

# NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program



## Welcome to Your Public Open House Event

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

This public open house workshop is focused on gathering your knowledge, experience, and recommendations that are essential in the development of your community's reconstruction plan. We invite you to provide input on your Community Reconstruction Planning Committee's work to date, including your Community Vision, Community Assets, and Needs and Opportunities. Thank you for participating!

### We would appreciate your input on the following information:

**Community Vision:** What is great about your community? Tell us and contribute to your Community Word Cloud. What is your vision for a stronger, more resilient community going forward? Has it been captured in your Community Vision Statement?

**Community Assets:** What needs to be protected in your community? Review the community assets that have been identified to date and add any that may have been missed.

**Needs / Opportunities:** What needs to happen to ensure that your Community Assets meet your Community Vision? Review the list of Needs and Opportunities, tell us what you think, and contribute your own.



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## STEP 1 → INVENTORY ASSETS

Your community has many assets that could be made more resilient in the face of future storms. Please help us identify what the assets are in your community. In many communities, the critical assets include transportation, infrastructure, housing, community facilities, commercial areas, and natural resources.

## STEP 2 → IDENTIFY NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

Next, we want to understand the needs in your community. Your needs may relate to repairing or replacing assets that were damaged by recent storms; redirecting or expanding the local economy; or making your assets more resilient for the future. There are also opportunities in your community – things that make your community great that should be preserved and enhanced.



## STEP 3 → DEVELOP STRATEGIES

Your community's strategies will address the needs and opportunities that you identify. In developing the strategies, your community should consider the benefits, costs, availability of resources, timing, and other local and regional projects.

## STEP 4 → RECOMMEND PROJECTS

Finally, projects to address your community's desired strategies will be identified. The projects your community decides to pursue may replace damaged structures or address exposure to risk; respond to current or future housing needs, or help restore the local ecology.



*Working through the steps in the Community Reconstruction Program process will help your community identify and prioritize the strategies and projects to meet your community desires for resiliency in the future.*