



NYRCR

Town of Windham

NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program
Public Engagement Meeting #3
November 10, 2014 | 7:00pm-9:00pm

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Overview of the NYRCR Program

- Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds allocated to communities hard-hit by Sandy, Lee, Irene, 2013 floods.
- Funds must be used for projects linked to disaster.
- Focused on implementation
- Eligible projects include: planning/capacity building, property acquisition, infrastructure/public facility improvements, clearance, reconstruction, economic development, construction.



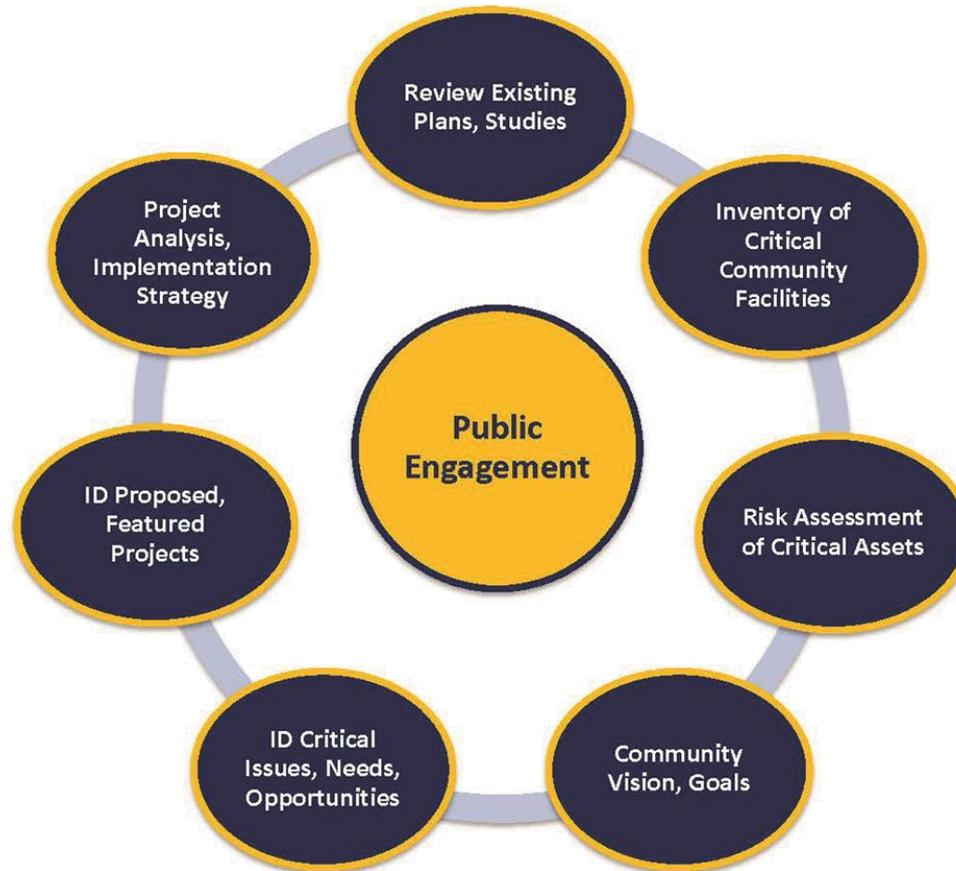
Understanding the NYRCR Program

- **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



Plan Development Process





Committee Accomplishments – Planning Process

June 2014

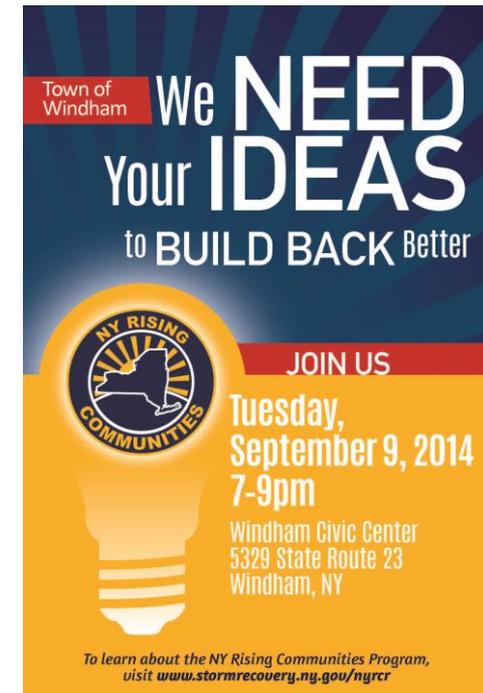
- ✓ NYRCR Town of Windham Committee established

July 2014

- ✓ Develop Critical Asset Inventory, Vision Statement, Goals, and host Public Engagement Meeting #1
- ✓ Gather information on past damages

August 2014

- ✓ Develop list of Critical Issues, Needs, and Opportunities
- ✓ Conduct stakeholder outreach and field research





Committee Accomplishments Since Public Engagement Meeting #2

September 2014

- ✓ Host Public Engagement Meeting #2
- ✓ Complete Risk Assessment and hydraulic modelling
- ✓ Complete list of Resiliency Strategies
- ✓ Begin developing preliminary project list incorporating input from Public Engagement Meeting #2.

October 2014

- ✓ Develop and refine preliminary resiliency project concepts
- ✓ Complete preliminary eligibility review and benefits analysis
- ✓ Begin detailed project cost estimates



What Will the Committee Be Working On the Final Two Months?

November 2014

- ✓ Complete detailed cost estimates and Benefit Cost analyses for Preliminary Project Concepts
- ✓ Public Engagement Meeting #3
- ✓ Finalize proposed project concepts based on public input

