

Working Together to Build Back Better



Oceanside, Island Park,
Harbor Isle and Barnum Island

7:00 PM, September 12, 2013

Lincoln Oren's Middle School

Community Reconstruction (CR) Plan Agenda for Tonight

- Getting Started – Hitting the Ground Running
- Understanding the Community Reconstruction (CR) Program
- Introducing the Planning Team
- Project Approach
- Local and Regional Issues and Potential Opportunities
- Community Visioning & Outreach
- Post Meeting – Informal Discussion

Hitting the Ground Running

Discussion topics:

- Introductions
- Geographic Scope
- Community Visioning
- Community Engagement Strategy
- Assets to be Inventoried
- Regional Issues
- Meeting Schedule



Project Overview

Understanding the CR Program

New York State Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)

Approved April 26, 2013

- Outlines \$1.7 billion in supplemental federal funding for housing, infrastructure and business recovery activities for recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee
- Funding flows through the NYS Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG – DR) Program

www.nyshcr.org/Press/ActionPlan

Hurricane Sandy
Rebuilding Task Force

HURRICANE SANDY **REBUILDING STRATEGY**

Stronger Communities, A Resilient Region



Presented by Shaun Donovan Chair, Hurricane Sandy
Rebuilding Task Force and Secretary, U.S. Department
of Housing and Urban Development
to the President of the United States

August 2013

Building Back Better

- New York State established the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
- \$25 million allocated for reconstruction planning in the most affected communities
- Additional funds will support projects and activities identified in Community Reconstruction Plans



Recovery Resources Center

Recovery HOTLINE
1-855-NYS-SANDY (1-855-697-7263)
8AM-8PM weekdays
National Flood Insurance Program Help Line
1-877-568-9045

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NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
Click here to learn more about how New York is **Building Back Better**

New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program
The New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program has been established to provide additional rebuilding and revitalization assistance to communities severely damaged by Hurricanes Sandy and Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

Apply for Housing or Business Recovery Assistance TODAY!

Apply Here

Latest News

September 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Announces Funding for Town of Upper Jay to Build new Fire Station After Hurricane Irene

September 4, 2013: Governor Cuomo Attends First NY Rising Community Reconstruction Meeting in Town of Jay

August 1, 2013: Governor Cuomo Announces Over \$1.3 Million in Federal Flood Mitigation Funding for Village of Greene

Fact Sheets

- [Multi-Family](#)
- [Smart Home](#)
- [Smart Rebuild NYS](#)
- [Small Business](#)
- [Coastal Fishing](#)
- [Seasonal Tourism](#)
- [Community Reconstruction Program](#)

Resources

Small Business Development Center Disaster Recovery Centers for Housing & Small Business Programs

Sandy Help Team Intake Centers for Housing & Small Business Programs

CR Plan Guidance

- Individuals
- Businesses
- **Community Reconstruction Program**
- Sandy Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Funding
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program



