



Town of Blooming Grove

NYRCR Program

Public Engagement

Meeting #1



**Town of Blooming Grove
NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
Public Engagement Meeting #1
Wednesday, July 30, 2014 – 7:00pm**

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| 1. | Registration by Attendees | 6:45 – 7:10pm |
| 2. | Welcome and Introductions | 7:10 – 7:20pm |
| | a. NYRCR Program, New York Department of State | |
| | b. NYRCR Committee members | |
| | i. Co-chairs | |
| | ii. Committee member | |
| | c. Tetra Tech, Inc. | |
| 3. | Purpose of the Meeting | 7:20 – 7:25pm |
| 4. | Overview of NYRCR Program | 7:25 – 7:45pm |
| | a. Planning Process and Components | |
| | b. Timeline for Project | |
| 5. | Public Open House – Breakout Stations for Input and Comments | 7:45 – 9:00pm |
| | a. Voting Exercise on Priorities | |
| | b. Comments on the Draft Vision, Goals, and Critical Issues | |
| | c. Damage from the Storms | |
| | d. Identify Needs and Opportunities | |
| | e. Stakeholder Survey Computer Station | |
| 6. | Meeting conclusion | 9:00pm |



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 Town of Blooming Grove NYSRCR Public Engagement Meeting Sign-in Sheet
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Committee



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Overview of the NYRCR Program

New York State and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo providing \$650M + planning/implementation for communities hard-hit by Sandy, Lee, Irene, and 2013 floods.

- ❖ **Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds**
- ❖ **Round 1: 102 communities; Round 2: 22 communities**
- ❖ **NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove: Up to \$3M**



Understanding the NYRCR Program

- **NYRCR Program Goal:**

“ ... to empower the State’s most impacted communities with the technical expertise needed to develop thorough and implementable reconstruction plans to build physically, socially, and economically resilient and sustainable communities so as to rebuild New York’s communities in a way that will mitigate against future risks and build increased resilience.”

- <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/faq>

- **Implementation Focused**

- **Bottom-Up Community Participation and Collaboration**

- ❖ Recognize unique local assets/risks, needs/opportunities
- ❖ Identify the best options/viable alternatives



Understanding the NYRCR Program

- **Focus the NYRCR Strategies and Projects in 6 Major Categories:**
 1. Infrastructure
 2. Housing
 3. Economic Development
 4. Health and Social Services
 5. Natural and Cultural Resources
 6. Community Capacity Building

- ❖ Vulnerable Populations – Need to consider across all categories



Qualifying for CDBG-DR

■ Is the project eligible under traditional CDBG?

Examples of eligible activities:

- ❖ Public facilities and improvements; privately-owned utilities
- ❖ Relocation planning, capacity building
- ❖ Acquisition of real property
- ❖ Clearance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of buildings
- ❖ Economic development assistance





