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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY ANNOUNCES 16 ROUND II RESILIENCY PLANS AS PART OF NY RISING COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

With finalization of plans, the \$700 million program concludes grassroots planning process and transitions into project implementation phase.

New York, NY (March 4, 2015) The Governor's Office Storm Recovery (GOSR) today announced the completion of 16 recovery and resiliency plans developed by storm-impacted communities across the State as part of Round II of the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program. Announcing the launch of Round II at Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Spring 2014 NYRCR Conference, the State committed more than \$64 million to support eligible resiliency projects developed through the undertaking. Each of the Round II NYRCR communities has been allotted between \$3 and nearly \$12 million in federal funding to help implement locally-developed recovery and resiliency projects proposed in these plans.

"By funding eligible projects proposed in these reconstruction plans, we're making a long-term investment in the future of communities around the State," said Executive Director of GOSR, Jamie Rubin. "Through a bottom-up process, the NYRCR Program seeks to identify local needs and assets, and incorporate them into community-driven plans. Together we are continuing to prepare for the new reality of extreme weather and building back stronger and smarter than before."

A list of the 16 Round II NY Rising Communities is below, and their individual NYRCR plans are available [here](#).

1. Greater Bay Shore - \$3,000,000
2. Canarsie - \$11,944,036
3. Southeast Brooklyn Waterfront (encompassing Bergen Beach, Georgetown, Marine Park, Mill Basin and Mill Island) - \$4,383,732
4. Idlewild Watershed Communities (encompassing Springfield Gardens, Brookville and Rosedale) - \$6,000,000
5. Gravesend and Bensonhurst - \$3 million
6. East Bronx Waterfront - \$4,383,732
7. Town of Windham - \$3 million
8. Town of Fulton and Town of Blenheim - \$6 million
9. Town of Blooming Grove - \$3 million
10. City of Middletown - \$3 million
11. Town of Wallkill - \$3 million
12. City of Yonkers - \$3 million
13. City of Rye - \$3 million
14. Town of Clarkstown - \$3 million

15. Suffern Village - \$3 million
16. Town of Chenango - \$3 million

The grassroots NYRCR Program was established in April 2013 to empower storm-impacted regions of the State to build back better and stronger than before— following the severe effects of Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. As such, the State established volunteer, citizen-based Planning Committees to work alongside world-renowned planning experts and State officials to complete a rigorous eight-month planning process and develop actionable project proposals. A total of 50 Round I NYRCR Plans were released in April 2014, with priority projects now in the implementation phase.

Between Rounds I and II, the NYRCR Program encompasses 66 Planning Areas comprising more than 120 storm-impacted communities. Across the State, more than 650 New Yorkers represented their communities by serving on NYRCR Planning Committees, which have collectively proposed nearly 700 projects. Throughout the planning process, the program has held more than 650 Planning Committee meetings and more than 250 large scale Public Engagement events. Funding for both planning and project implementation comes from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program.

The State will be working with NYRCR Planning Committees and municipal partners to identify projects proposed in the plans that are best positioned for near term implementation. Consideration is based on several factors including cost benefit analysis, potential to reduce risk to populations and assets, technical feasibility, stakeholder support and HUD eligibility criteria.

The ultimate goal of the NYRCR Program is to help the State become better equipped to withstand the effects of extreme weather, while empowering local communities to take the lead in resiliency efforts.

"The communities of Bay Shore and Brightwaters will benefit for years to come as a result of the collaboration of community members whom truly have the best interests of our community in mind," said Brian Butler, Co-Chair of the Greater Bay Shore NYRCR Planning Committee. "Bay Shore and Brightwaters will weather future storms better prepared, thanks to the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program and its excellent leadership."

"The entire planning process was exemplary," said John Quinn, Co-Chair of the Windham NYRCR Planning Committee. "Our final plan, in my opinion, contains an excellent mix of projects that will make a significant contribution to Windham's post-disaster recovery and resiliency."

"We would like to thank the Governor and his Office of Storm Recovery for the opportunity to be part of the NY Rising Community Reconstruction planning process, that will make the Southeast Brooklyn Waterfront communities stronger, safer and a more resilient area to live and raise our children," said Alicia Hamill and Joe Dai, Co-Chairs of the Southeast Brooklyn Waterfront NYRCR Planning Committee. "We were enabled to develop innovative projects that are both physically and socially resilient, and undergo a long-term planning process not previously available to our communities."

The NYRCR Program is operated by GOSR. Created in June 2013 to oversee the State's recovery from Sandy, Irene and Lee, GOSR invests \$4.4 billion in federal CDBG-DR funding to make New York stronger and better than before. The office also coordinates recovery efforts through its NY Rising Housing Recovery, Small Business and Infrastructure programs.

More information can be found on the GOSR's Web site at www.stormrecovery.ny.gov.

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