Governor's Homepage



Hurricane Sandy Insurance Assistance



Emergency Preparedness Commissions

NY DHSES
HCR
FEMA
HUD
HUD in NYS
NYS DOS
ESD

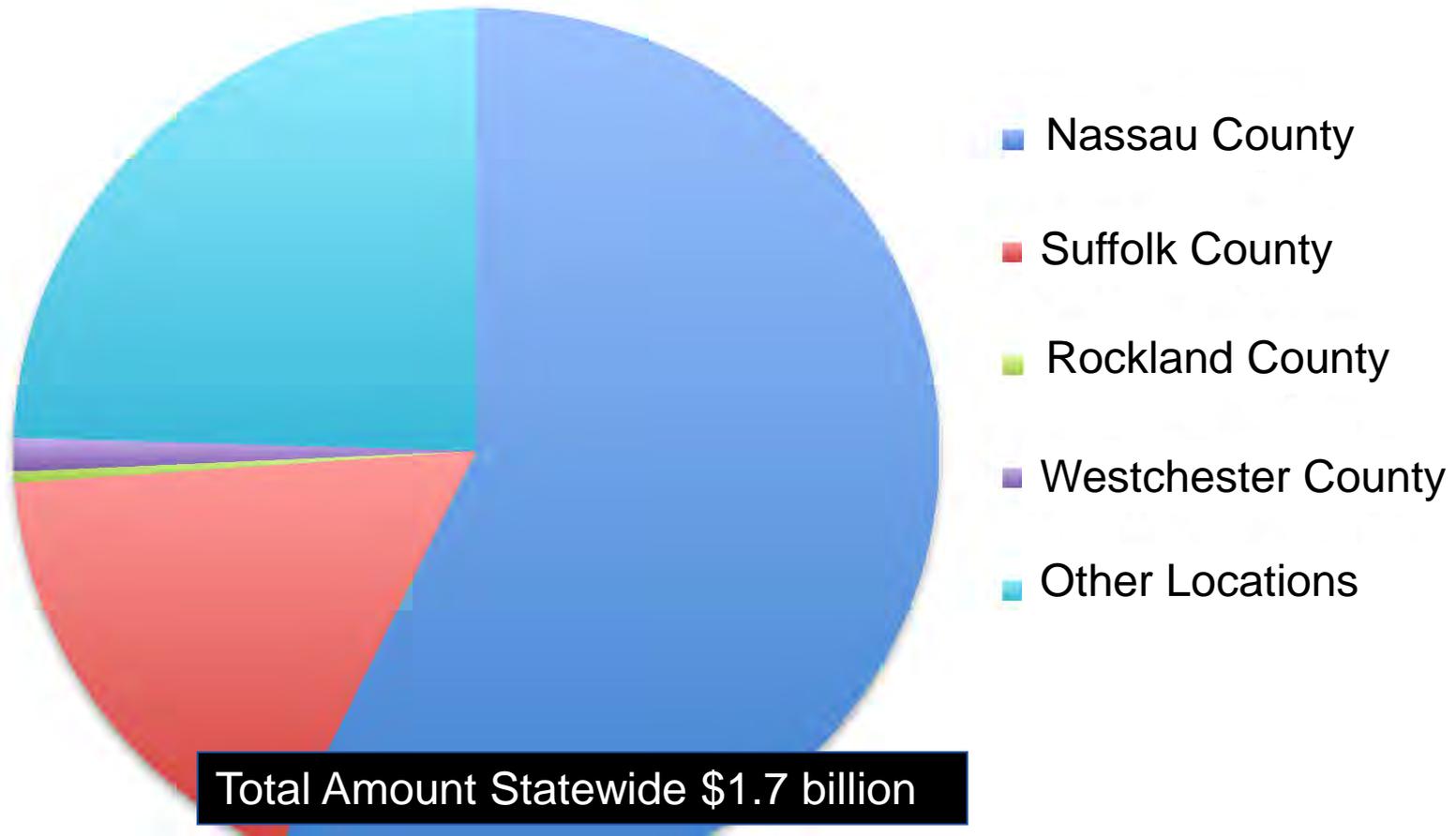
<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov>