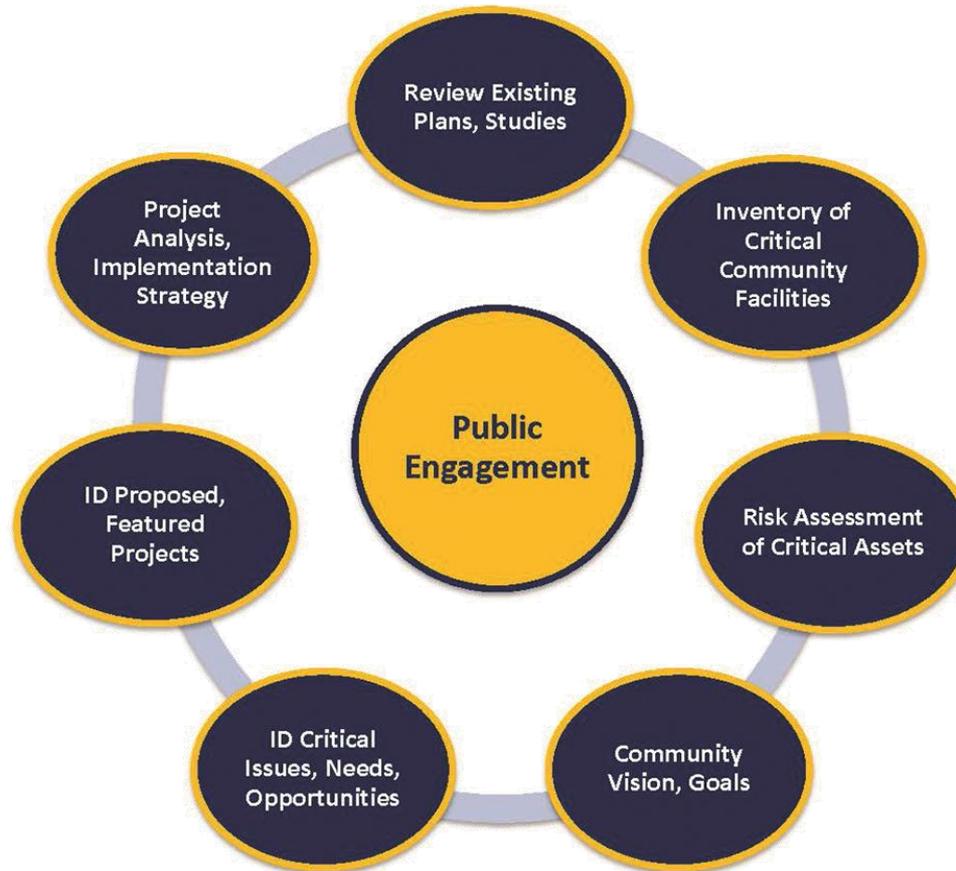
Qualifying for CDBG-DR

- **Is there a direct link between the project and the disaster?**
 - ❖ Does it address damage caused or exacerbated by a storm?
 - ❖ Does it address emerging issues that have been exposed and identified as a result of the storm?
 - ❖ Does it create greater resiliency against future storms?
- **Think Big!**
 - ❖ We work with you to constantly watch eligibility parameters – Not every idea eligible, but every final project will be!





Plan Development Process





What has the Committee been working on?

JUNE 2014

- ✓ NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Committee was established.
- ✓ Review of existing local and regional documents.

JULY 2014

- ✓ Project Kick-off Meeting with NYRCR.
- ✓ Tour of Town - Description of Storm Damage.
- ✓ Geographic Scope of Plan Finalized .
- ✓ Develop Draft Vision Statement.
- ✓ Begin Risk Assessment
 - Define and Review Critical Assets
- ✓ Develop Public Engagement Strategy
 - **July 30 – Public Engagement Meeting #1**



Local and Regional Plan Review

- Town of Blooming Grove Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Town of Blooming Grove Comprehensive Plan
- Village of South Blooming Grove Emergency Management Plan
- Town of Blooming Grove Village of Washingtonville New York Emergency Management Plan
- Orange County Transportation Council Long Range Transportation Plan
- Orange County Water Master Plan
- Orange County, NY Agriculture Economic Development Strategy
- Orange County Long Term Transportation Plan
- Moodna Creek Watershed Plan
- Merriewold Dam Emergency Action Plan
- Army Corp of Engineers Comprehensive Response Document for Moodna Watershed
- Village of Washingtonville NY Rising Community Reconstruction Plan

