Working Together to Build Back Better

Oceanside, Island Park, Harbor Isle and Barnum Island

2nd Planning Committee Meeting
7:00 PM September 26, 2013
Father Joseph O’Connell Knights of Columbus, Oceanside, NY
Meeting Goals for Tonight

- Recap 1st Planning Committee meeting
- Report on progress
- Identify community strengths
- Map assets
- Discuss issues and opportunities
- Develop community vision statement
- Select future meeting dates
- Next steps
Recap of September 12th Meeting

- Introductions
  - Planning Committee
  - State representatives
  - URS team
  - Program overview
- Confirmed geographic scope of the Plan
- Set stage for tonight’s visioning and asset and challenges identification tasks
Town Outreach – Stormwater

• Stormwater management facilities are an issue town-wide
• Tidal flooding is an issue in much of the Planning Area
• Combination of solutions will be needed
  • Improved stormwater facilities
  • Bulkheads
  • Raising facilities and structures
Town Outreach – Former Landfill

• Current facilities include:
  • Grass planting
  • Methane gas capture
  • Energy turbines

• Former Merrick Landfill turned into the Norman J. Levy Preserve

• Discussion of reuse options for Oceanside Landfill
  • May be some limits of due to capping/physical structure issues
Village of Island Park

• Drainage is a critical issue
• Building Code requires substantially damaged structures to be raised to 2 feet above base flood elevation
• Village meeting with FEMA on Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Projects for:
  • Generator installation at DWP
  • Bulkhead replacement:
    • Little Beach
    • Redford Road, Norfolk Road and Rizkin Place
  • Demolition and reconstruction of Village Hall
Committee Updates
Project Tasks

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?

Building understanding …

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Workshop Activities

- Community strengths
- Asset mapping
- Challenges and ideas for implementation
- Community vision statement
Community Strengths

- What is unique about your community?
- What are the best characteristics, features, strengths?
  - 5-10 minute brainstorm
  - Positive characteristics, features, or aspects of your community
  - Why it is a great place in which to live, work, and play
Community Strengths

Top Community Strengths:

• Great neighbors and camaraderie
• Convenience and shopping all around
• Restaurants
• Beaches, waterways, views, boating, fishing, and proximity to the ocean
• Schools, teachers, leaders – the community always comes together
• Reynolds Channel, LIRR, bus
Mapping & Challenges Activities

• Break into 3 groups (roughly 5 people per table)
• Initial brainstorm
• Consultant team will record the ideas on flip charts
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
Asset Mapping

• What are the key assets of your community?
  • 5-10 minute brainstorm and discussion, using maps and flip charts
  • Identify key assets and facilities of the community that are at risk of damage or that were damaged by the storm.
    • Assets include schools, public buildings economic drivers, etc.
    • Six classes of assets to be included in the CR Plan are:
      1. Economic
      2. Health & social services;
      3. Housing
      4. Infrastructure
      5. Natural & cultural resources
      6. Services for socially vulnerable populations
  • Report back 3-5 of the most important assets and additions or notes they made on the maps.
Asset Identification & Mapping

Reported Vulnerable Assets and Facilities:

- LIPA
- LIRR
- Sidewalks
- Storm drains (assets & challenges)
- Landfill – high point
- Bay, canals, channel, waterways, marshlands, islands
- Wharf, Oceanside Preserve, open spaces
- Fire department, schools, places of worship, regional hospital
- Businesses, commercial corridors, Main Street
Challenges & Ideas for Potential Implementation

Potential Projects for Implementation

• 15 minute brainstorm and discussion, using maps and flip charts
• Develop a list and pinpoint problematic locations or issues
• Identify potential ideas for community reconstruction
• For now, focus on projects, programs, etc. that are near-ready, ready and/or easy to implement that will help to address these problems and issues.
Building a Community Vision

Key Words for a Vision Statement

• Use index cards to write down 3-5 key words (one per card)
• Consultant team will collect and tally
• Create a “wordle” to show how often each word is used
• Confirm top ranked words to be used in drafting a vision statement
Community Vision Guidelines

• Realistic
• Comprehensive
• Coordinated

• Understandable
• Solution-specific

• EXAMPLE VISION STATEMENT:

“The Eastside neighborhood is a vibrant and unified community that celebrates diversity. It is a neighborhood where working families can find a variety of housing opportunities, open space and recreation, and a mix of stores and services in an atmosphere of comfort and safety.” (Sample from NYSDOS)
Community Vision Guidelines

Word Cloud created using Key Words submitted by Planning Committee
Next Step: Prepare Conceptual Plan

- Community vision statement
- Geographic scope
- Key strategies that have been
  - Identified and agreed upon
  - Are under consideration, but may not move forward
- Potential projects
  - List and description of agreed upon projects
  - Summary of status of other projects under consideration
- Identification of projects ready to go
- Implementation plan for identified strategies and projects
- Description of public engagement to date & planned future outreach

Due October 28th
Upcoming Meetings & Due Dates

- Planning Committee Meeting
  - October 22, 2013 7:00pm – location TBD
  - November 6, 2013 7:00pm – location TBD

- Community Workshops
  - Community Visioning - October 9, 2013 7:00pm, Location TBD
  - Review Draft Conceptual Plan – October 30, 2013 7:00pm, Location TBD

- Conceptual Plan
  - Due October 28, 2013
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:

Or search for NY Rising and follow the links.