



Westchester County, NY Discovery Meetings

Meeting Minutes from In-Person Meetings

Sessions for August 28-29, 2013

Prepared by RAMPP

Stakeholder Participation:

Letter invites were sent out to 24 communities within the county affected by the coastal study area. Participants for each of the three meeting sessions are shown in the table below.

Wednesday 9am (8/28/2013)	Wednesday 2pm (8/28/2013)	Thursday 9am (8/29/2013)
<p><u>Westchester County</u> Noah Goldberg (Westchester Co. OEM) Milton Johnson (Westchester Co. OEM) David S. Kvinge (Westchester Co. Planning)</p> <p><u>City of Yonkers</u> Mary Beth Gaffney (City OEM)</p>	<p><u>Town of Ossining</u> Susan Donnelly (Supervisor)</p> <p><u>Village of Hastings-on-Hudson</u> Deven Sharma (Building Inspector)</p> <p><u>City of Yonkers</u> Paul Summerfield (Engineering Dept.) Mike Lepre (Engineering Dept.) Alan Portanova (Dept of Public Works)</p> <p><u>Village of Irvington</u> Larry Schopher (Village Administrator)</p> <p><u>Westchester County</u> Ilir Tota (Westchester Co. GIS)</p> <p><u>Town of Greenburgh</u> Nathaniel Reckson (Town Police Dept.)</p> <p><u>Village of Rye Brook</u> Michal Nowak (Village Engineer)</p>	<p><u>Westchester County</u> Thomas Lauro (Westchester Co. Dept, of Environmental Facilities) Robert Finnicelli (Westchester Co. Dept, of Environmental Facilities) Robert Giglio (Westchester Co. Dept, of Environmental Facilities) Mike Coley (Westchester Co. Dept, of Environmental Facilities)</p> <p><u>Village of Pelham Manor</u> Maryalice Barnett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p><u>Village of Elmsford</u> Martin G. Rogers (Building Inspector)</p> <p><u>Town of Mamaroneck</u> Elizabeth Paul (Environmental Planner)</p> <p><u>Town of Mamaroneck</u> Elizabeth Paul (Environmental Planner)</p> <p><u>Village of Port Chester</u> Chris Ameigh (Planner) Jessica Youngblood (Planner)</p> <p><u>City of Rye</u> Douglas French (Mayor) Christian K. Miller (Planner)</p> <p><u>Village of Larchmont</u> Rick Vetere (Public Works)</p> <p><u>City of New Rochelle</u> Larry D. Alston (Plan Examiner) Alex Tergis (Commissioner of Public Works) Rashmi Mehta (GIS Technician) Jim Moran (Deputy Commissioner of Operations)</p>



Meeting Minutes: (see link to PowerPoint presentation on last page)

FEMA is focused on updating the floodplain maps for coastal regions throughout the United States, and this includes Westchester County, NY. The Westchester Discovery project is the beginning of an interactive process that results in a watershed-wide assessment of existing flood hazard mapping needs, existing information useful in updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and ultimate recommendations for the development of updated Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) and Flood Insurance Rate Map products. The meetings were to introduce the planning team, request feedback from the municipalities, the County, and regional groups within the project area, and to determine what additional local floodplain and hazard risk data is available and should be included in the process.

The purpose of the Discovery meeting(s) is to review any information previously provided by communities, state and regional agencies, and local stakeholders, discuss your community's floodplains and floodplain management activities, mitigation plans and projects and flood risk concerns, and to provide additional feedback for FEMA to consider when developing Risk MAP products for your community, including the potential development of new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) where needed.

Comments from Meeting:

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 (9AM)

- Train personnel at the Westchester County Planning and OEM to provide outreach and support to the communities in the county.
 - o Residential Coastal Construction Class
 - o County has funding to support local flood mitigation efforts (trainings; GIS support)
- County recommended explaining to the communities along the Long Island Sound will require more details to ensure that they understand the impacts of the study.
- Hudson River has erosion problems along the shoreline
 - o Due to rain events
 - o Near wastewater treatment plant
- During Field Recon have team stop at Municipal Building to do outreach and have county personnel accompany team into the field for observation and to provide input.
- Potential Outreach Opportunities:
 - o Emergency Management Meeting (Quarterly)
 - September/October
 - o Municipal Planning Federation
 - March/April
 - o Building Association
 - o Municipal Administration Association
 - o Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators, Inc.
 - www.wcampwa.org
- Building Footprints available for the county.
 - o Sam Wear
- Oblique imagery available for the county.



