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Where we are in the process

Updates on recent agency outreach:
  • Planning Team met with NYC DOT on 9/24 and NYC OEM on 9/29

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PC5: Emergency Prep

PC6: Drainage, Stormwater, Economic Dev, Housing
In this phase, we’ll identify preliminary projects for evaluation and funding.

**Proposed Project**
- Appropriate scale and cost
- Short- to medium-term
- Can be fully funded with CDBG-DR allocation

**Featured Project**
- Appropriate scale and cost
- Short- to medium-term
- An initial study or discrete phase can be funded with CDBG-DR allocation and/or another identified funding source
- May require other funding for full implementation

**Recommendation**
- City/state/federal entities already working to address
- Policy recommendation
- Short-, medium- or long-term
For example:

**STRATEGY:** Enhance emergency preparedness and response

- **Project**
  - Local emergency preparedness and response program
  - Resource/recovery center network

- **Recommendation**
  - Encourage City to improve pre- and post-emergency circulation along Flatbush Avenue and Avenue U
Revised list of strategies

- Improve stormwater and wastewater management to prevent flooding and backup
- Reduce neighborhood flooding through stabilizing the coastal edge, discouraging development at at-risk locations, and mitigating negative impacts from new projects
- Make power supply more resilient and redundant
- Enhance emergency preparedness and response
- Improve residential resiliency through education, technical assistance, and funding
- Improve resiliency of commercial corridors and critical supply chains
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CDBG-DR Fundability
Fundability refers to key thresholds that determine the ability of projects to receive CDBG-DR funding.

The state review process for all CDBG-DR funding applications must include a fundability determination prior to award.

All activities must be eligible for disaster funding and meet a national objective.
CDBG-DR Objectives

- Meet a HUD national objective
  - Activities benefitting low/moderate income persons
  - Prevention/Elimination of slums or blight
  - Urgent needs

- Address a direct or indirect impact from the disaster in a county covered by a Presidential disaster declaration and cited in the Federal Notice
CDBG-DR Eligible Activities

- All project activities must be eligible for funding according to Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA).
- General Rule – any activity that is not authorized by the HCDA is ineligible to be assisted with CDBG-DR funds.
CDBG-DR Eligible Activities (cont)

- Basic categories of eligibility in Section 105(a) of the HCDA:
  - Acquisition of real property
  - Public facilities and improvement of privately owned utilities
  - Clearance, rehab, reconstruction and construction of buildings
  - Public Services
  - Relocation
CDBG-DR Eligible Activities (cont)

- Planning and capacity building
- Program administration costs
- Economic development assistance to for-profit businesses
- Technical assistance
- Housing services
Funds may be used to pay reasonable program administrative costs and charges related to general management and oversight of the CDBG-DR project.

Cost may include:

- Staff and related costs
- Citizen participation costs
- Fair housing activities
- Monitoring costs
Product Delivery Costs

- Funds may be used to pay reasonable project delivery costs and charges related to the implementation and execution of the CDBG-DR project.

- Costs may include:
  - Staff and related costs
  - Legal fees
  - Construction management
Ineligible Activities

The following are generally not allowed, except under specific circumstances:

- Purchase of equipment
- Operating and maintenance expenses
- General government expenses
- Political activities
- Exclusively mitigation or preparedness activities not part of rebuilding efforts
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Strategy: Enhance emergency preparedness and response

Source: Brooklyn Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG)
Who is involved in emergency preparedness and response in New York City?

- Federal Agencies (e.g., FEMA, US SBA, HUD)
- City Agencies (e.g., NYC OEM, HPD, NYPD)
- Citywide/National Organizations (e.g., Red Cross, CNYCN)
- Community-Based Organizations (e.g., St. Bernard Parish, Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Hatzolah of Mill Basin)

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) (e.g., CB 18 CERT)
Who is involved in emergency preparedness and response in the Planning Area?