Goals of CR Plan

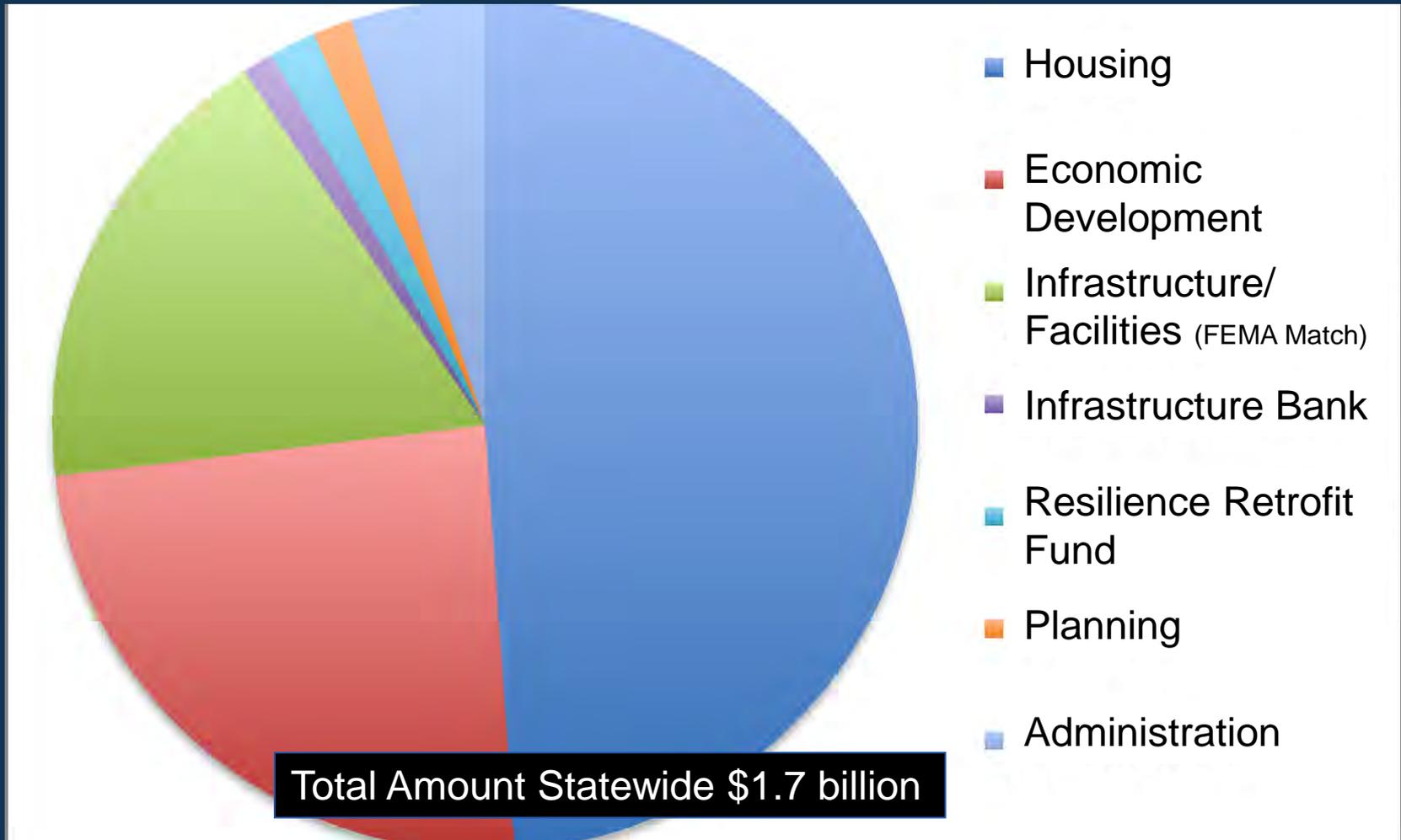
Building a Stronger Future

- Assess the community's vulnerabilities to future natural disasters
- Identify economic development needs
- Identify projects and actions to increase resilience and further promote economic development
- Allocate reconstruction funding
- Identify other funding sources and partnerships to implement the full plan

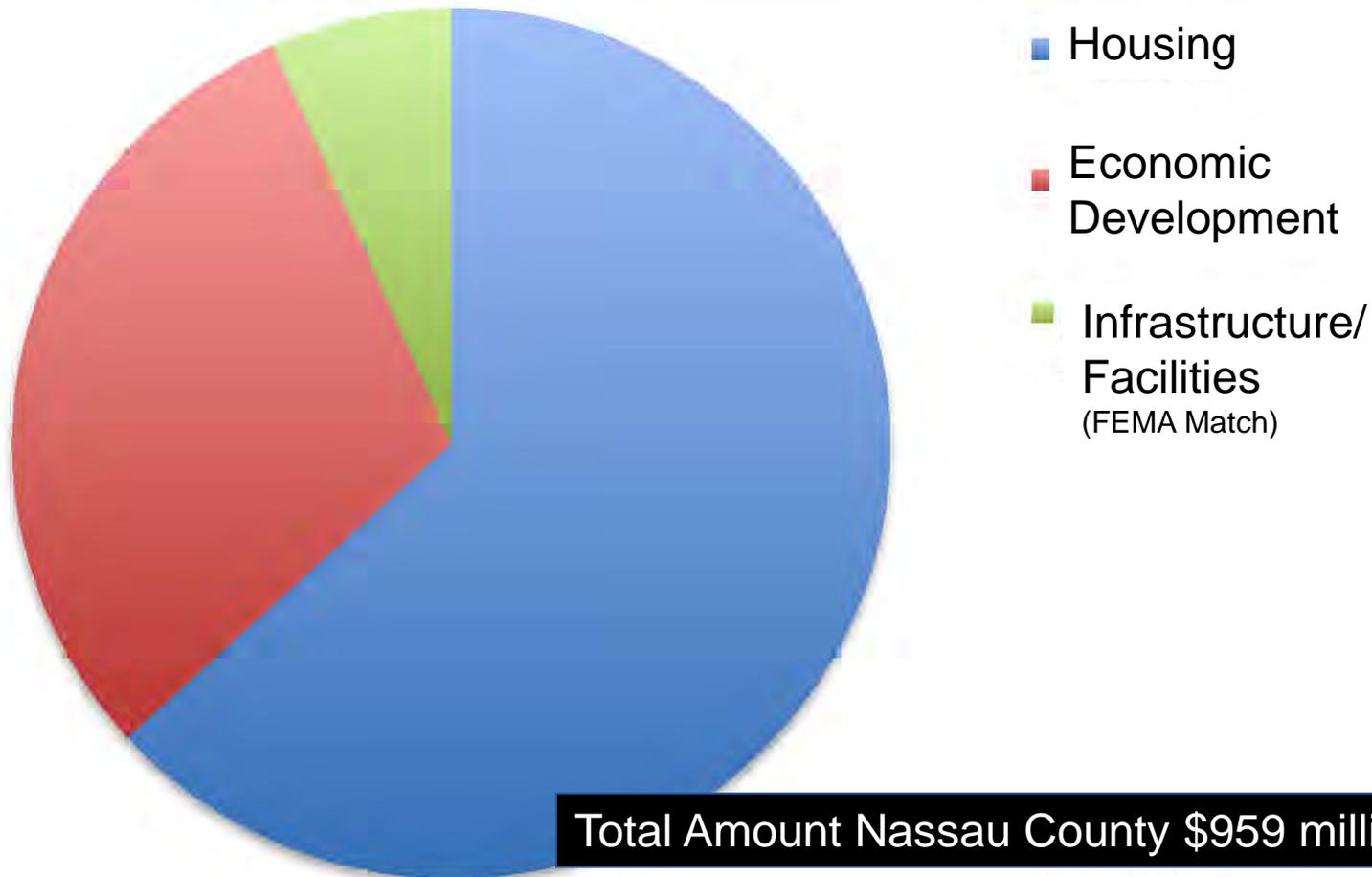
Distribution of Community Reconstruction Funds by County