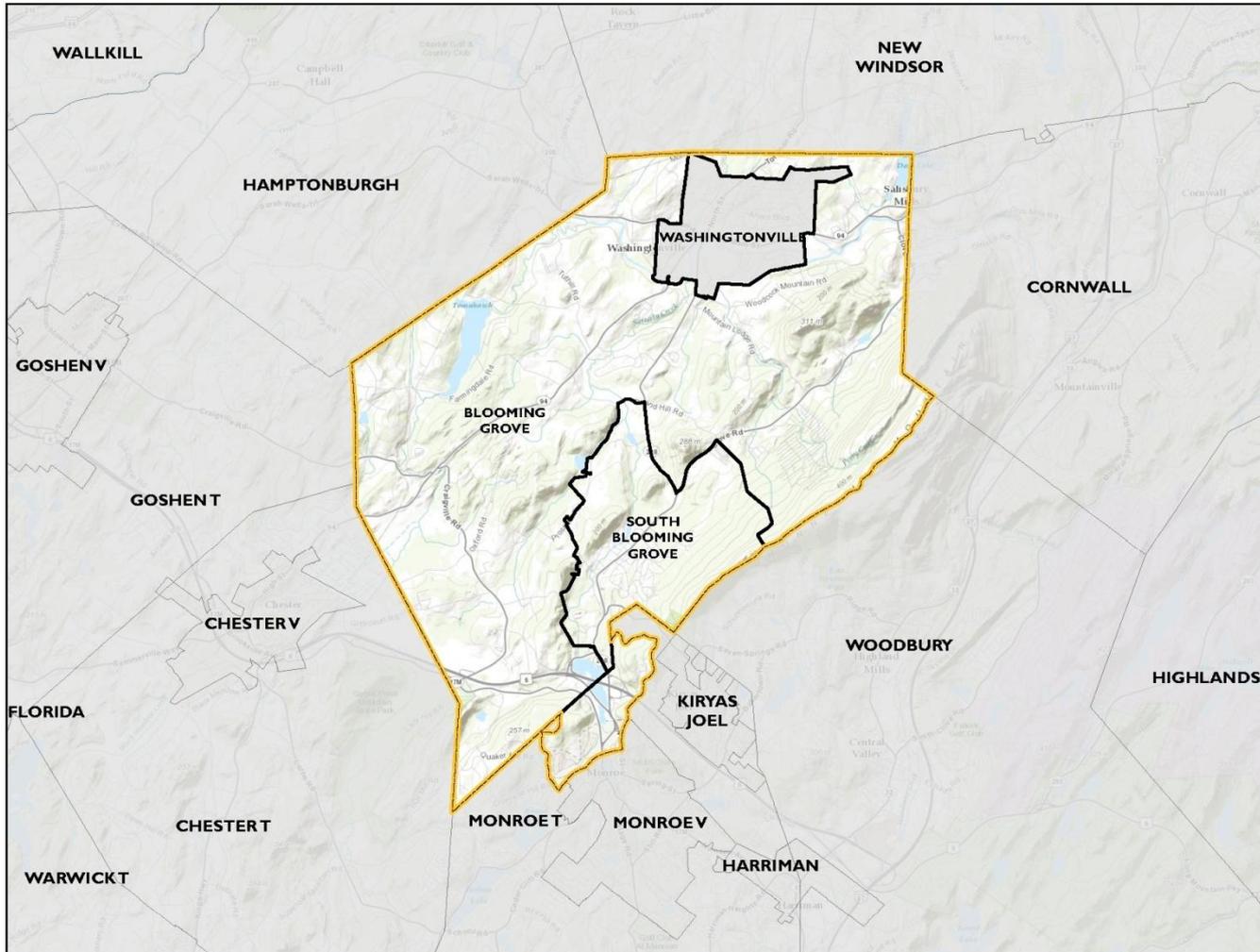




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Geographic Boundary



Legend



-  Town of Blooming Grove Planning Area
-  Municipal Boundary

Note:
NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Planning Area includes all of the Town of Blooming Grove, as well as the Village of South Blooming Grove (not Washingtonville).

Data Sources:
NYS - Railroads, Waterbodies, Boundaries
ESRI - Topo

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Description of Storm Damage

- Conducted Tour of Impacted Areas
- NYRCR Committee Member Input
- Citizen and Stakeholder Feedback via Surveys and Public Engagement Meetings
- Local, State, Regional, Federal Documentation



Draft Vision Statement

■ Draft Vision Statement

- ❖ What is the realistic “favorable future” we want to see in NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove
- ❖ Reduce risk and increase community resiliency
- ❖ Solution-focused and comprehensive
- ❖ Community-inclusive
- ❖ How can we capitalize on current assets?



Risk Assessment - Inventory of Assets

- **Working with NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Committee to identify assets in each category:**
 - ❖ Economic
 - ❖ Health and Social Services
 - ❖ Housing
 - ❖ Infrastructure Systems
 - ❖ Natural and Cultural Resources
 - ❖ Socially Vulnerable Populations
- **Provide additional detail on all assets identified**
 - ❖ “Extreme,” “High-Risk,” and “Moderate” Areas
 - ❖ Defined by FEMA as critical facilities/infrastructure essential to health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard incidents.

EXAMPLES

- Emergency service facilities
- Infrastructure
- Police and fire stations
- Public works facilities
- Schools
- Food and grocery stores
- Medical facilities and pharmacies
- Businesses
- Natural systems/waterways
- Jails and juvenile detention centers
- Senior/vulnerable population housing
- Disaster assistance services

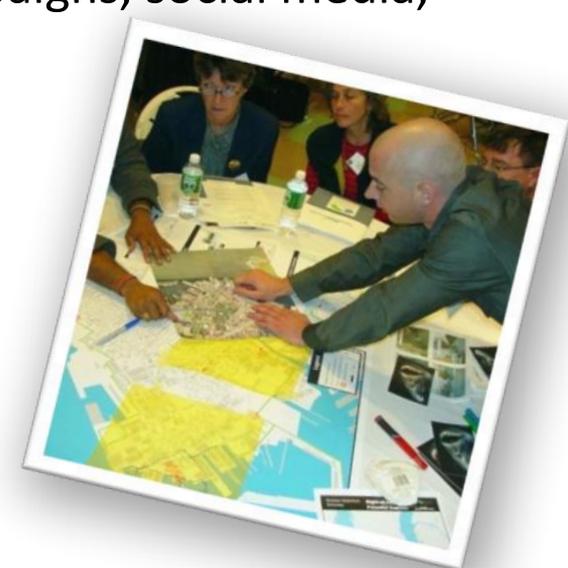


Public Engagement Strategy

- **Identify audiences, stakeholders**
 - ❖ Citizens and residents
 - ❖ Businesses, non-governmental organizations

- **Identify engagement techniques, outlets**
 - ❖ Public meetings/workshops, websites, e-campaigns, social media, public access channels, mailings, ads, special events, and high-traffic venues.

