

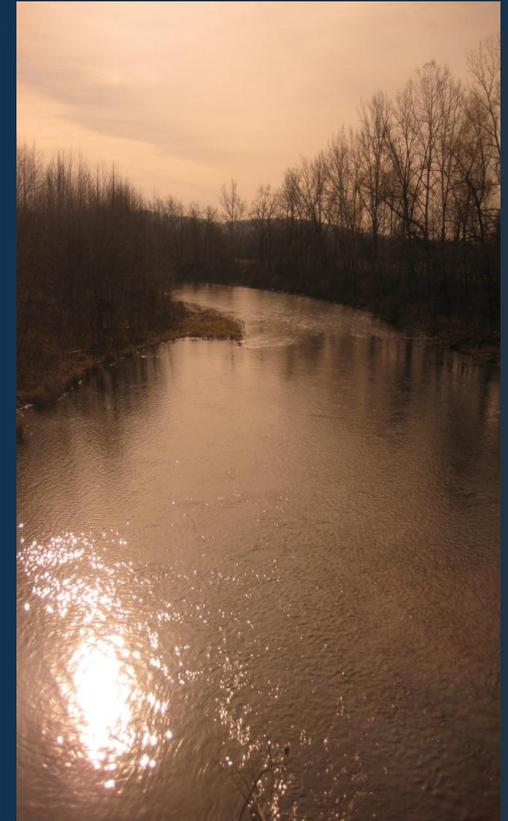


# Working together to build back better

Ulster County: Ellenville, Rochester, Rosendale, Wawarsing; Town and Village of New Paltz; Olive, Town and Village of Saugerties, Woodstock  
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# Goals for Today

- Getting Started – Hitting the Ground Running
- Understanding the NY Rising Community Program
- Discuss Local and Regional Issues
- Set Vision and Goals for the Project
- Subgroup Introductions
- Meeting Schedule



# Program Overview

## Goals of Program

→ Focus on the Future – Not Funding

## Primary Steps and Plan Components

- Public Engagement
- Community (Asset) Inventory
- Risk Assessment
- Needs and Opportunity Assessment
- Strategies for Investment and Action
- Implementation Schedule



