

Feedback from Yonkers Public Engagement Event #3 – Nov. 13, 2014 @ Hudson River Museum

A Additional Programs within Yonkers OEM

- Need an online Mayor's flood manual
- News media over-hypes flooding threat so we need a more reliable source.
- Yonkers is already good at warnings – use funds in the other areas.

B Best Management Practices for Upland Waterways

- Need locations where ponds could be located to accept storm water volume and slow stream, tributary flow

C Bronx River and Grassy Sprain Brook Hydrologic Study

D Emergency Power to Street Lights along Evacuation Routes

- Portable lights may be more effective during a storm

E Green Infrastructure and Buildings [now Resilient Waterfront Revitalization]

- Green buildings will help absorb water, as will permeable pavement – or removal of paving altogether.
- Alexander Street should have its master plan studied in light of new flood maps.

F Guidelines for Residential Resiliency

- Educate homeowners to police their property to remove materials that could become detrimental during flood events. also learn from flood and reconstruct to stop damage in future event, rather than just maintain the status quo
- Would like to see citywide collaboration during an emergency to ensure that elderly and disabled have access to water, food, heat.

G Saw Mill River Hydrologic Study

- Yards abutting the river should be surveyed to see what materials are stored that would cause damming during flooding
- Create paths for water so it goes places where it does not harm people, homes, etc. building flood walls is not a good idea – just pushes problem onto someone else.

H Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club

- This is one of the few access points to the Hudson – Yonkers is on the river but we can't get to it.
- Should clarify that it is open to any City resident.

I Regional Coordination on Flood Mitigation and Stormwater Initiatives

- Most important – move to top of list! Regional coordination is vital
- Yonkers does not have its own weather station – this project could incorporate a local rainfall gauge to measure microbursts, and street level temperature gauge to measure snowmelt.
- Should be “A” – need regional oversight.

J Scout Field Engineering Study

K Sprain Brook Sound Barrier

- L Sprain Diversion Channel**
- Why can't Saint Andrews add wetland features that would aid drainage rather than divert it?
- M Steel Bulkhead at JFK Marina**
- I support the idea of placing riprap, rather than a bulkhead. It defuses the forces that hit the banks and lessens the rebound back into the river.
- N Bronx River Sewer**
- O Brooklands Floodwall**
- Will this affect flooding in downstream areas?
- P Facilitate Continuity and Resiliency Services through City Business Organizations**
- Shouldn't the BIDs be working on this?
- Q Hardening of Yonkers Wastewater Treatment Plant**
- Largest plant in the County – the entire City of Yonkers should get funding for future vulnerability studies
- Move the plant away from the river!
- Critical! But “hardening” is the wrong word.
- R Ludlow Park (Wetland Creation for Detention)**
- S MTA Bronxville Bridge Replacement**
- T National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System Participation**
- U Pair Buyout/Acquisition with New Development and Green Building Standards**
- V Selected Roadway Elevations**
- W Sprain Reservoir Flood Valve**
- X Undergrounding of Power Lines**
- Great for snow storms, too!