



NYRCR Windham

NY Rising Communities Reconstruction Program

*Working Together to
Build Back Better*

Today's Goals

- Review Risk Assessment Results
- Hydraulic Modeling (HEC-RAS) Update
- Discuss Strategies and Emerging Project Ideas
- Discuss Agency Engagement Strategy



Vision Statement

- Vision Statements can be short-, mid-, or long-term
- What is the realistic “favorable future” we want to see in Windham?
- Reduce risk, increase community resiliency
- Solution-focused, comprehensive
- How can we capitalize on current assets?
 - social, economic, natural, cultural, other

Draft Vision Statement

“The Town of Windham will protect and leverage rich natural and cultural resources to become a regionally recognized Four Seasons destination and an unwavering example of community resolve. The Town will increase prosperity, vitality and long term health by addressing critical issues, building strategic resiliency and focusing on improving quality of life, sustaining rural character, preserving and capitalizing on natural and cultural assets, and leveraging the strength of community”

Inventory of Assets

- Identify assets in each category:
 - In “Extreme” and “High-Risk Areas”
 - Defined as critical facilities by FEMA (essential to health and welfare of the whole community, especially after hazard events)
 - Identify Community Value
 - Identify Vulnerability

EXAMPLES

- Emergency service facilities (EOCs)
- Police, fire stations
- Public works facilities
- Schools
- Food stores
- Medical facilities
- Pharmacies
- Medical supply vendors
- Evacuation shelters
- Jails and juvenile detention centers
- Senior, vulnerable population housing
- Disaster assistance services

Assets: Housing

- Which neighborhoods are most vulnerable?
- What types of housing are most at-risk?



Source: RonnieVincent.com



Source: Upstater.net

Assets: Infrastructure

- What is at-risk?
 - Transportation
 - Roads & Bridges
 - Water/Wastewater
 - Electric Grid
 - Communications
 - Fuel



Assets: Community Facilities

- Preserve Uninterrupted Emergency Response and Medical Services
- Protect Educational Facilities



Assets: Natural Systems

- Open Space Resources to be Incorporated into Resiliency Planning
 - Wetlands, floodplains, riverbanks

Assets: Economy

- What Investments Could Restore, Enhance Future Economic Development?
 - Protect / Strengthen Business Areas
 - Capitalize on Assets, Key Features
 - Diversify
 - Access to Employment
 - Back-up Systems



Critical Issues

1. Repetitive Flooding

- a) Public Safety and Isolated Population (physical and communications)
- b) Property Damage (homes, businesses, others)
- c) Infrastructure Damage (roads, bridges, culverts, utilities)
- d) Economic Loss
- e) Lack of Backup Power
- f) Natural System Impacts and Stream Project Challenges

2. Limited Amenities and Services

3. Underutilized Recreation Potential

4. Insufficient Communication Capability

5. Housing Affordability

6. Insufficient Workforce

7. Development Challenges

8. Lack of Medical and Senior Facilities

Public Engagement Strategy

- Public Meeting # 1 – Tonight!
 - Expectations
 - Logistics
- Public Meeting # 2
 - Schedule PM #2 – Need date and time
- Committee Meeting # 3
 - Schedule next meeting
 - Determine regular scheduling



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- More Information
 - <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov> (Main Site)
 - <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/resources-0> (Plan Elements)
 - <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/faq> (FAQs)

Adjournment