# Hitting the Ground Running

## Discussion topics:

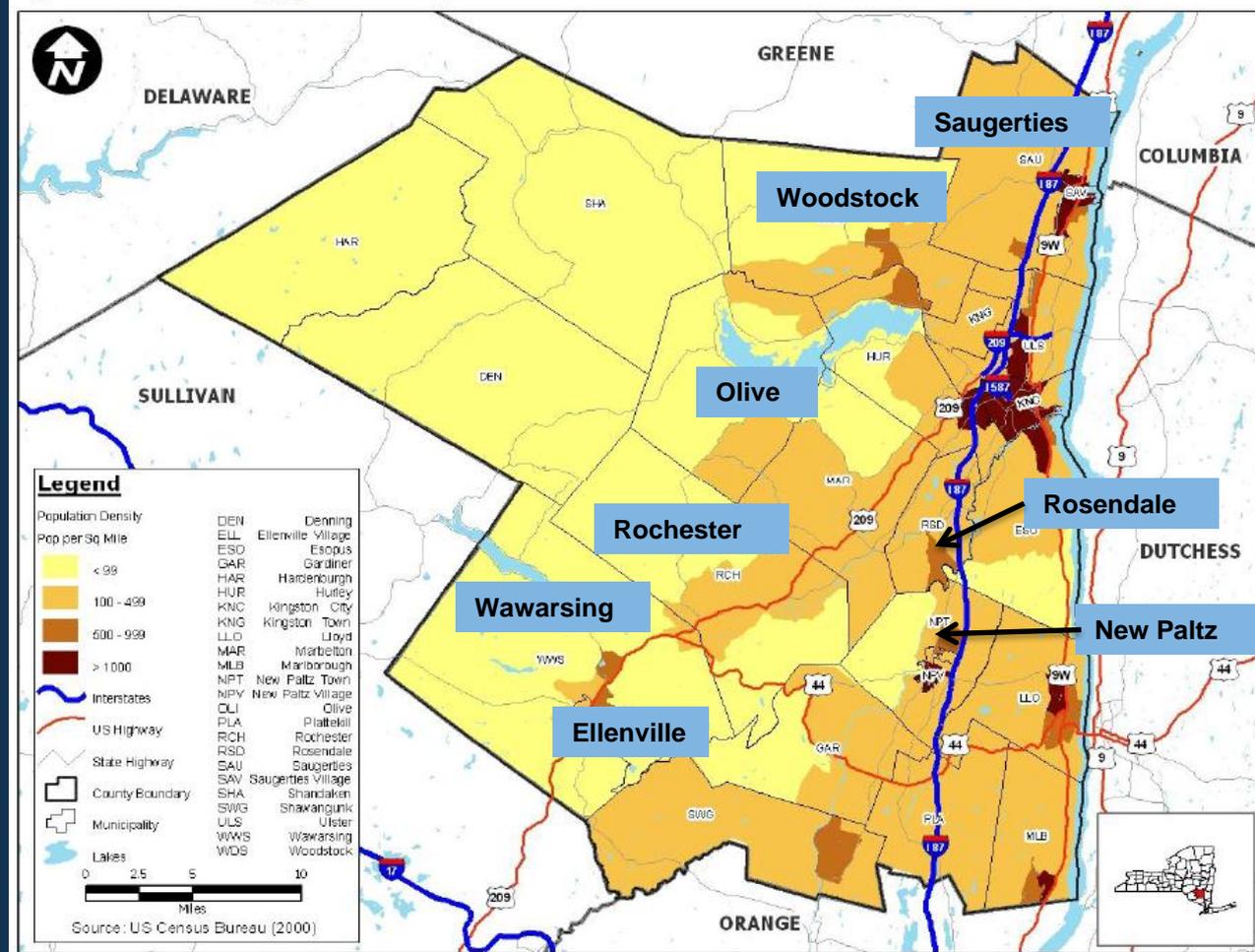
- Introductions
- Geographic Scope
- Public Engagement Strategy
- Community Vision
- Assets to be Inventoried
- Build on the Work Already Completed
- Regional Issues
- Meeting Schedule
- Dates



# Geographic Scope

- Locations where:
  - Assets are most at risk.
  - Future construction, reconstruction or natural area restoration should be encouraged.
  - Key investments to improve local economy can be made.

Figure 1.3 –Ulster County population Density



# Public Engagement Strategy

- Understand current status of outreach and engagement
- Identify key individuals, organizations, and entities
- Identify techniques such as public meetings/workshops, websites, social media, etc
- Leverage Local Knowledge and Know-How to Get the Word Out
- Work with Committee to Identify and Engage Underserved Persons
- Develop a time frame for action



# Regional Vision

Community Vision can be  
**Short –, Medium –, and  
Long-Term**

- Work towards future
- Focused and directed
- Motivation and excitement

- Capitalize on social and economic assets
- Reduce risk and increase community resilience

# Community Vision

Build on existing community vision statements

- Realistic
- Comprehensive
- Specific
- Coordinated
- Understandable
- Solution driven



# Asset Inventory

## Identify assets:

- Affected by flood hazard
- In high and moderate risk areas
- Defined as a critical facility by FEMA (essential to the health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard events)

## Critical Facility Examples:

- Emergency service facilities
- Schools and libraries
- Police and fire stations
- Emergency operations centers
- Public works facilities
- Evacuation shelters
- Jails and juvenile detention centers

# Housing

- Which neighborhoods are most vulnerable?
- What types of Housing are most at risk and what types of housing are most needed?
  - Housing along rivers and creeks
  - Manufactured homes
  - Housing for seniors
  - Housing for people with special needs
- Impact on underserved/vulnerable populations
- Locations for replacement housing
- Pre-planning for FEMA trailers/emergency housing



# Infrastructure

Which systems are still in need of recovery?

