



# Meeting Notes

## Committee Meeting

September 10, 2014 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Town of Wallkill Town Hall, Building A, Wallkill, NY

### Attendance:

#### Town of Wallkill Committee:

Jeff Hutchinson  
Inder Kumar  
Sal Lucido  
Neil Meyer  
Frank LoSauro

#### New York Rising Program

Lori DuBord

#### Governor's Office Of Storm Recovery/HGA

William Blankenship  
Kendall Magee

#### Tetra Tech, Inc.:

Emily Slotnick  
Becca Eith

#### Town of Wallkill

Lou Ingrassia, Commissioner of DPW

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Agenda Item: Welcome/Meetings

Presenter: Tetra Tech/Slotnick

### Summary of Discussion:

1. E. Slotnick called the meeting to order and welcomed the committee to the meeting.
2. Public Engagement Meeting #2 was on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. There was a large turnout for the event.
3. Several committee members suggested that outreach initiatives fell short as the majority of the public attendees were there at the request of one single committee member. The committee and planners will work together to reach deeper into the community for a more diverse turnout at the next public engagement meeting.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items: NA

Person Responsible:

Due Date:

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Agenda Item: Current Status of Plan

Presenter: Tetra Tech/Slotnick

### Summary of Discussion:

1. Draft strategies have been developed based on the vision, issues, goals, and needs and opportunities agreed upon by the committee. These strategies reflect each of the six Recovery Support Functions (RSF) for the plan.
2. All projects in the final plan will reflect one or more of the strategies.
3. Section 3 of the plan will be organized by strategy. Each strategy will be introduced, an explanation will be provided of how it meets an RSF, goal, and the needs and opportunities, and a table will be provided of relevant projects under each strategy section.

4. Section 4 of the plan will expand on project definition and detail. Projects will be categorized by implementation feasibility, but not ranked within categories. Cost, efficiency, and a project's ability to be quickly implemented will weigh heavily on its prioritization.

Decision/Motions/Votes: N.A.

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Agenda Item: Potential Projects

Presenter: Tetra Tech/Slotnick

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Summary of Discussion:

1. On Route 211 behind Pizza Hut, water inundates the surrounding area and floods extensively. There is the potential to create a retention pond in this area. As a major commercial area, there must be a way to sustain commerce before, during, and after a flood event occurs.
2. There is the potential to create a project in the Winding Brook area where there are four culverts connected to Silver Lake. In one case, the Loch Lomond culvert pushes water from the Winding Brook down the street and undercuts the current drainage way. Creating a project to address the flooding in this area would be beneficial to residents in the Scotchtown neighborhood.
3. Due to the proximity of the two planning areas, Wallkill committee co-chairs will meet with the City of Middletown's committee co-chairs to discuss joint projects.
4. Representatives from Fredrick's Farm will be contacted and included in project creation as some of the property could be ideal for flood storage.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

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Agenda Item: GOSR HGA CDBG-DR

Presenter: HGA/ W. Blankenship/ K. Magee

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Summary of Discussion:

1. The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery has hired the firm HGA to assist in the implementation component of New York Rising. William Blankenship and Kendall Magee were present to discuss the importance of ensuring projects are CDBG-DR eligible. CDBG-DR funding is distributed by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and supports projects in three national objective areas: principally benefitting low- moderate income populations, urgent need, and eliminates slums and blight. For the NYRCR Town of Wallkill, there is an immediate need for assistance regarding resiliency planning to reduce the impact of large flood events.
2. Funding will be directed to the Wallkill Community through a sub-recipient agreement with the State. The State is the grantee and is awarded the money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The money flows into the NY Rising Communities through the sub-recipient agreement, which can be entered into with a local government, county government or qualified not-for-profit. Projects from the NY Rising planning process are submitted to the State for consideration and, if deemed eligible, the sub-recipient agreement is amended to include funding for planning activities

needed to further develop the project. The sub-recipient agreement is then amended each time the application makes it through to another phase (i.e. environmental review) until it reaches the construction or land acquisition phase. When submitting an application, it is in the best interest of the sub-recipient to have the most accurate cost estimation available. The more accurate the numbers provided are, the quicker the process can go.

3. CDBG-DR projects must meet an urgent need, and be statutorily eligible. Once awarded, funding must be spent in two years. As has been explained before, all projects must be tied in some way to Superstorm Sandy, Hurricanes Irene, or Tropical Storm Lee. The damage must be from the storm or the infrastructure's failure to function properly during a storm. If a project meets the National objective, within statutory requirements, and has a tie to a storm, it should be eligible for CDBG-DR funding.
4. Additional assistance is provided to the Sub-recipient to increase capacity for implementation and management of the CDBG-DR funded projects.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items:

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Agenda Item: Rising To the Top Program Presentation

Presenter: NY Rising Program/L. DuBord

Summary of Discussion:

1. Rising To the Top was established by Governor Cuomo to foster innovation, encourage collaboration, and promote the development of the best possible reconstruction plans. There is the potential for a community to be awarded an additional \$3.5 million in funding for projects should they show outstanding achievements in one of three planning categories.
2. The three categories for Rising To The Top (RTTT) are regional planning, vulnerable population inclusion, and utilization of green infrastructure. Wallkill has an opportunity to showcase regional planning through potential joint projects with the City of Middletown. Both committees are currently working together to discuss joint project potential in the plans.
3. L. DuBord explained that RTTT funds are not only awarded based on the unique or exceptional qualities of proposed projects that appear in the final plan, but can also be awarded to communities that demonstrated excellence in addressing one of the three RTTT categories during the planning process. For example, the collaborative approach that Wallkill and Middletown are presently undertaking to develop the project lists in both communities might be used to demonstrate excellence in a regional planning approach.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items:

Person Responsible: Due Date:

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Agenda Item: Other Items/Conclusion

Presenter: Tetra Tech/Slotnick

Summary of Discussion:

1. There was a discussion of changes to the Section One of the plan to include text that supports more regional planning. These changes will be made in the final version of the plan.

2. The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 5-7PM at 99 Tower Drive Building A Middletown, NY. During the next committee meeting, a planning professional will be present to discuss code enforcement and community planning in the Town.
3. There is a meeting set with Wallkill OEM on September 29, 2014 to discuss emergency management integration into the plan.
4. Public Engagement Meeting #3 has tentatively been set for Monday, November 10, 2014 from 7-9PM at 99 Tower Drive Building A Middletown, NY.

Decisions/Motions/Votes: N/A

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Due Date:
Confirm location for PEM #3	Roseann Cordelli	ASAP

End of Meeting Notes