Southeast Brooklyn Waterfront Planning Committee Meeting #3

August 20, 2014
# NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program schedule

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- **Planning Committee Meeting**
- **Public Meeting**
- **Deliverable Due Date**
NY Rising Community Reconstruction goals and components

Community Vision, Goals, Risk, Assets, Issues, Needs, & Opportunities

Community Reconstruction Plan

Implementable projects across six recovery functions

Community Planning & Capacity Building
Economic Development
Health & Social Services
Housing
Infrastructure
Natural & Cultural Resources

Strategies
Agenda for Planning Committee Meeting #3

1. Public Engagement Event #1 debrief 7:00pm
2. Existing plans 7:15pm
3. Strategy development 7:40pm
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Goals identified at PE#1

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<td><strong>Short-Term</strong> (0-5 years)</td>
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<td>- More informed about emergency preparedness and response procedures and resources</td>
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<td>- Plan for more resilient power supply</td>
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<td>- Stable sewer system</td>
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<td>- “Improve Con Ed facilities – too many blackouts”</td>
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<td>- “Volunteer corps’ of construction pros: real estate pros to plan, and when necessary, implement a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan”</td>
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Needs, issues, and goals identified at PE#1

- Improved drainage and stormwater management
- Tree cleaning and maintenance
- Resilient power supply
- Coastal edge strengthening and protection
- Emergency preparedness and response planning
- Improved access to food and supplies
- Residential resiliency technical assistance and funding
Opportunities identified at PE#1

- Large facilities and green spaces
- Residents with strategic professional skills and resources
- Resilient existing communications networks
Superstorm Sandy impacts summary: flooding
Superstorm Sandy impacts summary: sewer backup
Superstorm Sandy impacts summary: power outages
Assets added by the Community

Emergency response assets:

- “South Shore H.S.”
- “P.S. 222 – Quentin & 35th St.”
- “P.S. 207 – Fillmore [Avenue] & Kimball [Street]”
- “P.S. 203 – Ave. N & 51st St.”
- “P.S. 251 – 54th St. & Ave. I”
- “Rite Aid – Flatbush [Ave.] & Ave. S”
- Flatlands Vol. Ambulance Corp.: Ave N. & Schenectady Ave.”
Assets added by the Community

**Economic assets:**
- Commercial corridor: Ralph Avenue
- “Georgetown Shopping Center – Waldbaum’s and 20+ stores”
- “Shopping center – Ralph Avenue and 59th St. (Food Town and 7-11)”
- “Shopping center – Key Foods” (Avenue U)
- Kings Plaza Shopping Center / “Lowe’s Parking lot (did not get flooded)”
- Waldbaum’s Grocery – “Flatbush”

**Natural resource assets:**
- “McGuire Fields”
- “JMCC”
- [on land use map]: “New walkway park – not open yet (Georgetown/Bergen Beach)”
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Existing plans: Jamaica Bay
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Potential Jamaica Bay opportunities include:

- **Water quality improvements** at Paerdegat Basin (substantially completed, work ongoing)

- **Salt marsh restoration** in Four Sparrow Marsh (completed in 2004)

- **Coastal grassland restoration** at White Island (substantially completed)

- **Ecosystem restoration** at Bergen Beach, Mill Basin, Gerritsen Inlet, and Shellbank Creek

- **Rehabilitate bulkhead and restore upland grassland** in Floyd Bennett Field

- **Enhancements to local marsh habitat, creek, and dunes to undo erosion** at Dead Horse Bay in Marine Park
Existing plans: Drainage

- NYC DEP is incorporating **stormwater capture measures in the new Paerdegat Basin Park and Ecology Park in Georgetown**
Existing plans: NPS General Management Plan

- As part of its General Management Plan, National Park Service is planning to enhance access and recreational space at Floyd Bennett Field and Bergen Beach

- **Plumb Beach**
  - New orientation portal developed for Great Jamaica Bay Park
  - Connection from Marine Park and adjacent neighborhood by new bike/pedestrian bridge
  - Access & circulation improvements by parking area and Greenway
  - Controlled access to protect natural areas and habitat
  - New visitor amenities such as bathrooms, rentals (bikes and wind sports), bike sharing, food trucks

- **Bergen Beach**
  - New picnic and open space area in northeast section
  - New physical connections to McGuire Park, Paerdegat Basin Park, Eco Park and Flatlands neighborhoods
  - Nature trail developed to bay for fishing, walking
  - Improved areas for horse-related activities

