



Stony Point
Community Reconstruction Plan
Public Engagement Meeting #2

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

7:00 PM, RHO Building

Committee and Team Members

- State Representatives
 - Lori Dubord (Regional Lead - NYRC Catskill/Hudson Valley)
 - Bill Harding (NYSDOS Lead)
 - Barbara Kendall (NYSDOS Planner)
 - Lisa Melville (NYSDOS Planner)
- Planning Committee
 - Co-chairs: Gurrán Kane & Steven Scurti
 - 13 Members
- Planning Firm Project Team
 - Chris Robbins, Jim Finegan (AKRF)
 - Dan Durfee (CDM Smith)
 - Hope Stege, Alice Brown (Sasaki)



Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Overview of NY Rising Program
3. Goals for Today
4. Report on Conceptual Plan
 - Vision Statement
 - Asset Inventory
 - Summary of Needs and Opportunities
 - Preliminary Local and Regional Project List
5. Table Discussions
6. Report Back





Overview of NY Rising

NY Rising Program



- Empowers localities severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and/or Tropical Storm Lee
- Culminates in a community-driven recovery plan for Stony Point that:
 - Identifies resilient and innovative reconstruction projects
 - Considers current damage, future threats, and economic opportunities

Available Funding

- 102 Communities are eligible to apply for up to \$3,000,000
- Funding source: Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery \$\$ (CDBG-DR)
- Communities may apply for CDBG-DR \$\$ to implement projects in the Plan that meet criteria
- CDBG-DR \$\$ can also support studies and master plans that will position the Town to pursue funding from other sources
- NY Rising to the Top bonus funding →



NY Rising to the Top Bonus Funding

- A \$3 million bonus will be awarded for best plans in several categories
 - Regional Collaboration
 - Infrastructure Investment with Co-Benefits
 - Community Involvement in the planning process
 - Use of Technology in the planning process
 - Inclusion of Vulnerable Populations
 - Green Infrastructure to Bolster Resilience
 - Innovative and Cost Effective Financing of Critical Projects
 - Resilient Economic Growth



Public Engagement Timeline

- Four Public Meetings
 1. Input for the Planning Process (Vision, Assets, Needs, Opportunities, Projects) - Completed
 2. Reviewing the Concept Plan - Tonight
 3. Reviewing the Risk Assessment
 4. Implementation Strategies
- Final Recovery Plan due March 31, 2014



Staying Involved

- Opportunities for Public Participation
 - Committee Meetings
 - Public Meetings
 - Live participation
 - Feedback worksheets (after meeting/take home)
 - NY Rising Website
 - <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nycrcr/community/town-stony-point>

The screenshot displays the Town of Stony Point website. At the top, the title 'Town of Stony Point' is visible. Below it is a map of the town area, including labels for 'Stony Point', 'Verplanck', 'West Haverstraw', and 'Hudson River'. To the right of the map is a 'Get Involved' section with buttons for 'Facebook' and 'Contact'. Below these buttons, the 'Meetings' section is active, showing the date '11.20.13' and a link for 'Stony Point Public Meeting'. A 'Conceptual Plans' section explains that these plans are snapshots of community thoughts and are subject to evolution. Below the map is a navigation menu with 'News - Announcements', 'Documents', and 'Committee', each with a 'More >' link. On the right side, a 'Highlights' section features a 'Stony Point Conceptual Plan now online' link and a small photo of three people.





Goals for Today

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- Promote community understanding of storm risks, resilience and the NYRCCR Program
- Review the Conceptual Plan Components and solicit your input on the document
- Review Assets, Needs, Opportunities as well as Local and Regional Projects identified to date and gather your input
- Foster a shared understanding and build support for the Conceptual Plan



Highlights from the Conceptual Plan

Developing the Concept Plan

- 10/21/13 - Draft Concept Plan submitted
- 10/23/13 - Revisions made to address State comments and Concept Plan distributed to Committee
- 10/28/13 - Revisions made to address Committee comments and Concept Plan resubmitted to State
- 11/1/13 - Final State input incorporated and Concept Plan completed
- 11/20/13 – Presentation of final Concept Plan



Contents

- Purpose
- Geographic Scope
- Vision and Goals
- Existing Plans and Studies
- Asset Inventory and Mapping
- Risk Assessment Methodology
- Needs and Opportunities
- Preliminary Local and Regional Projects
- Public Engagement
- Strategies and Management Measures
- Implementation Schedule



Vision Statement

Stony Point is a vibrant and connected riverfront and hillside community. Our Vision is to preserve our town's history and protect our people and our natural resources while making the community more resilient in the face of future hazards and attracting visitors to ensure an ecologically sound and economically strong future for the people of Stony Point.