- Existing flood structures (walls, spillways, levees)
- Transportation – road system, railroads
- Water/Wastewater
- Electric Grid
- Communications
- Stormwater Management



# Community Facilities

- Accessible emergency shelter that can address needs of all including socially vulnerable persons
- Uninterrupted municipal services – Fire, Police, EMS
- Health care and medical services
- Protect educational facilities
- Municipal government functions
- Resiliency of support services: senior centers, child-care...



# Natural Systems

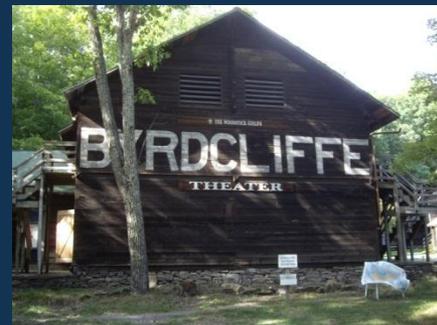
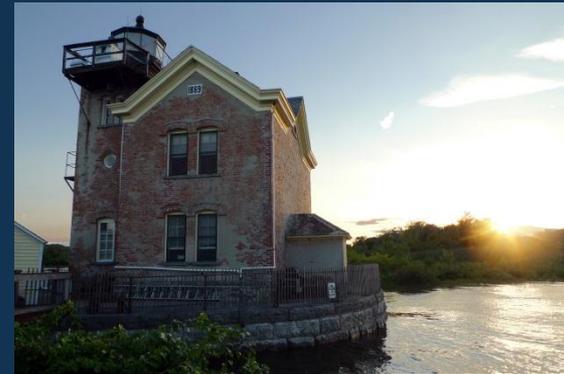
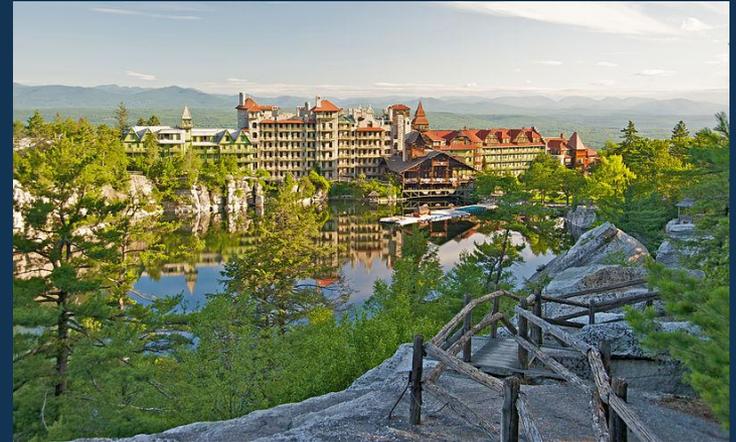
- Wetlands, floodplains and streambanks
- Protection of natural resources is a priority
- Stream corridor management/protection
- Stormwater management
- Must also be a regional, river corridor or watershed-wide endeavor



# Economy

- **What Investments Could Enhance Future Economic Development?**

- Identifying flood-safe redevelopment areas
- Protecting / strengthening business areas
- Main street revitalization
- Industrial diversification
- Reduce business interruption: secondary access, redundant power, back-up systems
- Links with higher education
- Tourism
- Workforce training



# Reconstruction Strategies, Projects, Programs and Actions

- Confirm recommendations, coordinators, and priorities
- Evaluate Cost/Benefit
- Evaluate Regulatory Constraints
- Develop funding plan