- **Committee Meetings**
 - ❖ Meet in Blooming Grove Town Hall
 - ❖ Next Committee Meeting August 13th, 5pm
 - ❖ Public participation is needed!





What will the Committee be working on during upcoming months?

JULY 2014

- Begin to identify critical issues, needs and opportunities
- Risk Assessment - Begin HEC RAS Hydraulic Modeling

AUGUST 2014

- By August 1 – CR Plan Section 1 (Overview and Issues)
- Risk Assessment - HEC RAS Hydraulic Modeling
- By August 22 – CR Plan Section 2 (Existing Risk Assessment)

SEPTEMBER 2014

- By September 12 – Public Engagement Meeting #2
- By mid-September – Develop a list of strategies



What will the Committee be working on during upcoming months?

OCTOBER 2014

- By October 3 – List of projects and actions
- By October 22 – Draft #1 CR Plan (with Strategies and Preliminary Project List)

NOVEMBER 2014

- By November 14 – Draft #2 CR Plan
- By November 14 – Public Engagement Meeting #3

DECEMBER 2014

- By December 5 – Final CR Plan

JANUARY 2015

- By January 16 – Public Engagement Meeting #4



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What else will we do tonight?

Public Open House

We are Looking for your Input!

Provide your Input on What **Types of Projects** are Needed, Where **Damages** Occurred, and your Ideas on **Needs and Opportunities!**



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Community Voting Exercise

**WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE MONEY
COMMITTED?**



Where Should the Committee Invest the NYRCR Funds?

Infrastructure (Improve/rebuild roads, bridges, sewer and water systems, drainage systems to be less vulnerable to flooding or prevent flooding).

Economic Development/Redevelopment (Support of commercial hubs, redevelop opportunities, branding...)

Health and Social Services (Access to services, access of post-disaster access health care, support of vulnerable populations...)

Housing (Identification of funding for house elevations, relocations, acquisitions, diverse housing options...)

Natural and Cultural Resources (Historic preservation, stream bank management, preservation of natural resources and parks...)

Community Planning and Capacity Building (Better codes, enforcement, mixed use housing, improve response time during disasters...)

Vulnerable Populations (Implement programs to ensure evacuation or sheltering in place of aged, infirm population and the youth...)



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Information Resources

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov> (Main Site)

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/resources-0> (Plan Elements)

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyr-cr/faq> (FAQs)

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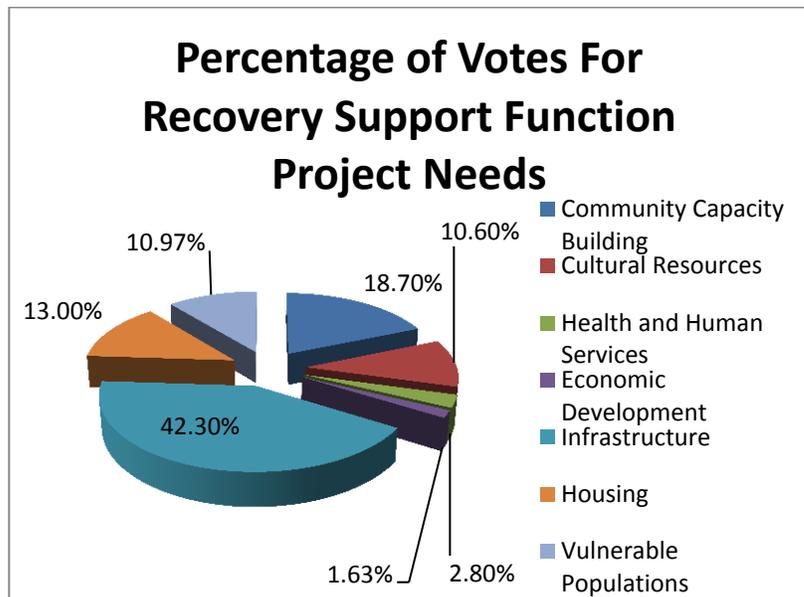
Event Synopsis

On Thursday, July 30, 2014 from 7:00PM-9:00PM, the Town of Blooming Grove held the first of four Public Engagement Meetings (PEM) at the Town of Blooming Grove Town Hall Building A. Members of the Town of Blooming Grove municipal government, NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program Blooming Grove Committee Members, the NYRCR Regional Lead, NYS Department of State (DOS) staff, and Tetra Tech staff were present. Presenters for the night included NYRCR Program Regional Lead Lori DuBord, NYSDOS representative William C. Harding, and Tetra Tech Community Manager Emily Slotnick. Public attendance at this meeting included two Town Board members and 16 members of the general public.