Health and Social Services Assets

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Needs identified at PE#1 and PE#2

Coordination, communication, and planning

Coordination and planning
- Emergency preparedness plan in-place
- Improved coordination among agencies and organizations
- Improved pre- and post-storm circulation
- Residents mobilized to help each other

Communication and information
- Enhanced emergency notification system
- More informed residents

Relief and services
- Predetermined, central recovery centers/meeting spaces with power and supplies
- Improved access to food and supplies
- Protected areas to park cars prior to storm
Establish protocol for:

- How residents, local organizations **coordinate** and **share information** with City and Federal agencies and organizations
- **Circulation** pre- and post-storm
- How residents **access critical supplies and information**
- How **assistance** will reach the most vulnerable

**Community Emergency Plan (City of Orem, UT)**

- Lays out a process for **communicating local issues** to the City and **soliciting help**
- **Community Emergency Coordinator** receives information from **Neighborhood Captains**, shares information with Neighborhood, School and Church Liaison in the **City’s Emergency Operations Center**
- Neighborhood Captain establishes a staging area for supplies
Coordination and planning | Community-wide

Flatbush Avenue and Avenue U are main evacuation routes.

The general population evacuees will use all roadways for evacuation.

The signed evacuation routes shown here lead to evacuation centers with parking.
Coordination and planning | Block- and neighborhood-level

NYC Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)

- 10-week training run by NYC OEM
- Trains residents in disaster response skills (fire safety, search and rescue, medical assistance)

Block Captain Program (City of Orem, UT)

- Block Captains responsible for 10 houses; meet once a year to review block preparedness plan
- Block Captains report damage, needs, and available workers to Neighborhood Captain
- Neighborhood Captain reports information to Community Emergency Coordinator, who liaises with City’s Emergency Operations Center

Discussion:

- Are you interested in strengthening the CB18 CERT?
- How do you usually share information with your neighbors?
Communication and information

Sharing City information

- City already produces **preparedness and response resources**, including the **Ready NY guide**, **Know Your Zone site**, and **Notify NYC alert system**
- Ways to increase registration, distribution of City materials through Community networks

Additional Community-specific information

- **Alarm system**
  - Unlikely that City would support neighborhood alarm system
  - Alarm systems work best in geographically-isolated cities
- **Local preparedness manual and programming**

Discussion:

- What is the most effective way of sharing information in your neighborhood?
Assistance to vulnerable populations

Who is vulnerable in the Community?

- Residents unable to help themselves
- Those who are disproportionately impacted in a storm event

Vulnerable populations may include:

- Large population of children (20% is 14 or under)
- Small senior population in the Planning Area

Discussion:

- Other considerations for vulnerable populations?
- What do you think is the best way of reaching these populations?
- What do vulnerable populations need before, during, and after a storm event?
Potential project:
Local emergency preparedness and response program

Possible elements:

1. Community-wide coordinator

2. Coordination plan:
   - **Protocol** for coordination among agencies in area, with CBOs
   - **Capacity and needs assessment of CBOs**, other providers
   - **Roles and responsibilities of CBOs**, resource/recovery center network
   - Assessment of current **information delivery systems**, potential technologies
   - Strategies for **assisting vulnerable populations**

3. Community-wide educational materials and programming

Discussion:

- What would your Community’s plan and educational materials cover?
- Is a staffperson important? If so, what should they be responsible for?
Relief and services

Supplementing the City’s existing evacuation system

- City already operates a system of overnight evacuation shelters
- Formalizing community relief efforts
- Identifying centralized places where residents may access supplies, information, and power, and park cars before storm hits

Red Hook Initiative volunteers serve meals after Sandy
Potential project: Resource/recovery center network

Possible elements:

- A **hub** that provides information and emergency services (access to health and social services, food, water, supplies)
- Gathering place for evacuation and temporary relief
- Not an overnight evacuation shelter
- **Spokes** that provide supplies and services on a more localized level

Considerations:

- How the center functions 365 days a year (stewardship, maintenance, programming)
- Location within community
- Ownership and governance (day-to-day and in an emergency)
- ADA compliance
Potential project: Resource/recovery center network

Location and building considerations:

- Proximity to:
  - Evacuation route, or near road with quick, reliable access to route
  - Vulnerable populations
  - Commercial centers, corridors
- Large outdoor space
- Covered parking lot
- Ease of access and approachability from street
- ADA-compliant

Discussion:

- What criteria in terms of services and location are important?
- How many resource/recovery centers should there be in the Planning Area?
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Next steps

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- Next PC meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15th (Drainage, Housing, and Economic Development)