NY Rising Community Reconstruction Spending Categories



Nassau County Community Reconstruction Fund Distribution



Project Team

URS Team

- Local knowledge combined with national expertise in coastal area recovery planning
 - Katrina
 - Ike
- Community planners and hazard mitigation and infrastructure experts working together
- Deep understanding of full range of funding sources available
- Commitment to community-driven process and priorities

Team Members

- URS Corporation
 - Project Manager and Planning Lead
- The LiRo Group
 - Recovery Planning and Infrastructure Development
- Sustainable Long Island
 - Outreach and Planning Support
- AIM Development Group
 - Housing and Economic Experts

Communities URS is Helping

Legend

 Community Boundaries

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



What Needs to Get Done?

Project Tasks



**Economic
Development**



**Community
Planning**



**Natural/Cultural
Resources**



Infrastructure



Housing



**Health/Social
Services**

Organize for Action

- Select consultant
- Appoint Plan Committee
- Identify geographic scope
- Establish vision and goals
- Develop work plan

Create Understanding

- Data collection
- Existing plan review
- Site visits & discussion
- Asset mapping
- Risk mapping

Integrate the Information

- Risk Assessment
- Needs/opportunities assessment
- Regional planning integration

Strategies to Move Forward

- Identify projects
- Project development
- Evaluation of projects
- Prioritization
- Cost-benefit analysis

Complete Plan

- Finalize text & drawings
- Provide implementation actions
- Identify next steps

Where Are We Now?

At the very beginning...



Community Visioning & Outreach

Community Vision

- Community input is critically important. This is a “bottom-up” approach. CR Plan must reflect input and support of community!
- Planning Committee comprised of local people with personal knowledge, experience and concern for area.
- Planning Committee will guide:
 - Who else to involve
 - How best to listen
 - What’s important to focus on

Guidelines for a Community Vision

- Realistic
 - Understandable
 - Comprehensive
 - Solution-specific
 - Coordinated
- EXAMPLE 1: “To restore the promise of an affordable, high quality of life for all on Long Island and to position Long Island for the requirements of 21st century communities...” (LI 2035)
 - EXAMPLE 2: “Innovation Oakland is a technology-based approach to neighborhood transformation. It introduces new ways of thinking about how community assets, public spaces and commercial corridors contribute towards the economic prosperity of Oakland and of greater Western PA. Fueled by state of the art technologies, Innovation Oakland will combine art, design, place making and way finding solutions to create new interactive public destinations for the use and pleasure of residents, employees, students and visitors from around the country and the world.”

Community Vision

- Community Visions can be short, medium and/or long-term.
- Visions:
 - Define hopes for the future
 - Capitalize on existing social and economic assets
 - Reduce risk and increase community resilience
 - Provide focus and direction

Public Outreach Strategy

- To engage the public in the CR Plan's development there will be:
 - Regular Committee meetings
 - Community Workshops
 - Monthly Regional Coordination meetings for the planning firm with New York State
 - Nassau County Co-Chairs Meetings