Upon arrival, attendees were provided with meeting materials including an agenda, comment form, NYRCR survey, name tag, and a bundle of 10 bills in “Blooming Grove Money” to use in a voting exercise gauging where attendees want NYRCR funds to be spent through this program. The planning team began the meeting with a brief presentation providing an overview and background of the NYRCR program. At the conclusion of this presentation, the consultant team asked all attendees to participate in the funding allocation voting exercise before turning the meeting over to an open house format. Attendees placed their votes by putting the Blooming Grove bills in any of 7 ballot boxes representing each of the 6 major recovery support functions (RSF) (Community Planning and Capacity Building, Cultural Resources, Health and Human Services, Economic Development, Infrastructure, and Housing) and Vulnerable Populations.

In total, 246 bills were used in the voting exercise. Projects that would focus on infrastructure received the most votes (104), with 42.3% of the votes cast. The next highest categories were community planning and capacity building with 46 votes, housing with 32 votes, and vulnerable populations with 27 votes. Cultural resources received 26 votes, health and human services received 7 votes, and economic development received 4 votes. From this exercise it is clear the people of Blooming Grove would like to see projects that focus on infrastructure, community planning and capacity building, and housing, all under the lens of those projects’ impacts on vulnerable populations.

<u>RSF Category</u>	<u># Votes Cast (% of 246 Total)</u>
Community Capacity Building	46 (18.70%)
Cultural Resources	26 (10.60%)
Health and Human Services	7 (2.80%)
Economic Development	4 (1.63%)
Infrastructure	104 (42.30%)
Housing	32 (13.00%)
Vulnerable Populations	27 (10.97%)



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These themes carried over into the breakout sessions as attendees spoke with Tetra Tech staff, NYS representatives, and NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Committee Members about their experiences during the Hurricanes Irene and Sandy, and Tropical Storm Lee. Attendees browsed posters of the NYRCR Town of Blooming Grove Vision Statement, Goals, and Critical Issues, as well as maps showing Flood Hazard Areas and the locations of past flood damage within the planning area. Participants also visited one of two tables to review maps focusing on past damage areas, and placed stickers on the maps and making notes on an adjacent piece of paper regarding where they personally experienced damage and/or where they feel something needs to be done to reduce future damage. Major topics trending through these discussions included flooding in the Salisbury Mills section of Town, flooding along Barnes Road, maintenance of streams to remove debris and reduce flooding, and water levels of lakes.

To complement the data gathered at Public Engagement Meetings, the Planning Team uses Survey Monkey, an online survey website, to further collect information and engage with residents from Blooming Grove regarding the impacts of Hurricanes Irene, Sandy, and Tropical Storm Lee. Questions address residents' length of residency in Blooming Grove, and hardship experienced during the storms (roadway closure, property damage, interrupted access to goods and services, etc.). Up to the date of the first Public Engagement Meeting, fifteen (15) surveys were completed and received, all of them by full-time residents of Blooming Grove.

Top concerns noted in the surveys included impassable roads (14 respondents), damage to utilities (12), inability to access essential services (11), and damage to infrastructure (11). Other concerns ranking high in the responses were the length of utility service interruption (10) and structural damage to residences (7). Six respondents noted concern about inadequate information about recovery service access, five (5) on damage to natural/cultural resources, four (4) on inadequate storm warning, three (3) on damage to septic tanks, and one (1) respondent stated the rescue was not timely. Thirteen (13) respondents answered the open-ended component of the survey. Recommendations from these responses included:

- Fix Moodna Creek;
- Add/improve drainage along major roadways in Town;
- Limit building in the floodplain;
- Install a levee on the residential side of Satterly Creek;
- Fix Horton Road at Tappan Hill culvert;
- Create a Master Plan with components to dredge problematic waterways;
- Create an emergency notification system alerting of dangerous dam levels;
- Create a program to offer or assist with home and property buyouts; and
- Create retention ponds.

Results from the voting exercise as well as the breakout session are in agreement with these responses.