



Meeting Minutes from Finger Lakes Pre-Discovery Webinar

Held on Monday March 3, 2014 at 1pm EST

Attendees:

- Jennifer Horton, NYS DEC
- Cidney Jones, Bergmann Associates
- Cleighton Smith, Bergmann Associates
- Jacob Tysz, Atkins
- Bruce Natale, Cayuga County
- Jay Moose, Town of Mentz and Village of Port Byron, Cayuga County
- Anne Riddell, Village of Moravia, Cayuga County

Meeting Notes:

As participants logged on, Cidney Jones checked that lines of communication were open between participants.

The presentation began at 1:05pm EST

Jennifer Horton and Cleighton Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics:

- Welcome to the Pre-Discovery Webinar
- Description of who is involved with the project
- Purpose of this meeting
- Overview of FEMA's RiskMAP program and the Discovery Process
 - Discovery is an interactive process to gain your input into the needs and issues in your community and will not result in new FIRM maps for every community. Discovery informs future decisions regarding updating FIRM maps.
- Description of Discovery Report and Discovery Map to be produced by the Discovery Process
- Overview of the Finger Lakes Watershed
 - 14 counties and over 175 communities with many FIRM maps out of date

Cidney Jones launched GIS to record specific areas of concern for Discovery Mapping. Issues raised during this webinar that reflect inaccurate FIRM maps for the communities present include:

- Cayuga County's Hazard Mitigation plan is approved pending adoption with 32 participating municipalities adopting it.
- There are multiple bridges that have been replaced in Port Byron since FIRMs were published
 - Parallel bridge spans were replaced on I-90
 - The free spans on the Mills Street and Green St bridges were rebuilt
- In the village of Moravia, new infrastructure has been installed that requires detailed study
 - USGS hydrology regression equations were published after FIRM maps were published and Mill Creek hydrologic peaks are now lower.
 - New culverts were installed on N Main St and West Ave in 2013 and on Grove St in 1998
 - New bridges were installed on Smith St and Grove St

Jennifer Horton and Cleighton Smith finished the presentation with the project schedule:

- In-person meetings will take place in April – June
- Final Discovery Report and Maps will be finished in September 2014



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Action Items:

- For NYS DEC and Bergmann Associates:
 - Distribute meeting minutes
 - Update contact list to include all stakeholders
- For the community leaders:
 - Please fill out the Finger Lakes Discovery Questionnaire if you have not already.
 - Help DEC determine meeting dates and locations for the upcoming Discovery Meetings
 - Watch your e-mail for further project updates and invitations to the in-person meetings.