



# Meeting Minutes

## Rye Planning Committee

September 2, 2014 6-8:30pm

Rye City Hall, 1051 Boston Post Road, Rye

### Attendance:

Rye CR Committee - Holly Kennedy (Co-chair), Frank Gadaleta, Rex Gedney, Gregg Howells, Josh Nathan, Tracy Stora

GOSR – Suzanne Barclay, Ricardo Soto-Lopez, Alex Breinin

Consultant Team - Jason Hellendrung, Julia Carlton, Shandor Szalay, Maggie Hopkins

Local Officials and Representatives – Eleanor Militana, Steve Otis, Laura Brett

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Agenda Item	Welcome and Introductions	Presenter	Jason Hellendrung
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- Recap of committee meeting on 8/12, for members who were absent
- Introduction of Shandor Szalay of AKRF and Maggie Hopkins of CDM Smith, giving technical presentations

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Agenda Item	Watershed Management	Presenter	Shandor Szalay
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- Watershed management is most effective upstream
  - Find common ground with upstream neighbors (ex: Increased runoff decreases infrastructure stability upstream, and causes flooding downstream)
- Bodies of water will strive to return to equilibrium- if widened, will fill with sediment, etc.
- Seek institutional and public green space for water management projects when possible
- Much cheaper to upsize a planned water management project than to create a new one

Decisions/Motions/Votes:

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Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Share PPT with planning committee	Julia	September 5

Agenda Item	Risk Assessment	Presenter	Maggie Hopkins
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Summary of Discussion:

- Presented on risk assessment methodology, noting that this is the first draft in an iterative process.
- Extreme areas on map are FEMA designations, and show only “V Zone” and 10-year floodplain areas. Rye has no 10-year floodplain map, so anecdotal information will be collected from the committee for the next draft of the asset risk assessment. This will result in increased Risk Scores for many assets near Blind Brook.
- From committee: List of assets by risk score will be controversial, so would be best to list assets in alphabetical order, perhaps by asset class.
- From Shandor: Parsons Brinckerhoff report may be able to contribute a map of the 10-year floodplain.

Decision/Motions/Votes:

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Give feedback on extreme risk and vulnerability of assets	Committee	September 5
Adjust asset hazard scores based on committee feedback	Maggie Hopkins	September 9
Send PB report to committee, pending approval	Eleanor Militana	Pending

Agenda Item	Public Engagement Event # 2 Preview	Presenter	Jason
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Summary of Discussion:

- Presented a draft of the presentation for public engagement event #2, including NYRCR overview, Sections 1 & 2 overview, key strategies, resilience information, and draft projects
  - From Alex: May be too early to present a draft project list, per guidance documents
  - From Suzanne: May need to more fully discuss needs and opportunities
- From Laura: Nature Center entrance may be moved to avoid the bridge, but this is very preliminary

Decisions/Motions/Votes:

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Create tri-fold about NYRCR for public meeting	Julia	September 9
Provide list of Capital Improvement Projects to committee	Laura Brett	
Add additional information on case studies, needs and opps	Julia	September 9

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Agenda Item	Rising to the Top Competition	Presenter	Suzanne
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Summary of Discussion:

- Rising to the Top is a competition first rolled out in Round 1, providing communities with additional funding for projects that meet state objectives for green infrastructure, regional planning, or planning for vulnerable populations

Decisions/Motions/Votes:

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Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Submit intent to apply for funds	Committee	October 15
Send competition description to committee	Suzanne	When prepared