December 2014

- ✓ Revise Draft Plan, integrating feedback from the public and State reviewers

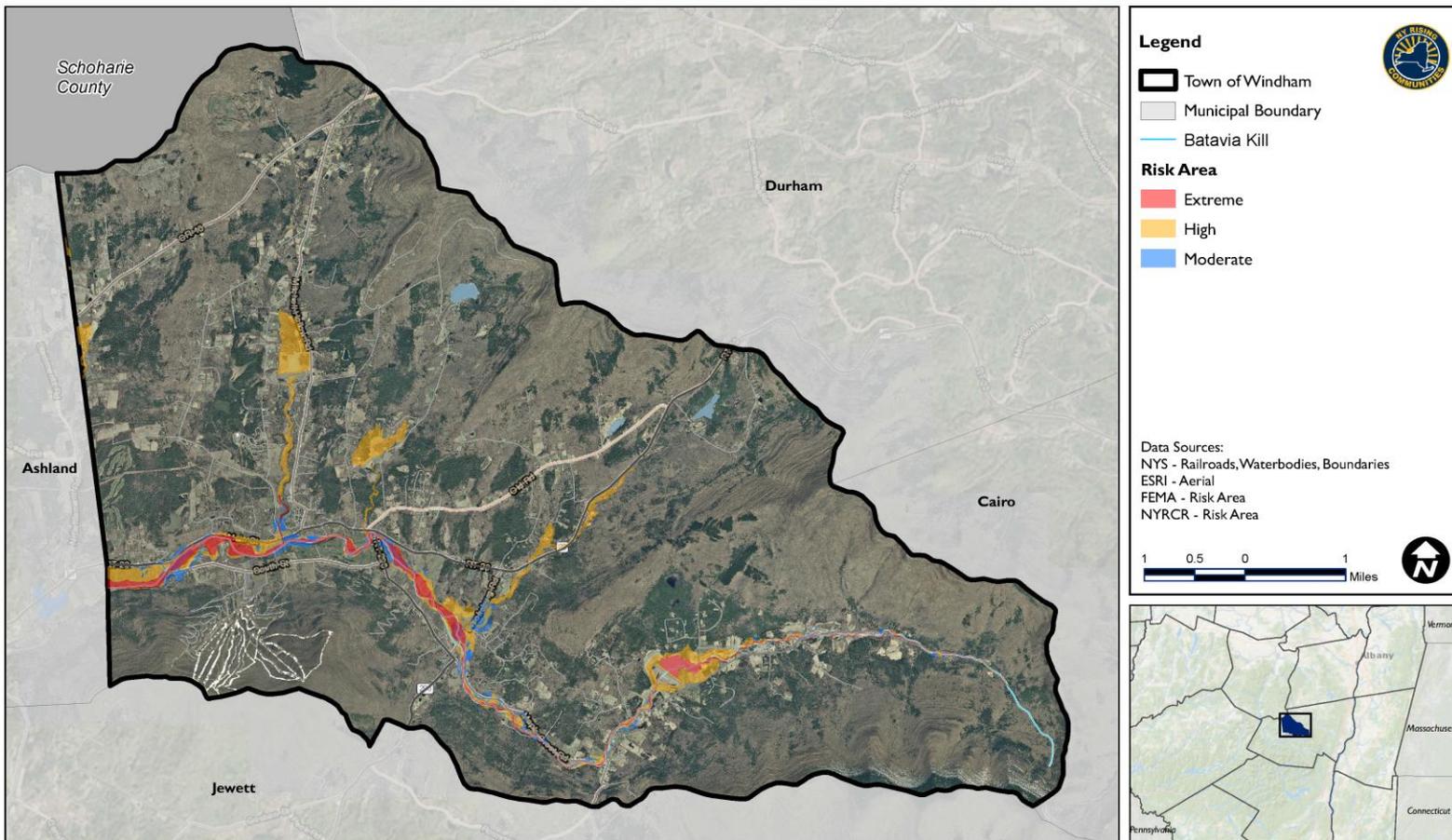
January 2015

- ✓ By January 16 – Public Engagement Meeting #4 – Present Final Plan



Findings of the Planning Process: Risk Areas

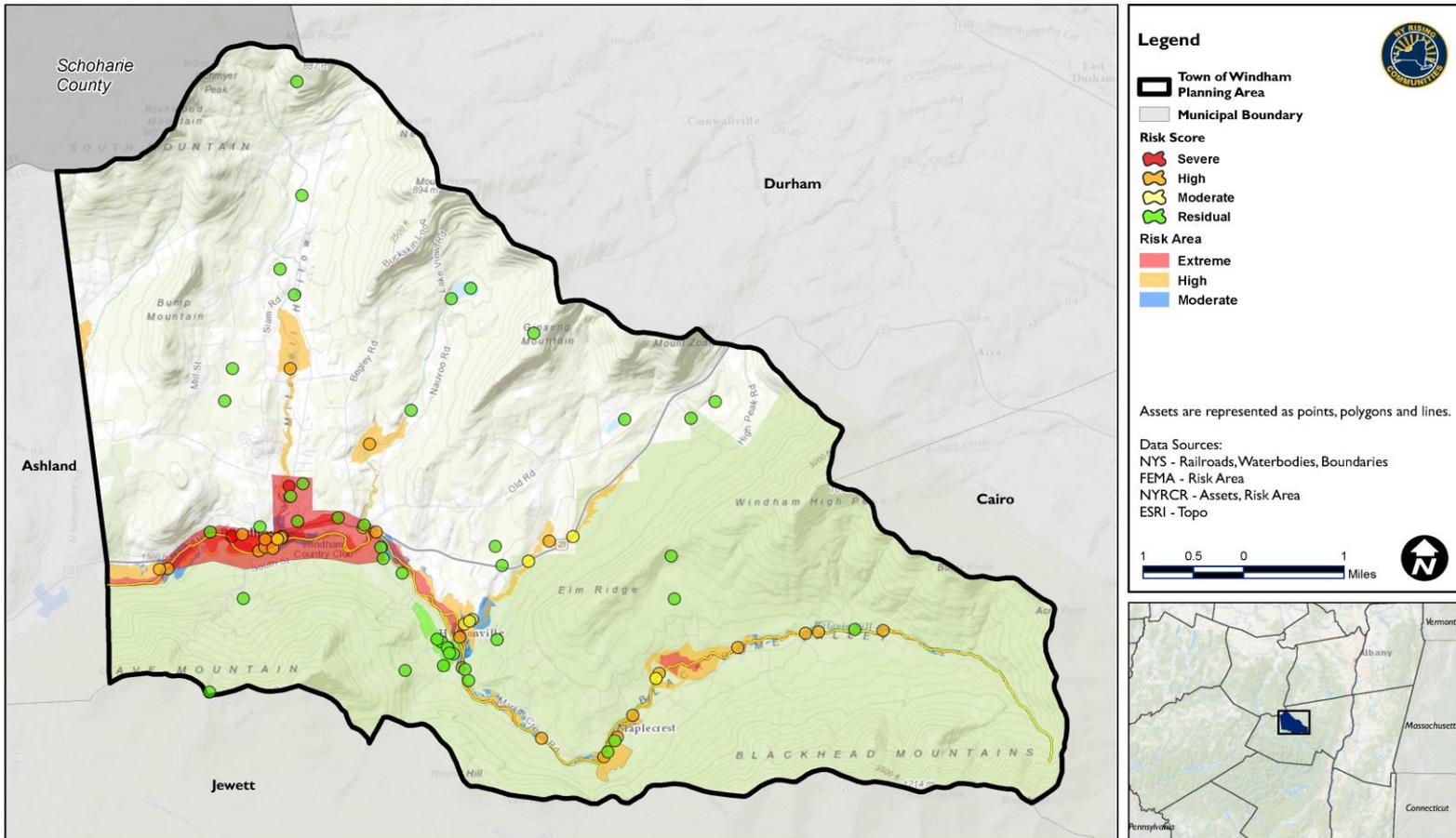
FIGURE 2.1 - RISK AREA MAP





Findings of the Planning Process: Risk Scores

FIGURE 2.6 - RISK SCORE MAP





Findings of the Planning Process: Critical Issues

- Riverine flooding causing repetitive damage to homes and roadways, and cutting off access
- Stormwater sheetflow runoff on Windham Mountain damaging homes, roadways, and cutting off access
- Lack of backup power
- Isolated populations
- Negative stream impacts from past flooding
- Insufficient communication capability
- Insufficient emergency shelters
- Underutilized recreation potential
- Economic and workforce challenges



Findings of the Planning Process: Strategies

- **Strategy 1:** Improve communication and emergency response capabilities to ensure the provision of essential services before, during and after hazardous events and to enhance the quality of life and promote economic growth.
- **Strategy 2:** Increase the resiliency of public infrastructure to improve mobility and safety in times of disaster and to protect property and infrastructure from future storm damage.
- **Strategy 3:** Reduce risks for residents and visitors by addressing stream conditions causing or contributing to repetitive flood damage, increasing protection for property from future flood damage and promoting safe and adequate housing for all residents.
- **Strategy 4:** Enhance the local economy and quality of life by expanding outdoor recreation amenities and capitalizing on underutilized assets and four-season tourism opportunities
- **Strategy 5:** Promote economic growth, emergency preparedness, sense of place and community cohesion through support for non-profit and community based organizations and expanded marketing initiatives and community events to strengthen “neighbor to neighbor” support networks, and foster local arts and entertainment.