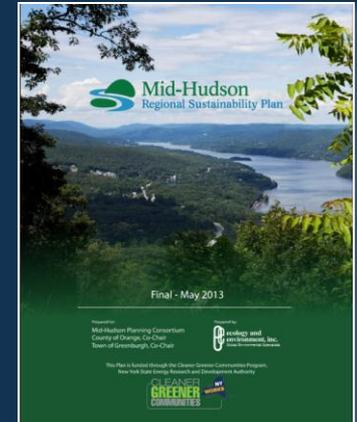
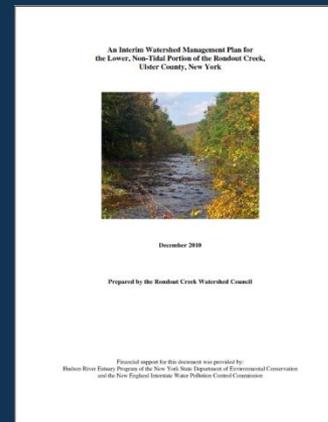
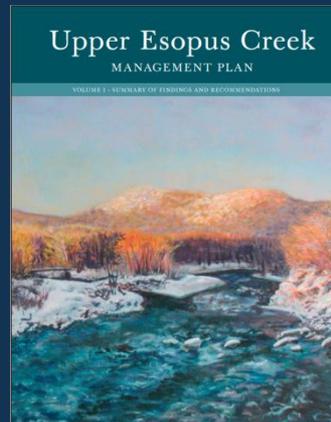
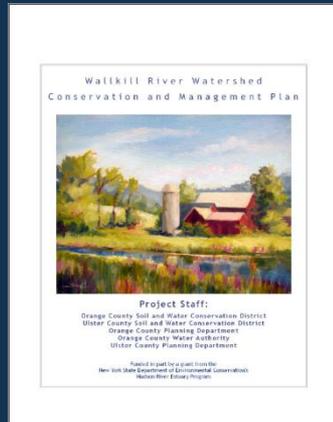
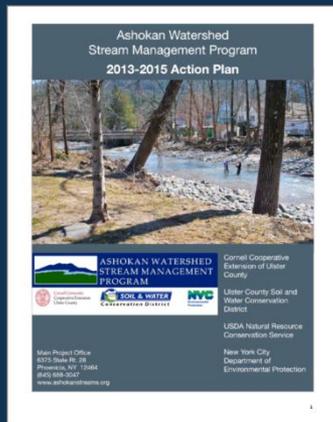


# An Ulster County Approach

- Create a Collective Vision to Meet Local and Regional Needs
- Geographic Area Subgroups
  - Ellenville, Rochester, Rosendale and Wawarsing
  - Town and Village of New Paltz
  - Olive, Town and Village of Saugerties, Woodstock
- Review Existing Planning Documents
- Review Mapping
- Public Engagement Strategy

# Regional Initiatives

- Leverage Existing Local and Regional Efforts and Expand to Include Resilience
  - Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan (2013)
  - Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (2009)
  - Watershed Plans
    - Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (2013)
    - Upper Esopus Creek Management Plan (2007)
    - Walkill River Watershed Conservation and Mgmt Plan (2007)
    - Rondout Creek Watershed Management Plan (2010)



## Key Dates and Deliverables – Ulster County

Deliverable	Date	Status
Kickoff Meeting	9/24/13	
Workplan/Engagement Plan to Ulster Communities	9/27/13	
Community Meeting - Vision	Before 10/28/13	
Complete Asset Inventory	Before 10/28/13	
Complete Risk Assessment	November 29, 2013	
Complete Needs and Opportunities Assessment	November 29, 2013	
Prepare Conceptual Plan	Due 10/28/13	
List of Strategies	11/30/13	
Priority Projects	12/30/13	
Final Plan	3/31/14	

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# Visioning

- Why do you live here?
- What do you like best about your community?
- What do you like least?
- What issues/concerns do you have as a result of flooding?
- What areas were most affected?
- Do you still have needs that have not been met?
- Are there key projects or plans that you would like to complete?
- Where would you like your community to be in 20 years?