Public Outreach Strategies

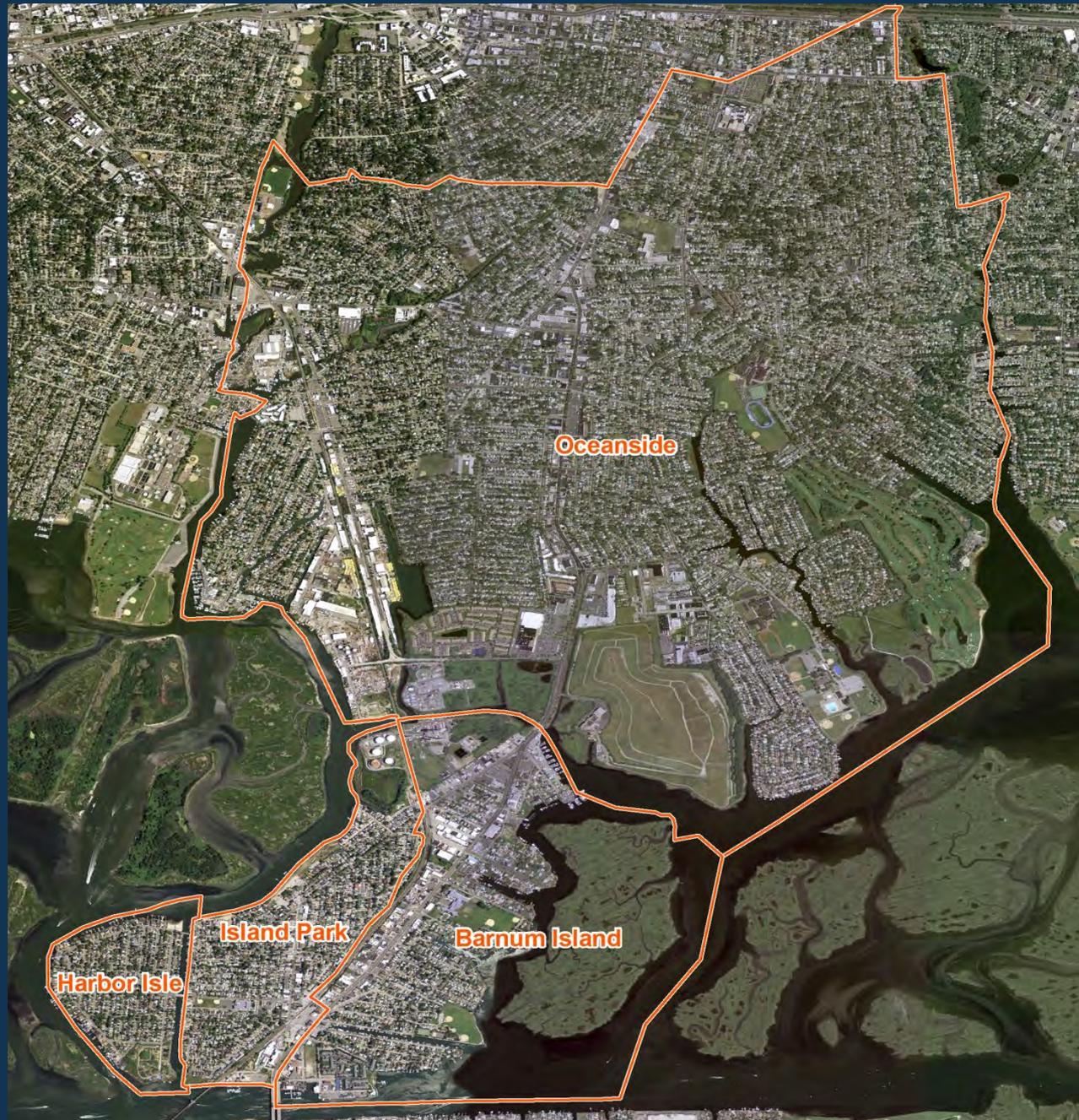
- Public outreach takes many forms, we will discuss and decide collaboratively how best to reach and engage the community.
 - *Messaging & outreach:* options such as email, signage, flyers, etc...
 - *Activities & engagement:* options include workshops, public meetings, surveys, etc...
- Timeline & implementation for outreach will be decided collectively.



