



## Meeting Minutes

### City of Schenectady/Town of Rotterdam Planning Committee

Thursday, September 12, 2013, 7pm to 9pm

Schenectady County Community College, 433 Broadway, Schenectady, NY

**Attendance:** (See list below)

---

Agenda Item: Introduction

Presenters: Kevin Millington, Bob Singer

#### **Summary of Discussion:**

Welcome from Co-Chair Dr. Quintin Bullock. Introduction from Sarah Crowell. Program description by Kevin Millington: The NYRC program is a Governor's initiative to develop recovery strategies from Tropical Storm Irene, Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Sandy. It provides an opportunity for 102 communities to develop plans that identify strategies, projects and actions to make these communities more resilient. NYRC provides an initial amount of funds to these hard hit communities but other funding streams are expected to be applicable for communities to apply for such as FEMA hazard mitigation funding.

NYSDOS described the role of NYSDOS and E & E and introduced Sarah Crowell, NYSDOS' Regional Lead, Kevin Millington, NYSDOS Planner and John Wimbush, NYSDOS planner. Bob Singer is E & E's designated Community Lead and will work with the community to develop the NYRC plan.

Bob Singer explained that E & E will facilitate each community meeting. Each meeting will be targeted to discuss specific elements of the plan. The planning committee is expected to help identify existing assets, support and develop a public engagement strategy, and identify existing plans, projects and strategies.

---

Agenda Item: Existing Plans, Geographic Scope, Key Assets, Public Outreach

Presenter: Bob Singer

#### **Summary of Discussion:**

Existing plans were identified and the preliminary geographic scope was defined. The geographic scope will include a 500-year flood plain with a 10 foot elevation buffer. There have been a number of recent floods from tributaries that should be examined in the plan:

- 1996 Mohawk/Schoharie Creek. Flooding occurred in Schoharie Valley;
- 2006 West Canada Creek/ Schoharie Creek. Flooding reached 500-year point in some areas and 80 year levels elsewhere;
- June 2013 floods Fort Plain-feeder streams.
- 2012 Irene/Lee storm reached the 100 year flood mark.

Request that FEMA mapping include tributaries. A request was made to look into mapping human impacts (e.g., housing, community services, displaced families, total dollar loss) using demographics including populations with the greatest impacts.

#### **Key assets discussed:**

- Linear infrastructure

- Schenectady and Rotterdam well fields
- Wastewater treatment plants, storm sewers and pump stations
- Housing/neighborhoods most impacted
- Infrastructure-roads, bridges
- Energy services-power lines, substations

## **Public Outreach**

NYSDOS is providing guidance on minimum requirements and content to be covered by the communities' public engagement strategy. The committee members from Rotterdam expressed that the community has planning and outreach fatigue after developing the Long Term Community Recovery plan. When outreach is to be done it should focus on results and what has been done with the recovery ideas the community has already generated.

Rotterdam and Schenectady may have different public outreach needs.

Decisions/Motions/Votes:

It was decided to form a separate public engagement subcommittee to develop a strategy.

Public Engagement Committee to meet prior to next week's public meeting:

- Renee Bradley
- Nathan Mandsager
- Robert Carreau
- Peter Comenzo
- Thomas Yuille
  
- Planning Committee to meet first Thursday of month- alternate location (Schenectady City Center & Rotterdam Town Hall)
- Next Planning Committee meeting will be at the Rotterdam Town Hall- 7 pm, Thursday, October 3
- Need to better educate/inform the public about this plan
- Schedule a public meeting to provide project overview tentatively scheduled for 6pm September 24 at the downtown campus of Schenectady Community College.

## **Questions**

- Who is eligible to receive CDBG funds?
  - Local governments, community based organizations (CBOs), not-for-profits (NFPs)?
- Do you need to apply or is identification in the plan the application?
- Is there a deadline for spending the 6 million combined allocations?
- Will there be someone who can address individual assistance provided by FEMA at the public meetings?
- Is there a way to record the number of individuals who have applied for and received FEMA disaster assistance?