Vision Statement

Goals and Objectives

- Plan for better mobility and connectivity for people in cars, on foot, and with transit
- Cooperate with other regional entities
- Improve waterfront access and infrastructure
- Protect the watershed and strengthen stormwater management practices
- Redevelop historic assets while maintaining neighborhood fabric
- Foster emergency readiness
- Revitalize downtown businesses
- Develop design and construction standards for resilience
- Enhance historical, natural, and cultural attractions for tourists
- Retain and attract residents with a range of housing options



Needs and Opportunities

NYRCR Guidance for Developing Needs and Opportunities:

- Ensure the Full Range is Addressed
 - Repairing or replacing assets that were damaged
 - Rebuilding the local economy
 - Making assets more resilient
- Identify Timeframes
 - Immediate, Short, Medium and Long Term



Needs/Opportunities & Potential Projects

Organized by Recovery Support Areas



Community Planning,
Capacity Building



Economic
Development



Housing



Natural/Cultural
Resources



Infrastructure



Health/Social
Services



	Example
Need	Protect health and social service facilities from future flooding
Opportunity	Underutilized municipal properties (closed schools and Letchworth Village)
Potential Project	Conduct feasibility study of closed schools and Letchworth Village for regional shelters



Health/Social
Services



Community Planning,
Capacity Building

	Example
Need	More transportation options
Opportunity	Improve pedestrian network and amenities
Potential Project	Design sidewalks and a trail network connecting Stony Point Center to Liberty Drive



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Resilience

What is “Resilience”?



- Ability to become **strong, healthy, or successful** again after adverse situations
- “**Bounce forward**” – recover, but also enhance capacity to withstand future stresses
- “Resilience is the ability of people, organizations or systems to prepare for, respond, recover from and thrive in the face of hazards” (Siemens/RPA)

Components of a resilient community

- Economic and fiscal strength and diversity
- Strong business community
- Sustainable infrastructure
- Leverages natural systems
- Energy diversity and independence
- Connected road networks, diversity of modes
- Variety of housing options
- Educated, prepared stakeholders

Coxsackie Boat Launch, Coxsackie, New York: A New Approach to the Shorelines



- Need to address eroding shoreline made of historic dredge material to protect park and parking lot
- Functionality of working with nature
 - Restored natural shoreline
 - Erosion protection
 - Improved habitat
 - Human access retained

Coxsackie Boat Launch: Lessons Learned

- Environmental Permits allowed for innovative and ecologically enhanced shoreline treatments
- Regrading with rock terraces and re-vegetation with native species
- Cooperation and open lines of communication about new techniques



Cedar Rapids, Iowa: A New Approach to Community Planning



- Need to respond to riverfront flooding in 2008
- Sustainable Master Plan
 - Effective protection of the natural environment
 - Prudent use of natural resources
 - Social progress that recognizes the needs of everyone
 - Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Benefits and Impact



- Expanded waterfront parkland downtown serves as community benefit
- New strategies for flood management



Table Discussions

Group Tasks

1. Discuss definition of resilience
2. Provide feedback for one of the six recovery support areas (economic development, housing, etc.)
 - Needs & Opportunities
 - Potential Projects
3. Prioritize potential projects in your recovery support area
4. Report back



Ground Rules

- Keep phones and pagers on silent or vibrate mode during the session.
- Be open to new concepts and ideas.
- All participants' inputs are equally valued.
- Participants are expected to share all relevant information.
- Only one conversation will go on at once .
- The group is responsible for the deliverables.
- Discussions and criticisms will focus on interests and not on people.
- Keep track of time.





Report Back