Looking Forward

Geographic Scope

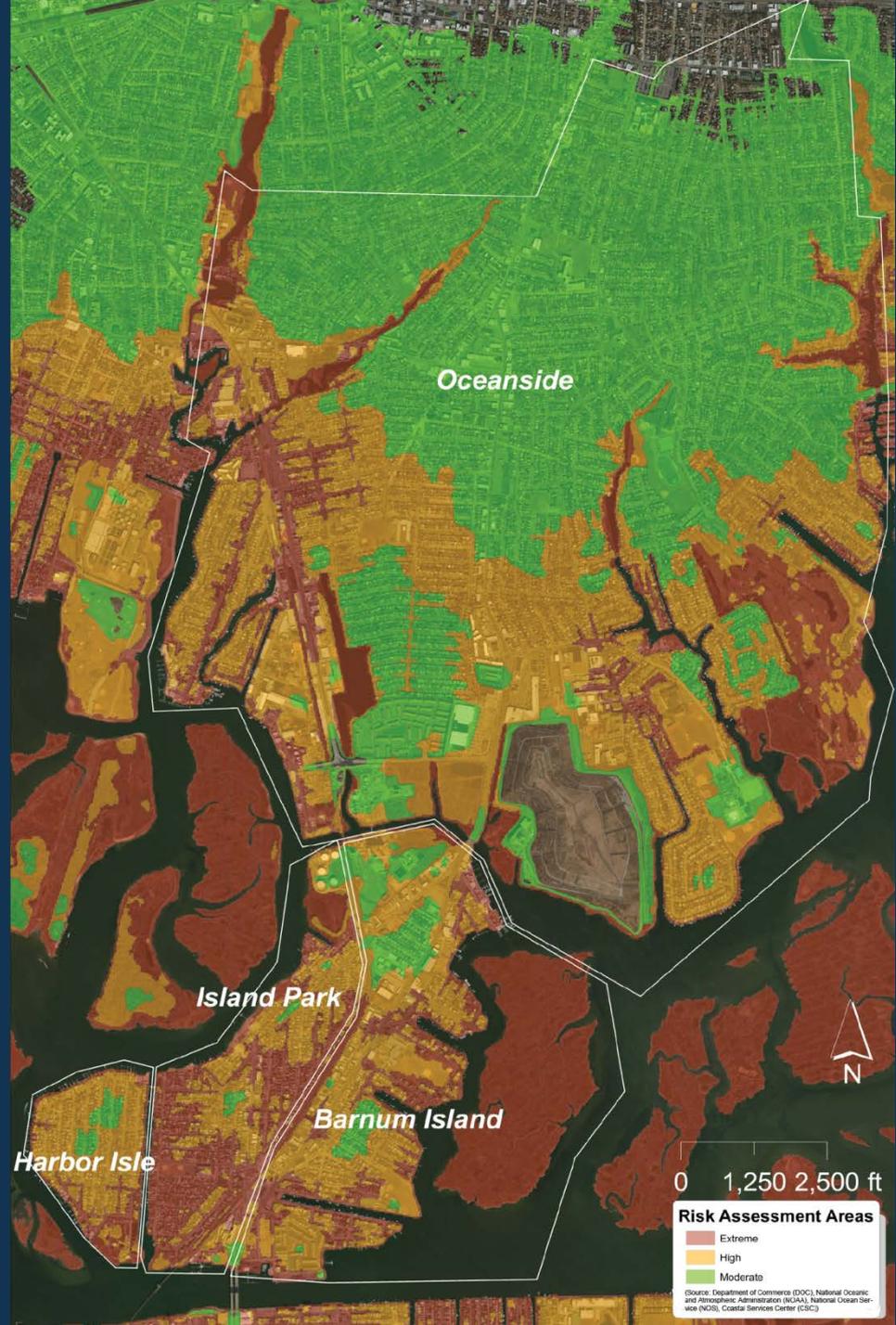
- Area where assets are most at risk
- Area in which reconstruction or future construction should be encouraged



Extent of Flooding During Sandy



Risk Areas



Identify Risks to Assets

Identify assets potentially affected by each of the following:

- Coastal hazards
- Location in extreme and high risk areas
- Defined as critical facilities by FEMA

Ultimate Goal: Reduce the risk to these assets AND make it easier to recover if they are damaged in the future

Critical Facility Examples:

- Emergency service facilities
- Schools
- Police and fire stations
- Emergency operations centers
- Public works facilities
- Evacuation shelters
- Jails and juvenile detention centers
- Physical and cultural assets

Focus on the Future

- Allocated CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds are just one source
- The most successful plans will:
 - Use Disaster Recovery Funds efficiently
 - Identify and present compelling cases for funding by additional sources
 - Leverage projects internally and with other implementation partners

Other Implementation Resources

- CDBG-DR Funds for Sandy, Irene & Lee damages
- FEMA Public Assistance (FEMA-PA Section 406)
- FEMA Individual Assistance (FEMA-IA)
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP-Section 404)
- Social Services Block Grants
- Federal Transit Authority Emergency Relief
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Federal Highway Administration Relief
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Focusing Our Efforts

- Places and projects where can we have the greatest impact
- Projects that address the most important issues
- Actions that can leverage further investment by others and additional grant resources

<http://www.newsday.com/long-island/towns/schumer-nassau-storm-plan-needs-to-be-done-soon-1.6041719>

Newsday

Schumer: Nassau storm plan needs to be done soon

September 9, 2013 by DAVID M. SCHWARTZ / david.schwartz@newsday.com



A federal storm-protection plan for Nassau County's South Shore needs to be designed by spring and work begun in early 2015, Sen. Charles Schumer urged Monday.

At a news conference in Merrick, he proposed the aggressive timeline to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Under HUD's Rebuild by Design program, 10 teams were selected from 143 to come up with resiliency measures for the New York region. Schumer (D-N.Y.) said HUD should direct some of those teams to look at Nassau County, consult with local officials, and devise a plan.

Federal officials have "done it for Suffolk County. They're doing it for the Jersey shore. They're doing it in the Rockaways in Queens," Schumer said. "We can do it here."

He said the agency should direct design teams to complete a plan by late spring, and that construction should start in January 2015.

On Sunday, Schumer announced the details of his storm plan to match one being developed in Suffolk County.

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers developed a Fire Island to Montauk Point plan, called FIMP, to raise 4,400 homes and dump tons of sand on Suffolk beaches.

