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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY ANNOUNCES THREE LOCAL
RESILIENCY PROJECTS TOTALING NEARLY \$3 MILLION FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN
THE CAPITAL REGION**

NY Rising Community Reconstruction program signs agreements with three subrecipients, as first step in implementation phase for proposed projects.

Albany, NY (May 14, 2015) – The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) today announced the first three projects– totaling nearly \$3 million– to be implemented in the Capital Region through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction (NYRCR) Program—a grassroots undertaking that empowers localities to increase their physical, social and economic resilience following impacts from Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

The more than \$700 million NYRCR program has identified and finalized agreements with three municipal entities, which will serve as subrecipients to execute the projects with support from New York State. The signing of the agreements is the first official step in bringing the proposals to fruition—with the State offering additional resources to promote the progress being made.

“As we carry out all of our recovery initiatives, we understand the importance of balancing top-down responses with the informed and passionate ideas that come from bottom-up planning,” said Executive Director of GOSR, Jamie Rubin. “The NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program exemplifies this approach, and gives a voice to those who know their regions best. We are pleased to see the Capital Region move forward with the first three projects, as we continue to make our State better and stronger than before.”

The implementation phase comes after eight months of bottom-up planning—an effort that enabled local residents and community leaders to become actively involved in the recovery and resiliency process and integrate local needs into final NYRCR Plans.

Throughout the State, a total of 66 NYRCR Communities (representing 124 disaster-affected localities) have collectively taken part in Rounds I and II of the NYRCR Program. As part of the initiative, NYRCR Communities are led by local Planning Committees, who work alongside State planners and world-renowned planning firms to develop actionable proposals. The State has allotted awards of up to \$3 million and \$25 million for the implementation of eligible projects.

More than 650 New Yorkers have represented their communities by serving on NYRCR Committees and have participated in more than 650 Planning Committee Meetings. Committees also held 250 heavily-

publicized Public Engagement Events, which attracted thousands of community members that wished to provide feedback on the planning process and project proposals.

GOSR will provide additional resources to facilitate the implementation of NYRCR projects, thereby supplementing the allotment of each NYRCR Community and maximizing State investment. As such, the NYRCR Program will provide subrecipients with Project Coordinators, who will offer technical assistance to ensure compliance with federal regulations. GOSR will also fund and carry out necessary environmental reviews on all projects, as well as provide staffing support to subrecipients for NYRCR Program-specific work.

Communities unveiled their final NYRCR Plans to Governor Cuomo at the Spring 2014 NYRCR Conference. In Upstate New York, the State has allotted up to approximately \$150 million for the implementation of eligible projects proposed in 42 Upstate NYRCR Plans. Projects will be implemented on a staggered basis, up to the community's pre-determined allotment. Estimated costs and project scopes are subject to change as project applications are developed. The first projects to move forward in the Capital Region are as follows:

CITY OF SCHENECTADY

North Ferry Street Pump Station Relocation Project

Estimated Cost: \$300,000

Subrecipient: City Of Schenectady

Description: The City of Schenectady will use NY Rising funds for the engineering design and permitting costs to relocate and construct a new pump station near the Mohawk River.

TOWN OF ROTTERDAM

Rotterdam Junction Firehouse Upgrades

Estimated Cost: \$1,403,000

Subrecipient: DASNY, in partnership with Rotterdam Junction Fire District No. 1

Description: Rotterdam Junction Fire District (RJFD) No. 1 will use NY Rising funds to expand the firehouse to facilitate response and recovery efforts including emergency operation and shelter functions.

VILLAGE OF WATERFORD

Wetland Drainage System Improvements

Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000

Subrecipient: Village Of Waterford

Description: The Village will use NY Rising funds to make structural improvements to a stormwater conveyance system in the northeastern portion of the Village that flooded during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

“This is great news for the Village of Waterford,” said Village of Waterford Mayor Bert Mahoney. “This first project will allow us to begin to build back better, and reduce damages caused by flooding in the northern end of the village. I thank the Governor for starting this program.”

“The dedicated members of Rotterdam Junction Fire District No. 1 used available resources to provide much needed help and assistance during an impossible situation,” said Schenectady/Rotterdam Planning Committee Co-Chair Thomas Yuille. “Without the department’s never-ending dedication and efforts, the nightmare that residents endured would have been much worse. The long-term goal is to make the firehouse facility bigger, better, and stronger, and to provide the hamlet with a facility that is capable of handling this type of disaster in the future.”

About GOSR

Established in June 2013, GOSR coordinates Statewide recovery efforts for Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee. Through its NYRCR Program– as well as its NY Rising Housing Recovery, Small Business, and Infrastructure programs– GOSR invests \$4.4 billion made available through HUD’s CDBG-DR Program to better prepare New York for future extreme weather events.

Visit www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr to learn more about the NYRCR Program and to read the final NYRCR Plans. Procurement opportunities are available through each subrecipient and are listed on the GOSR website at www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/gosr-supplemental-contract-opportunities.

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