



Meeting Summary

Yonkers Planning Committee Meeting #4

August 19, 2014 3-5 pm

Grinton I. Will Library

1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers

Attendance:

Yonkers NYRCR Committee – Rick Magder (Co-Chair), Gail O’Rourke (Co-Chair), Steven Brown, Kathy Graves, Jagdish Mistry, Leon Nanton, Tom Ryan, Nancy Ruiz (representing Kerry Smith), Bob Walters

Elected Officials –State Senator George Latimer, Andrew Ferris (from Sen. Latimer’s office), Rachel Estroff (representing State Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer)

GOSR – Suzanne Barclay (Regional Lead), Rick Soto-Lopez (Planner)

Consultant Team – Nanette Bourne (AKRF), Jim Finegan (AKRF)

Members of the Public – Dave Kvinge (Yonkers Dept. of Environment), Mike Lepre (Yonkers Engineering Dept.), Ann-Marie Metroff (Groundwork Hudson Valley), Brad Tito (Yonkers Office of Sustainability), Shelley Weintraub (Greyston Foundation)

Welcome and Introductions

Presenter: Suzanne Barclay

Rick Soto-Lopez is the new GOSR Planner assigned to Yonkers.

Old Business

Agenda Item: Review Final Plan Section 1 Draft

Presenter: Nanette Bourne

The Committee already submitted some feedback on the draft of Section 1 of the Final Plan. Nanette reviewed the sections of the plan and made a final request for comments.

Action Items

Person Responsible

Due Date

Provide final comments on Section 1 Draft

Committee Members

Aug 22

Agenda Item: Review and Finalize Asset Inventory/Mapping

Presenter: Nanette Bourne

The Committee already reviewed and submitted feedback on the draft Asset Inventory and Mapping. Nanette made a final request for comments.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Provide final comments on Asset Inventory/Mapping	Committee Members	Aug 22

Agenda Item: **Discuss Needs and Opportunities** Presenter: Jim Finegan

Jim led a discussion of the Needs and Opportunities list to further refine the list that was developed at the last Committee meeting. The Committee added a number of new items. This Committee feedback will be incorporated into the complete list going forward.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Incorporate Committee comments into draft Needs and Opportunities list	Consultant Team	Aug 22

Agenda Item: **Potential Projects** Presenter: Nanette Bourne

Nanette provided the Committee with copies of a list of potential projects that had been compiled based on prior Committee discussions, as well as a review of planning documents and discussions with City and County staff. The Committee will review the list and add to it in future sessions.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Review full projects list and provide feedback	Committee Members	Sept 2

New Business

Agenda Item: **Westchester County Reconnaissance Studies** Presenter: Dave Kvinge

Dave discussed several recently released County Reconnaissance Studies on flooding in the various Westchester watersheds. Funding for locally proposed flood mitigation projects in flood prone areas identified in the studies is being made available through Westchester County, with a 50% local match. Projects must be within the “flood problems areas” identified within the watershed plans. Additionally, the County must have an ownership interest (either direct public ownership or an easement) for a project to be eligible. This program could be used as a source of funding for projects coming out of the NYRCR program, with NYRCR funds being used toward the local match.

Agenda Item: **Looking Ahead** Presenter: Nanette Bourne

The next Committee Meeting will be held on September 2nd at the Riverfront Library, and going forward the Committee will alternate meetings at the Riverfront Library and the Will Library (on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month).

The second Public Engagement Event will be held on September 8th at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. The Committee decided that greater attendance would be had if the meeting is held from 7-9 pm, rather than 6-8 pm as with the first meeting. The Committee suggested that representatives from the County Legislature need personal invitations, and we should also work to get representatives from Domino Sugar and local utilities to be present at the Public Engagement Event.

Committee members suggested Riverfest as an excellent event at which to set up a table to provide information regarding the meeting. Riverfest will be held on Sept 6, the weekend before the second Public Engagement Event, from 11 am – 6 pm. A children’s engagement activity will also be produced for the Riverfest table.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Confirm a table for Riverfest and develop children’s activity	Consultant/State Team	ASAP
Provide contacts at ConEd, Verizon, MTA, and Domino Sugar, and among County legislators	Committee	ASAP
