care facilities and essential social services been disrupted/restored?
- What is needed to assist those affected?



Needs and Opportunities

TO CONSIDER

Housing

- What housing stock was damaged/destroyed by recent storms?
- What are the housing needs in the community?

Infrastructure

- Is there a need for repair, redevelopment or relocation of infrastructure?
- What can be done to make existing infrastructure more resilient?

Natural and Cultural Resources

- What resources were damaged?
- How can assets (i.e. wetlands, streams, parks, historic resources) be restored/rebuilt/enhanced?



	Example
Need	Comprehensive stormwater improvements to alleviate flooding and address pollutants
Opportunity	Evaluate stormwater infrastructure throughout the village to identify proactive measures
Potential Project	Conduct an engineering analysis of the stormwater system to design and build improvements and incorporate green infrastructure components where feasible

Infrastructure



Natural/Cultural Resources



Needs & Opportunities Worksheet

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES NEEDS	YES	NO	MAYBE
• Protect recreational assets			
• Rebuild parks with flood resistant materials			
• Coordinate with state and local agencies on water-related issues			
• Protect sensitive environmental areas			
• Continue to investigate alternative stormwater measures (i.e. green technology) as a means to treat stormwater			
• Protect and clean Lake Antrim and the Mahwah and Ramapo Rivers			
• Other			
• Other			





Planning Committee Assignments

Input from the Planning Committee

- Upload your storm damage photos and/or videos to Webfolders
- Complete Needs & Opportunities Worksheet





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 August 14th, at 5:30 pm**
- Public Engagement Meeting #2
 - Early September at Suffern Community Center
 - Meeting will run from 7:00 to 9:00



Current Schedule

July

Aug

Sept

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

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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