That study process was first authorized in the 1960s. The \$700 million plan was funded after superstorm Sandy.

But while some Nassau areas such as Long Beach have been subject to federal protection plans, the broader area had not been studied, in some cases because officials and residents didn't expect the danger to reach those areas.

... Jr., chairman of the Long Island Regional Planning Council, praised the ... is not a problem that's going to be resolved with a piecemeal

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Tonight's To Do List

- Understand the Community Reconstruction Program and opportunities for your community
- Set the stage for a community visioning and planning process that:
 - Results in a set of projects and strategies that reflect local vision and needs
 - Maximizes the total local, regional, state and federal investment for needed improvements

Conceptual Plan

- Prepare a draft concept plan that:
 - Reflects community priorities
 - Appears possible to achieve financially, legally, logistically
- Engage Planning Committee and community in meetings and workshops
- Complete by October 28th



Complete Plan Document

- Revise and expand Conceptual Plan to:
 - Complete risk assessment
 - Complete cost-benefit analysis
 - Refine and prioritize recommended projects based on community feedback, cost/benefit, risk reduction
 - Prepare detailed implementation and funding strategy
- Continue to engage Planning Committee and community in meetings and workshops
- Plan complete by March 31st

Issues and Opportunities

Economic Development

- Businesses affected by flooding are struggling
- Enhance future economic development investments
- Protect & strengthen businesses & commercial areas
 - Diversifying
 - Access to employment
 - Back-up systems



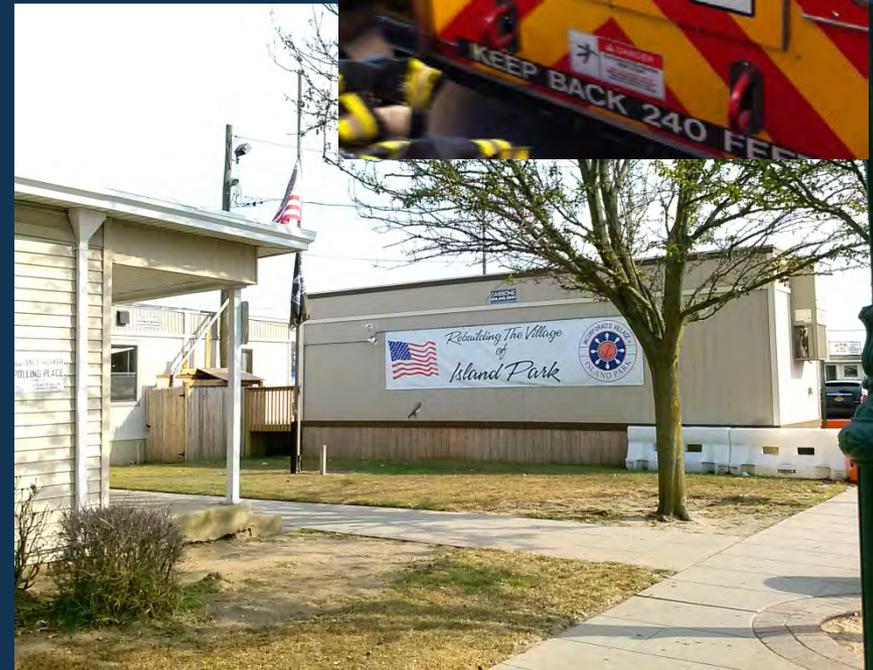
Community Facilities

Issues

- Closed firehouses
- Damage to Island Park Village Hall
- Area Schools

Opportunities

- Rebuild to combine resources where reasonable
- Consider ways to incorporate open space resources into resiliency planning



Infrastructure

Issues

- Poor drainage, with high water table, means nowhere for water to go
- Back ups in channels
- Austin Blvd. flooding
- Bulkheads inconsistent
- Power plant
- Long Beach & Bay Park Sewage Plant failures



Infrastructure

Opportunities

- Austin Blvd. improvements in conjunction with Bay Park Sewage Plant solutions
- Incorporate a “riverwalk” into bulkheads if constructed along waterfront adjacent to Long Beach Blvd. Bridge
- Creative solutions in and around landfill site
 - Stormwater infiltration
 - Recreation/emergency staging



