



**Meeting Minutes from Finger Lakes Pre-Discovery Webinar**

Held on Tuesday March 4, 2014 at 3pm EST

**Attendees:**

- Kelli Higgins-Roche, NYS DEC
- Cidney Jones, Bergmann Associates
- Cleighton Smith, Bergmann Associates
- Jacob Tysz, Atkins
- Tim Jensen, Ontario County
- Tom Harvey, Ontario County
- Sheri Norton, Ontario County
- P.J. Emerick, Ontario County SWCD
- William McAdoo, Town of Geneva, Ontario County
- Neal Braman, City of Geneva, Ontario County
- J. Hoover, Town of Seneca, Ontario County
- Al Benedict, Town of Victor, Ontario County
- Allison Hunt, Congressman Reed's Office

**Meeting Notes:**

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

The presentation began at 3:05pm EST

Kelli Higgins-Roche 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  - 14 counties and over 175 communities with many FIRM maps out of date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:

- In Ontario County
  - The Flint Creek Watershed Association should be added to the stakeholder list, it may not be formalized but information for the association can be tracked down through county Soil and Water.
  - Flint Creek was channelized by the USACE after the maps were produced, making the maps in the Flint Creek watershed, located in the Towns of Gorham and Potter and the hamlet of Gorham, inaccurate.
    - Potter's Swamp is a part of Flint Creek.



- Flood mapping for Sucker Brook in the Town and City of Canandaigua is incorrect, the brook was recently realigned. There has been a lot of work done on this brook and in the City of Canandaigua it runs through a high residential area, contact Kevin Olvany for work details.
- Ontario County is working with Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, contact is Tom Kisiore, and is in the midst of updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Hydraulic models are available for Fall Brook, a tributary to Canandaigua Lake in the Towns of Hopewell, Canandaigua, and Gorham, and for Castle Creek in the Town of Geneva.
  - The County recently brought the main campus discharges into Fall brook into compliance with the stormwater regs by adding a small dam with a graduated outlet in the large wooded area on the campus just east of State Rt 364 (between Lakeshore Drive and Marvin Sands Drive). The original hydrologic model was built by Larsen Engineers for the County. The detention design was done by the LA group.
- The Castle Creek watershed in the Town of Geneva has seen a lot of development.
- Near Parkside Drive in the Towns of Farmington and Canandaigua there is a large drainage district with many detention ponds and flood retention facilities. There may be a flood study available for this area from the MRB Group.
- In the northwest of the Town of East Bloomfield there are two reservoirs that used to be water supply but there is no longer water drawn from them. The FIRM maps for this area are inaccurate.
- There is a new reservoir near a golf course in the Town of Gorham with 2-3 million gallon capacity that is not on the FIRM maps. It is located in the southwest of Gorham, on a tributary to Canandaigua Lake.
- County has installed major detention infrastructure on a community college campus (FLCC) in the Town of Canandaigua on the east shore of Canandaigua Lake.
  - The large detention infrastructure installed at FLCC is the result of the County building a hydrologic model of the watershed for the NYS DEC regulated wetland CL-13. That study and the design for the infrastructure were both done by Larsen Engineers
- All along Canandaigua Lake, there are gullies that flood, causing damage to structures.
- The sewage treatment plant in the Village of Phelps is in the floodplain. Levees and other infrastructure have been built to protect the sewage treatment plant.
- There has been significant development, detention and industrial facilities, that affects flood mapping in the north end of the City of Geneva north of Forge Avenue. There are wetlands in that area that were unmapped when the maps were created, Marsh Creek.
- The Town of Farmington, contact Floyd Kofahl, manages a lot of drainage districts with a lot of infrastructure to protect residential areas.
- In the Town of Victor
  - There is a stream that is not mapped as being in a floodplain but floods due to a culvert.

Kelli Higgins-Roche 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.