



Ulster County NY Rising Community  
Group Reconstruction Plan  
Public Engagement Meeting #2

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

6:00 PM, Ulster County Office Building

# Committee and Team

- State Representatives
  - Lori Dubord (NYRCR Catskill/Hudson Valley)
  - Bill Harding (NYSDOS)
  - Barbara Kendall (NYSDOS)
  - Lisa Melville (NYSDOS)
- Committee Members
  - Co-chairs: Ms. Julia Robbins & Mr. Steve Kelley
- Project Team
  - Nina Peek, Flaam Hardy (AKRF)
  - Lisa Nagle (ELAN)
  - Nora Madonick, James Duffy and Michael LaPich (Arch Street Communications)



# Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of NY Rising Program
- Goals for Today
- Report on Conceptual Plan
  - Vision Statement
  - Asset Inventory and Mapping
  - Summary of Needs and Opportunities
  - Preliminary Local and Regional Projects List
- Workstations





# NY Rising Program Overview

# NY Rising Program



- A community driven initiative that empowers local communities severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, or Tropical Storm Lee to:
  - Consider current damage, future threats, and economic opportunities
  - Develop comprehensive and innovative recovery plans to build back better

# Ulster County NY Rising Community Group

Consists of 10 Communities:

Villages of:

- Ellenville, New Paltz and Saugerties

Towns of:

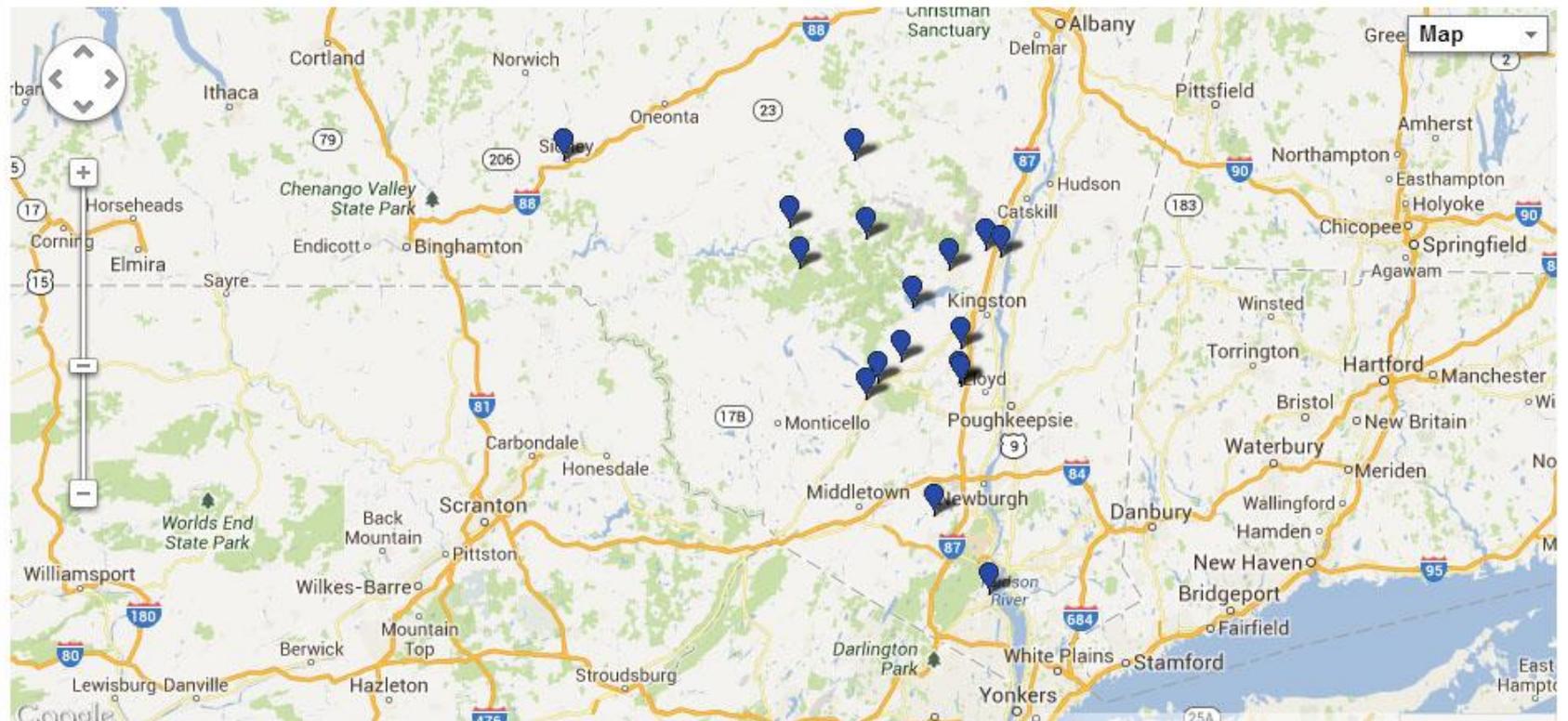
- Rochester, Rosendale, Wawarsing, New Paltz, Saugerties, Olive & Woodstock