Potential Bulkhead Location



Park on Former Merrick Landfill, Town of Hempstead

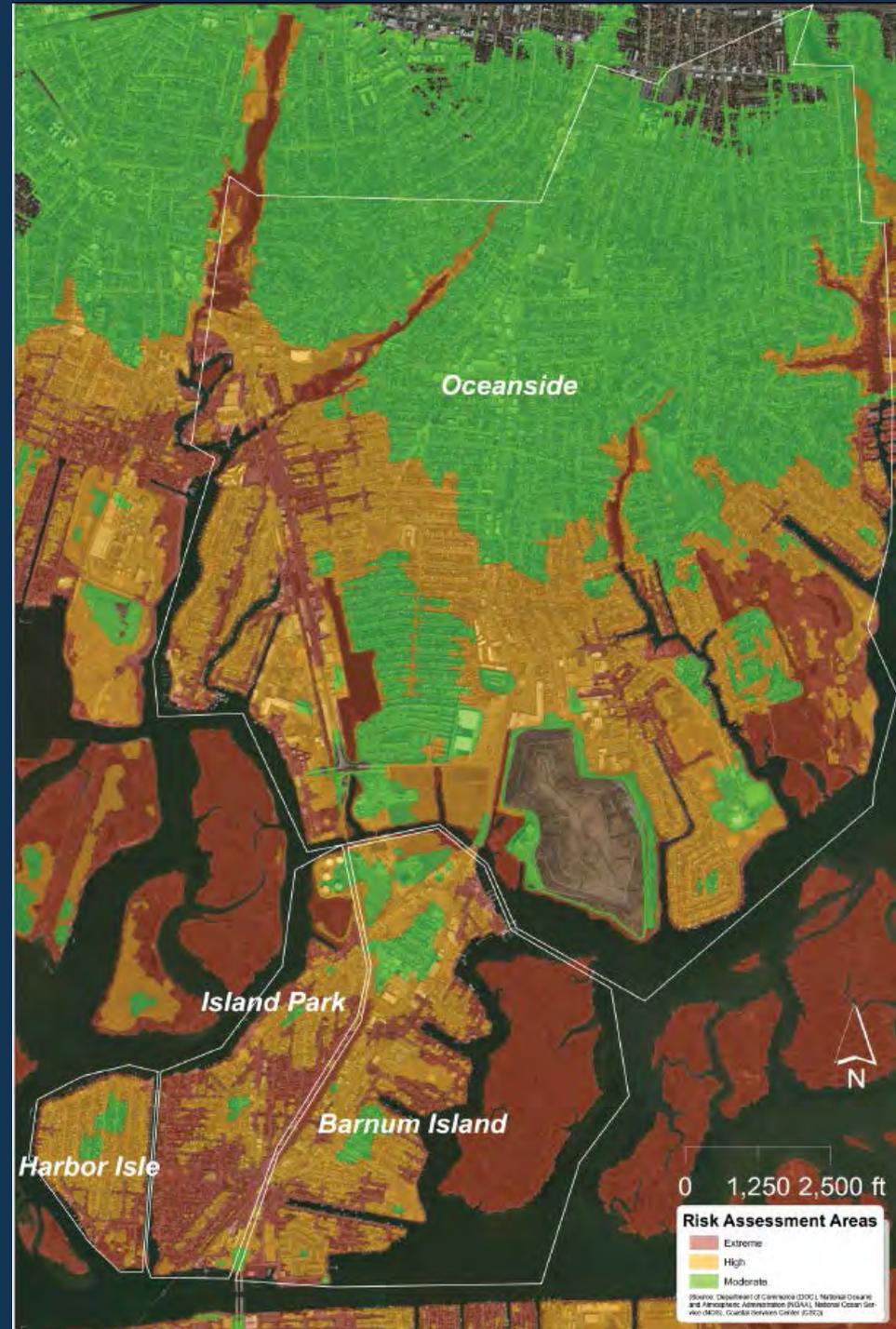
Housing

Issues

- Vulnerable low lying neighborhoods
- Up to 6 feet of water on first floor
- Many still struggling to rebuild

Opportunities

- Create a clear process for recovery & access to resources
- Tools to rebuild more resilient to future storms



Protect, Enhance & Restore Natural Resources

- Protect natural resources
- Changes to enhance the flood reduction function of wetlands and floodplains



Regional Coordination

- Committee member to participate in Regional Economic Development Council
- Ensure consistency with regional plans
- Building regional support for local projects

OUR ECONOMY

NORTH COUNTRY REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
Prepared for North Country Planning Commission, Essex County, May 2011



The Plan is funded through the Clean Energy Communities Program,
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

DELIVERING

LEADING THE ECONOMIC RENAISSANCE OF NEW YORK'S SMALL CITIES AND RURAL COMMUNITIES
NORTH COUNTRY BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PROGRAM REPORT 2011

Next Steps

- Conceptual Plan due October 28, 2013
- Planning Committee Meetings:
 - September 26, 2013
 - October 9, 2013
- Community Workshop
 - To be scheduled at September 26th Committee Meeting

Thank You!

Keep up with us on the Web

Community Reconstruction Program Website

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/community-reconstruction-program>

Barnum Island, Oceanside, Island Park & Harbor
Isle Community Reconstruction Website:

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nycrcr/community/barnum-island-oceanside-village-island-park-and-harbor-isle>

Or search for NY Rising and follow the links.