**ATTENDEES**

Name	Phone	Email
Quintin Bullock, Co-Chair	518-381-1304	<a href="mailto:bullocqb@sunysccc.edu">bullocqb@sunysccc.edu</a>
Thomas Yuille, Co-Chair	518-355-7575 x339	<a href="mailto:tyuille@rotterdamny.org">tyuille@rotterdamny.org</a>
Kevin Millington	518-473-2479	Kevin.Millington@dos.ny.gov
John Wimbush	518-486-3108	<a href="mailto:john.wimbush@dos.ny.gov">john.wimbush@dos.ny.gov</a>
Dave Mosher	518-339-6980 (w) 518-857-1715 (c)	<a href="mailto:sswcd@nycap.rr.com">sswcd@nycap.rr.com</a>
John Garver	518-388-6770	<a href="mailto:garverj@union.edu">garverj@union.edu</a>
Jim Kalohn	518-386-2225 x227	<a href="mailto:jim.kalohn@schenectadycounty.com">jim.kalohn@schenectadycounty.com</a>
Robert Carreau	518-393-9500	<a href="mailto:racarreau@schnectadyfoundation.org">racarreau@schnectadyfoundation.org</a>
Chuck Steiner*		
Nathan Mandsager	518-346-2275 x341	<a href="mailto:nmandsager@citymission.com">nmandsager@citymission.com</a>
Peter Comenzo	518-355-7575 x338	<a href="mailto:pcomenzo@rotterdamny.org">pcomenzo@rotterdamny.org</a>
Joe Malatesta		
Lisa Dufek	518-878-5160	<a href="mailto:lisadufek@gmail.com">lisadufek@gmail.com</a>
Richard Karp	518-331-0913	<a href="mailto:dkard150@aol.com">dkard150@aol.com</a>
Andrea Copolla	518-248-0741 (w) 518-346-8948 (c)	<a href="mailto:jcop490@aol.com">jcop490@aol.com</a>
Clark Collin	518-470-6598	<a href="mailto:water52man@aol.com">water52man@aol.com</a>
Steve Strichman	518-382-5049	<a href="mailto:sstrichman@schnectadyny.gov">sstrichman@schnectadyny.gov</a>
James Duggan*		
James Salengo*		
Mary D'Alessandro-Gilmore	518-334-3684	<a href="mailto:mdalessandro@prudentialmanor.com">mdalessandro@prudentialmanor.com</a>
Renee Bradley	518-374-3129 (c) 518-486-3551 (w)	bquest45@aol.com
Jenny Moon	518-382-1774	<a href="mailto:jmoon@mcdonaldengineers.com">jmoon@mcdonaldengineers.com</a>
Harry Buffardi	518-335-7575 (w) 518-356-3288 (h) 518-669-9128 (c)	hbuffardi@rotterdam.org
Jack McDonald	518-382-1774	<a href="mailto:jmcdonald@mcdonaldengineers.com">jmcdonald@mcdonaldengineers.com</a>
Kevin Millington, DOS	518-473-2479	<a href="mailto:kevin.millinton@dos.ny.gov">kevin.millinton@dos.ny.gov</a>
John Winbush, DOS	518-486-3108	<a href="mailto:John.Wimbush@dos.ny.gov">John.Wimbush@dos.ny.gov</a>
Robert Singer, E&E	518-743-1119	<a href="mailto:RSinger@ene.com">RSinger@ene.com</a>
Julie Chang, E&E	212-742-1713	<a href="mailto:JChang@ene.com">JChang@ene.com</a>
Rick Morse, E&E	518-281-2511	<a href="mailto:RMorse@ene.com">RMorse@ene.com</a>
Anne-Elizabeth Kaitano, E&E	212-742-1713	<a href="mailto:AKaitano@ene.com">AKaitano@ene.com</a>

\*Member was not present at the meeting