# NY Rising Communities

## Catskills & Hudson Valley

The Hudson Valley/Catskill Region has 7 NY Rising Communities distributed over 5 counties – Delaware, Greene, Ulster, Rockland and Orange. These Communities are located along rivers and waterways which experienced significant flooding during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, such as the Hudson, Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers, and the Upper Esopus, Stony Clove and Moodna Creeks. In addition, the Town of Stony Point was affected by storm surge from Hurricane Sandy.



# Available Funding

- 102 Communities receive \$3M of funding through USHUD and NYSDHCR
- Projects must meet eligibility criteria for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding
- Money can support studies and master plans that will position the locale for other funding 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 Schedule

- Four Public Meetings
  1. Meeting #1 - Input for the Planning Process (Vision, Assets, Local and Regional Project Ideas)
  2. Meeting #2 – November 20, 2013 - Review the Concept Plan
  3. January 2014 - Reviewing the Risk Assessment
  4. March 2014 Implementation Strategies
- Final Recovery Plan due March 31, 2014



September 2013

March 2014

# Staying Involved

- Opportunities for Public Participation
  - Committee Meetings
  - Public Engagement Meetings
  - Facebook Pages
  - News Articles
  - Feedback Forms
  - NY Rising Website
    - <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nycrcr/community/ulster-county-communities>

The screenshot shows the 'New York Rising' website for 'Ulster County Communities'. The header includes the 'New York Rising' logo and the text 'Community Reconstruction Program (Formerly known as Community Reconstruction Zones)'. A navigation bar lists 'HOME | REGIONS | MEETINGS | NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS | RESOURCES | FAQ | STORM RECOVERY HOMEPAGE'. The main content area is titled 'Ulster County Communities' and includes a map of the county. To the right, there are buttons for 'Get Involved', 'Facebook', and 'Contact'. Below the map, there are sections for 'Meetings' and 'Highlights'. The 'Meetings' section lists dates and links for 'Ulster County Communities Planning Committee Meeting' and 'Ulster County Communities Public Engagement'. The 'Highlights' section features a news item: 'New York Rising Communities Eligible to Receive More Than \$750 Million for Storm Reconstruction'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'News - Announcements', 'Documents', and 'Committee', each with a 'More +' link.





Goals for Today

# Today's Goals

- Project Status and Next Steps
- Conceptual Plan Components
- Assets and Asset Mapping
- Local and Regional Projects identified to date



Resilience

# What is “Resilience”?

- Ability to become **strong, healthy, or successful** again after something bad happens
- **“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”**

# 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



# Highlights from the Conceptual Plan

# Developing the Concept Plan

- 10/21/13 - Draft Concept Plan submitted
- 10/25/13 - Revised Concept Plan addressing State comments distributed to Committee Co-Chairs
- 10/28/13 - Revised Concept Plan addressing Committee Co-Chair comments 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
- Asset Inventory and Mapping
- Risk Assessment Methodology
- Needs and Opportunities
- Preliminary List of Local and Regional Projects
- Strategies and Management Measures
- Public Engagement



# Vision Statement

The Ulster County NY Rising Community Group Reconstruction Process will identify projects to advance a regionally-coordinated plan for resiliency that addresses the specific needs of our 10 municipalities to respond and recover from future disasters.

