



Meeting Summary

Suffern Planning Committee Meeting #6

September 10, 2014, 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Clarkstown Town Hall, Room 313, New City NY

Attendance:

Committee Members: Bruce Simon, Beth Barone, Roy Tschudy, Bruce McClintock, Daniel McInerney, Dina Schmidt, Charles Sawicki

Non-Voting Members: Jo Corrigan

Non-Committee Attendees: Jim Giannettino, Lois Hagen, Frank Hagen

GOSR Regional Lead: Suzanne Barclay

DOS Planner: Barbara Kendall

Consultant Team: Chris Robbins (AKRF), Flaam Hardy (AKRF), Elizabeth Matamoros (AKRF), James Duffy (ASC)

Agenda Item: Education Session “Save the Rain”

Presenter: Khristopher 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 thereby addressing discharge of sewage into Onondaga Lake. Khris 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.

Agenda Item: NYRCR Program Status

Presenter: Chris Robbins

Summary of discussion: Chris 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:** Chris Robbins

Summary of discussion: Chris Robbins presented the Strategy List with revisions and additions based on Committee feedback from the previous meeting. The Committee reviewed the list and decided to add an additional strategy for improved regional coordination and planning for development and maintenance along waterways that cross municipal boundaries. The Project Team also distributed a draft project list for Committee review. Chris Robbins explained that the final Plan will include priority projects, featured projects, and additional

resiliency recommendations. The project list is intended to be broad and incorporate projects beyond those that will be funded by the initial \$3 million allocation. The Committee discussed adding a project to cover homeowner buyouts.

Agenda Item: Public Engagement Meeting #2

Presenter: Chris Robbins

Summary of discussion: Chris presented the agenda for the upcoming Public Engagement Meeting #2. Bruce Simon volunteered to introduce the NYRCR Program, Committee members, and welcome attendees to the meeting. 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 Thursday, September 18th from 7-9pm at the Suffern Community Center. Committee members should review the Facilitator's Guide in advance of the meeting and arrive at least 15 minutes early to go over responsibilities at the event.

Agenda Item: Review of NYRCR Draft Plan Section II

Presenter: Chris Robbins

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 have until Friday, September 12th to provide comments directly to Suzanne Barclay.

Agenda Item: Planning Committee Assignments

Presenter: Chris Robbins

Summary of discussion: The Project Team will send the revised Strategy List to the Committee so that it may be finalized. The Committee will review the list and provide comments to the Project Team by Monday, September 15th. The Committee is asked to provide comments on the projects list to the Project Team by Monday, September 22nd, so that the revised list can be discussed at future meetings.

Agenda Item: Public Comments

Presenter: Public

Summary of discussion: Public attendees to the Planning Committee Meeting were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comment.

Agenda Item: Scheduling

Presenter: Chris Robbins

Summary of discussion: The second Public Engagement Event will be held on September 18th from 7-9pm at the Suffern Community Center. The Project Team provided flyers, brochures, and posters for the Committee to distribute to the Public. The Committee will have a booth at Suffern Day (materials will be provided by the Project Team) on September 27th, 2014 staffed by Committee Members to provide information on the NYRCR Program. The 7th Planning Committee Meeting will be held Thursday October 2nd from 5:30-7:30pm at the Suffern Community Center. There will be a presentation first by Brooker Engineering at 5:30, followed by a presentation at 6:30pm about CDBG-DR funding to help understand what type of projects are eligible under this program. The 8th Planning Committee Meeting will be held Thursday October 9th from 5:30-7:30pm.