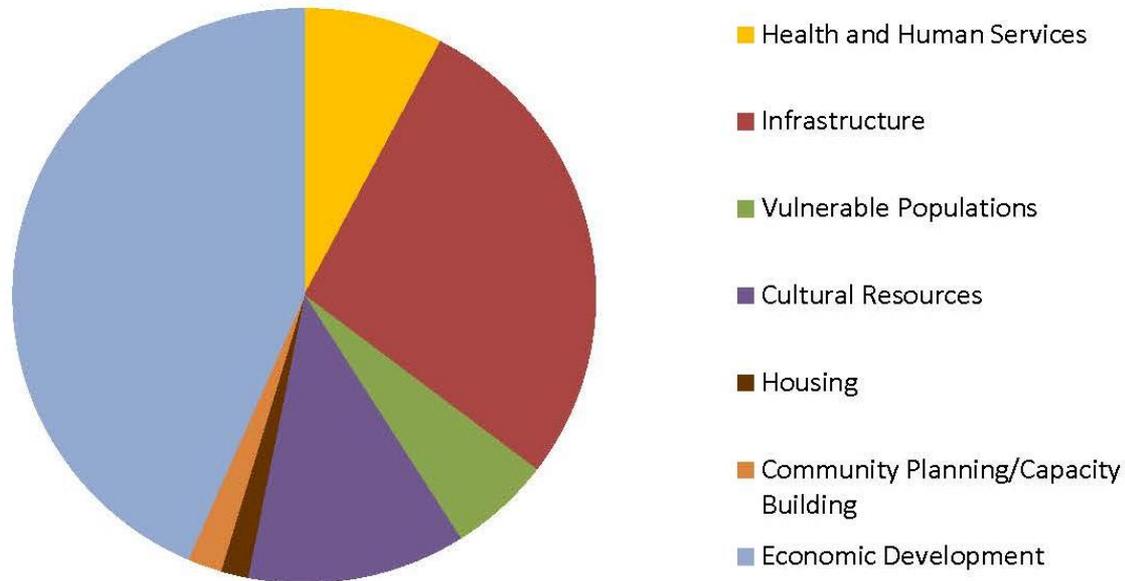


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Findings of the Process: Public Voting

Windham Interactive Voting Exercise Results





Qualifying for CDBG-DR

- Is the project eligible under traditional CDBG?
 - » Public facilities and improvements and privately-owned utilities
 - » Relocation planning and capacity building
 - » Acquisition of real property
 - » Clearance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction of buildings
 - » Economic development assistance
- 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?



CDBG-DR Parameters for Project Categorization

- **Proposed Projects**
 - Meet primary CDBG-DR eligibility criteria
 - Proposed for funding through NYRCR Program
 - Individual project costs cannot exceed \$3,000,000, unless additional dedicated funding is committed or “in hand”
- **Additional Resiliency Recommendations**
 - Highlighted projects and actions that are not categorized as Proposed Projects
 - Do not have to meet CDBG-DR eligibility criteria
 - Not analyzed in depth or proposed for funding under the NYRCR Program



Findings of the Planning Process: Preliminary Project Concepts

Proposed Projects:

- Silver Lake Project
- Stormwater Drainage and Wetland Area
- Mad Brook Retaining Wall repair and improvement
- Route 56 Culvert Upgrade
- New Trails and Connections
- Backup Power Generators for Critical Facilities
- Communication Improvements (Featured)



Findings of the Planning Process: Preliminary Project Ideas

Additional Resiliency Recommendations

- Disaster preparedness planning and coordination
- Additional storm gauges and monitoring
- Dam improvements
- Residential and commercial resiliency improvements
- Flood control berms/levees
- Community transit system
- Marketing and branding initiatives



Next Steps

- The Committee will integrate feedback from the public and State into the final project list and Final Plan.
- The final Public Engagement Meeting to present the NYRCR Town of Windham Final Plan will be scheduled for early January, 2015.



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Public Open House
The Committee is Looking For Your Input!



Information Resources

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

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

<http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nycrcr/faq> (FAQs)



THANK YOU!!