- Sam Wear
- There is no working gage in the Western LI Sound
 - USGS dropped temporary gages during Sandy in Long Island Sound.
- City of Yonkers—the library had damage during Sandy.
- City of Rye Dune exists at Playland Park
 - Wiped out during Hurricane Floyd (re-built)
 - Wiped out in 2007 (re-built)
 - Wiped out during Sandy (Current plans to re-build)
- Dams are very political, EAP classification ongoing.
- Scarsdale is the only community in Westchester County that participates in CRS. It is classified at an 8.
- City of Yonkers has an application in process for CRS.
 - County commented that New York needs to adopt the International Building Code for communities to obtain higher ratings in CRS
- Need to determine what the CORPS study is attempting and any potential impacts to the RAMPP study.
- The national average is an issue in Westchester when determining potential mitigation projects
- County has received grants from NRCS for restoration
- Anita Lane bridge has been removed
- County commented that the dollar amounts in AAL data seems understated

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 (2PM)

- How to obtain Rep Loss Data (CRS application)
 - Jana Green to follow-up with Paul Summerfield
- Town of Ossining
 - Issue with the Village of Ossining building condo/apt building (Draft Transect 100).
 - Westernly Marina Boat House has HWMs (Draft Transects 101-102)
 - Ossining Boat and Canoe Club conducting Feasibility Study to elevate building (Draft Transects 99-100)
 - Draft Transect 99: Sewer Plant
- City of Yonkers
 - The county is flying their own countywide LiDAR but it is still in processing
 - There is an old power plant at the shoreline (Draft Transects 67-68) that to being developed into condos that may be in the floodplain, the community is going to let the developers know and give them our contact information
 - Yonkers has their own community oblique photos however it is older a few years older than the counties, they have a software that organizes them to view and would have to go one by one to save them out. We need to find out how we can handle receiving the photos and if we need software or already have something, may need to talk with our aerial photo experts
 - One of the reservoirs in Yonkers is getting some work done at the dam to be able to control a pre-storm release of water to mitigate flooding
 - Yonkers noted an area (Draft Transects 70-72) and a note was added to the discovery map where there has been some shoreline protection work and reconfiguration from a seawall to a revetment. Will need obtain the new configuration to properly model



- CRS Application in process for City of Yonkers
- Village of Rye Brook
 - Did not have community map for this community at the meeting; need to follow up with Michael Novak
- City of Irvington
 - Said the advisory maps were what they experienced during Sandy and would be happy if the FIRMs showed similar results
 - Draft Transect 81: Bulkhead and rip rap destroyed
 - Draft Transect 82: Bulkhead replacement underway

Thursday, August 29, 2013 (9AM)

- Clarification that the RISK MAP products will not impact insurance rates.
- Village of Pelham Manor
 - Built out community
 - Area affected by coastal –mostly park area
- Village of Port Chester
 - Built out community
 - ABFE maps were consistent with flooding experienced
- City of Rye
 - Had flooding which isn't correctly depicted on the current FIRM (Riverine Reach - Blind Brook)
 - Dune destroyed by Sandy (Playland area)
- City of New Rochelle
 - Draft Transects 43-50 and 53-55: Sandy Damage
 - Draft Transects 55-57: wiped out during 1992 storm
 - Draft Transects 47-50: New Planning Zone
 - Some Development along the shore lines with restricted access
 - Data on New planned development may be available from City
 - Planned Flood Improvements projects along Hokinson River
- Village of Larchmont
 - Roads would be helpful to view information more easily
 - Draft Transects 36-37: Sandy Damage (not structural)
 - Draft Transects 39-40: Sandy Damage
 - Draft Transect 41: Around the point southwest of this transect seawall affected by Sandy
 - Draft Transects 40-41: Structural damage to Beach Club
- Town of Mamaroneck
 - Draft Transect 33: Check AAL data there are no properties at this location
 - Draft Transect 34: Major loss (\$)
 - Draft Transect 34: Man-made breakwater (south of the point)
 - Check floodplain across community boundary (5th Ave. Pine Brook)
 - Check community boundaries (Primal point should be included in the Town limits)
 - Riverine flooding concerns
 - Classification of dams a concern
 - If future meetings are held at this location contact Elizabeth Paul (Environmental Planner)



Questions from Meetings:

1. Wednesday, August 28, 2013 (9AM):
 - a. How to get personnel at county level trained and informed to be able to assist with community outreach?
2. Wednesday, August 28, 2013 (2PM):
 - a. How to obtain Rep loss data?
3. Thursday, August 29, 2013 (9AM):
 - a. Town of Mamaroneck (Elizabeth Paul) had questions regarding the ordinance level and meaning of the levels.
 - i. Contact information given to Kelli Higgins-Roche (NYSDEC) to follow-up
 - b. Town of Larchmont is interested in a way to show mapping effects of variable wind speeds and other storm conditions
 - i. Will follow up with more information about Hazus

Stakeholders to Include:

The participants were asked if there were additional stakeholders that should be added to the list. We had more participants than expected at the August 28, 2013 2PM and the August 29, 2013 9AM meetings. We would like to thank those that extended invites and spread the word about the meetings.

Schedule:

- Field Recon: Scheduled the week of September 30-October 3, 2013
- Data Collection sheets due from the communities: September 30, 2013
- Discovery Maps and Reports Delivered: Scheduled for November 1, 2013
- Coastal Analysis complete: Spring 2014
- Flood Risk Review Meetings: Summer 2014
- Preliminary FIRMs: Fall/Winter 2014

Meeting presentation materials available here:

https://www.rampp-team.com/documents/newyork/WestchesterDiscoveryHandouts/Westchester_Presentation_Final.pdf

https://www.rampp-team.com/documents/newyork/WestchesterDiscoveryHandouts/Westchester_Discovery_Handouts_Links.pdf