- **Floyd Bennett Field**
  - Create connections to communities and Marine Park, connections established at western portion along from Flatbush
  - Multi-use trail system developed on “greened” runways
  - New picnic and flexible open space areas
  - New Outdoor Skills area
  - Expanded camping options from tents to RVs
  - Community activity space expanded for gatherings, gardens and educational events
  - Jamaica Bay Greenway connection established at North 40 area
  - Aviation interpretive area at Hangar Row
Existing Plans: Jamaica Bay Greenway

- Agencies are planning a multi-use path linking communities surrounding Jamaica Bay
Existing Plans: Transportation

- NYC DOT is in the process of **reconstructing 7 bridges along Belt Parkway**, including the Mill Basin Drawbridge
- Area at Floyd Bennett Field cleared of debris and converted to wetlands
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Strategies

What makes a good strategy?

- Addresses needs through leveraging opportunities
- Reduces risk
- Is comprehensive and forward-looking
- Orients itself as positive, affirmative, and toward goals with near- and long-term aspirations
- Builds on existing big ideas or programs

What strategies are NOT:

- Specific projects
- Oriented toward funding
Strategies

- Need
- Opportunity
- Need
- Opportunity

Community Planning & Capacity Building  Economic Development  Health & Social Services  Housing  Infrastructure  Natural & Cultural Resources
Strategy example: Infrastructure and Natural Resources

**Need:** Improved bayside coastal protection.

**Opportunity:** Wetlands strengthening could provide a measure of protection.

**Strategy:** Improve coastal protection through strengthening wetlands and leveraging other natural assets.

**Sample Project:**
Sunset Cove Restoration Project – oyster component
NYRCR Round One: Broad Channel (Proposed Project, $500K)
Strategy example:
Infrastructure

**Need:** Redundant power source in case of power loss.

**Opportunity:** A site where the community can access power during and after disaster.

**Strategy:** Encourage power redundancy through establishing centralized opportunities for power generation and distribution.

**Sample Project:**
Emergency backup generator – fixed location
NYRCR Round One: multiple Communities *(Proposed Project, $350K)*
Strategy example: Infrastructure

**Need:** Improved stormwater and wastewater systems.

**Opportunity:** Inexpensive, cost-effective methods of back-up prevention, such as in-home check valves.

**Strategy:** Improve drainage and reduce flooding from sewer back-up through cost-effective preventive methods.

**Sample Project:**
Install sewer connection cut-off valves
NYRCR Round One: Gerritsen Beach and Sheepshead Bay
(Proposed Project, $5.7M for several thousand buildings)
Strategy example: Community Planning and Capacity Building

Need: A safe, public facility to accommodate residents after disasters; address chronic on-land flooding and drainage issues; more resilient retail.

Opportunity: Many undeveloped lots near ballfields – the central gathering place for the Community and retail area.

Strategy: Strengthen community resiliency through a synergistic approach.

Sample Project: Multipurpose community relief center, stormwater drainage improvements, relocation of summer stores

NYRCR Round One: Breezy Point (Proposed Projects, $22.7M)
**Strategy example:**

**Housing**

**Need:** Greater information around housing recovery, risk, and resiliency.

**Opportunity:** Citywide non-profits already working with local CBOs to offer individualized housing assistance.

**Strategy:** Ensure homeowners have access to information and programs to help protect their homes.

**Sample Project:** Residential education and technical assistance – online training, counseling, physical audit, low-cost loan programs

*NYRCR Round One: Rockaway East (Proposed Project, $1M)*
Strategy brainstorming

Community needs identified at PE#1:

Group A:
- Resilient power supply
- Improved drainage and stormwater management
- Tree clearing and maintenance
- Residential resiliency

Group B:
- Emergency preparedness and response planning
- Improved access to food and supplies

Group C:
- Coastal edge strengthening and protection
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Potential future meeting schedule

Conference call: Monday, September 8th
PE#2: Wednesday, September 10th (already scheduled)
PC#4: Wednesday, September 17th (already scheduled)
PC#5: Wednesday, October 1st
PC#6: Wednesday, October 15th
PC#7: Wednesday, October 29th
PE#3: Wednesday, November 12th
PC#8: Wednesday, November 19th
(Note: FINAL CR PLAN due Friday, December 5th)
PC#9: Wednesday, December 10th (possibly via conference call)
PE#4: Wednesday, January 14th
Future outreach and next steps

1. Distribution of PE#2 flyer
2. Review and distribution of feedback questionnaire
3. Conference call to prepare for PE#2: Monday, Sept. 8th (TBC)