Our vision is to protect our residents and our man-made and natural resources by implementing ecologically-sound policies and programs that will sustain our local and regional environments and promote further growth in our economies.



# Goals



To realize our vision, the Ulster County NY Rising Community Group will:

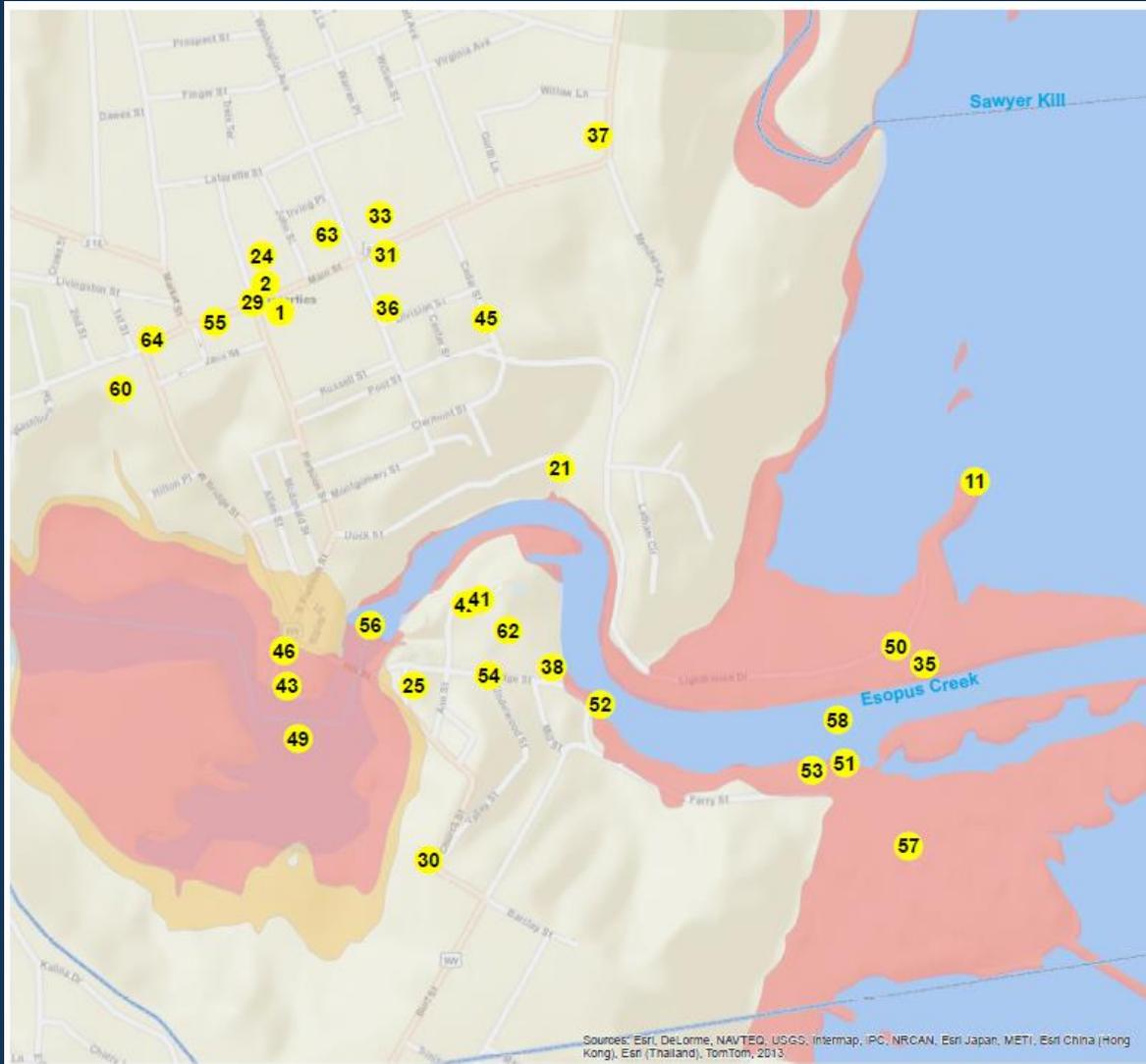
- Advance educational outreach to ensure our residents understand natural hazards and how they can protect themselves, their homes, neighborhoods, and communities against future disasters.
- Contribute to community recovery and regional preparedness with a defined approach to crisis planning, attracting and retaining volunteers, and enhanced communication between and among our municipalities and emergency services.
- Identify a plan for business continuity designed to ensure the availability of goods and services and to advance economic opportunity in the region.

# Goals, continued



- Develop policy, design, and construction standards to make our community more resilient in the future.
- Cultivate partnerships among private organizations, public agencies, and municipalities to address hazard mitigation, and ensure coordinated preparedness, and response.
- Identify and evaluate natural resources, waterways, and watersheds to restore, preserve, protect, and conserve our natural assets and reduce the vulnerability of our watersheds to storm-related hazards.

# Asset Inventory



- 53--Saugerties Marina
- 54--Ruins of the Sheffield Paper Company
- 55--Village of Saugerties Treatment Plant
- 56--Barclay's Dam
- 57--Ferry Dock
- 58--Harbor and Dykes
- 59--Oakledge Park
- 60--Medical Center
- 61--EmUrgent Care Facility
- 62--The Mill Senior Housing
- 63--Saugerties Senior Housing
- 64--HITS-on-Hudson
- 65--Simulaides
- 66--Ametek Rotron
- 67--Industrial Park
- 68--Commercial Laundry
- 69--Performing Arts Factory ( SPAF)
- 70--Army Reserve Center
- 71--Lazette School Bus Garage
- 72--Markertek Video Supply
- 73--Vertis Communications
- 74--American Candle Company
- 75--Better Community Housing
- 76--Kiawanis Ice Rink
- 77--Lazy Swan Golf Course
- 78--Senior Center
- 79--Total Tennis



# Needs and Opportunities

Methodology - NYRCCR Guidance Document:

- Identify and Address Range of Needs
  - Repairing or replacing assets that were damaged
  - Rebuilding the local economy
  - Making assets more resilient
- Identify and Address Timeframes
  - Short, Medium and Long-Term

# Needs and Opportunities by Recovery Support Areas

Natural/Cultural  
Resources



Infrastructure



Health/Social  
Services



Community Planning,  
Capacity Building



Economic  
Development



Housing



|                   | Example   |
|-------------------|---|
| Need              | Local and Regional Emergency Shelters                     |
| Opportunity       | Underutilized and vacant schools and municipal properties |
| Potential Project | Conduct feasibility study of for regional shelters        |



Health/Social Services



Community Planning, Capacity Building

|                   | Example   |
|-------------------|---|
| Need              | Stream bank erosion, culvert resizing, debris removal, streamside trails and recreational opportunities |
| Opportunity       | Stream bank restoration, establish on-going maintenance program   |
| Potential Project | Design trail network within riparian buffers  |



Infrastructure



Economic  
Development



Natural/Cultural  
Resources



Next Steps

# Next Steps

- Risk Assessment
- Refine Local and Regional Projects List
- Strategies and Management Measures
- Cost Benefit Analysis





# Work Stations

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1. Vision and Goals
2. Needs and Opportunities
3. Ulster County NY Rising Communities – Video Booth
4. Asset Mapping
5. Local and Regional Projects Assessment
  - Do these projects make your Community more resilient?
  - Rate “community support” for the Project

