MEETING SUMMARY

Date: August 9, 2023
Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (EST)
Location: Teams Meeting

What do to After a Flood Webinar – Meeting Summary

Attendees

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**: Thomas Song, Jason Fenn, Tonya Evans, Jonathan Smith, Paul Hoole, Richard Nicklas, Marianne Luhrs,
- **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)**: Brad Wenskoski, Brienna Wirley, Geoff Golick, Kelli Higgins-Roche, Bailey Sawyer, Berhanu Gonfa, Lauren Kelly, Danielle Baldwin, Karis Manning, Ryan Porciello, Eric Star, Scott Feindel
- **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)**: Joseph Ruggeri, George Ibrahim, Kunal Patel, Jack Hofmann, Dennis Reinkncht
- **Regional Support Center (RSC) 2**: Tolga Yilmaz, Shudipto Rahman, Belinda Lester, Madelaine Smith, Somendra Chakravorty
- **Albany County**
    - City of Albany: Rob Magee
    - City of Cohoes: Shane Lewis
    - Village of Green Island: Maggie Alix
- **Allegany County**
    - Alleghany County: Emily Kuhlkin
- **Clinton County**
    - Town of Altona: Mindy Guerin
    - Town of Black Brook: Derrick Martineau
- **Dutchess County**
    - Town of East Fishkill: Mark Pozniak
    - Town of Dover: Susan Jackson
- **Essex County**
    - Town of North Elba: Michael Orticelle, Darci Whitney
- **Ontario County**
    - Ontario County: Linda Phillips, Mary Gates, Sheri Norton, Alissa Bub, Deb Trickey,
    - City of Geneva: Neal Braman
    - Town of Canandaigua: Michael Murphy, Kevin Olvany
    - Town of Farmington: Dan Delpriore

- o Town of Gorham: James Morse
- o Town of Naples: Frank Mueller
- o Town of Phelps: Andrew Campbell
- **Orange County**
  - o Orange County: Dominick Greene, Deanna Crawford
  - o City of Middletown: CMW Fusco Engineering
  - o Town of Highlands: Bob Livsey
  - o Town of Cornwall: Josh Wojehowski
  - o Village of Woodbury: Bill Press, Tim Finnegan, Michael Panella
- **Putnam County**
  - o Town of Carmel: Richard Franzetti
  - o Village of Nelsonville: Chris Winward
- **Rockland County**
  - o Rockland County: Christopher Jensen
  - o Town of Orangetown: Jane Slavin
  - o Village of Piermont: Nathan Mitchell
  - o Village of Wesley Hills: Matt Trainor, Camille Guido-Downey
- **Suffolk County**
  - o Suffolk County: Kenneth Kutner
  - o Town of Babylon: Anthony Valentino, Greg Gaxiola, Rachel Scelfo, Brian Zitani
  - o Town of Islip: Robert Salazar, Anne Mendes, James Brennan, Vincent Amoroso
  - o Town of Southampton: Ryan Murphy, Tara Farrell
  - o Village of Poquott: Jeremy Flint
  - o Village of Saltaire: Meagan Leppicello
- **Warren County**
  - o Warren County: Ann Marie Mason, Jim Lieberum
- **Westchester County**
  - o Westchester County: Dennis Delborgo, Daniel Olmoz, David Kvinge
  - o Town of Eastchester: Lukas Hubert, Carlo Valente
  - o Town of Mamaroneck: Richard Polcari, Robert Wasp
  - o Town of Ossining: Jon Turnquist
  - o Village of Bronxville: Paul Taft
  - o Village of Mount Kisco: Peter Miley
  - o Village of Pelham Manor: Lindsey Luft
- **Southern Tier West** (Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties): Sarah Swinko
- **NY State Senator's Office**: Emma Fuentes
- **Additional call-ins by phone**
  - o Village of Wesley Hills, Rockland County
  - o Town of Southampton, Suffolk County
  - o Town of Altona, Clinton County
  - o Town of Babylon, Suffolk County
  - o Ontario County

1. **Meeting Summary**
   a) NYSDEC presented the roles and responsibilities per the State's and the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) floodplain management requirements.
      a. Key contacts for DEC's Central and Western NY Flood Hub Floodplain Coordinators were shared.
      b. A review of the NFIP was shared. The key goals and definitions were highlighted.
   b) Flood response and post-flood activities were shared, including documentation and permits.
   c) FEMA provided additional information on public assistance, post-disaster communications, and adoption/enforcement of floodplain ordinances.
   d) The following poll questions were gathered, and the results are included in the follow-up:
      a. *What county are you representing?*
      b. *What is your role in community flood management?*

Q&A – *Action items highlighted in red.*

Q: Paul Taft, Village of Bronxville - *Is this being recorded and available later?*
A: Brienna Wirley, DEC - not recorded but slides can be provided as pdf.

Q: Sheri Norton, Ontario County - *Can the Survey123 use the NYS Streets data for road name dropdown? This would help immensely providing standardized entry.*
A: Thomas Song, FEMA - FEMA will investigate it and will provide an answer when we share the slides.

Q: Ryan Murphy, Southampton Town - *Market value is the value with the damages sustained? Or pre-storm market value? Can you just hit that again?*
A: Brienna Wirley, DEC - Market value is based on pre-damage condition.

Q: Paul Taft, Village of Bronxville - *Cedar is using survey 123*
A: Thomas Song, FEMA - There are other geographic datasets that can be used with the Survey123 software. It's seamless. If you want to use a dataset that's not prepackaged in the program, then you can upload it but that will take some technical knowledge.

USGS Flood event viewer provided in chat: https://stn.wim.usgs.gov/FEV/#2023JulyMANYVTFlood

Q: CMW Fusco engineering - *As you said the flood plains for this previous storm have changed. But the documentation you were using as you said are for people in the flood plains. Would that be the previously documented or the area flooded period?*
A: Brienna Wirley, DEC - The substantial damage requirements that we are discussing apply to the current effective Special Flood Hazard Area as designated on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map. All effective mapping is publicly available on FEMA's Map Service Center.

Comment: Thomas Song, FEMA - A community's flood damage prevention ordinance (FDPO) will normally regulate development in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Extreme rain has caused flooding in areas outside flood zones. It is a challenge for communities to get people to rebuild more flood resilient when the property is located outside flood zones.

Q: Dave Kvinge, Westchester County - *Do County governments have any kind of role to play here? I believe that they have resources they can bring and can assist in facilitating the sharing of resources among municipalities within their jurisdiction. They can also assist in other tasks like education and outreach and management of mapping and other data through economies of scale.*

A: Brienna Wirley, DEC - Unless the County has a role in floodplain management or building code enforcement there is no direct responsibility under the NFIP. What you mentioned is exactly how the county can assist local municipalities.

A: Thomas - if you are interested in discussing ideas on how Westchester can help local efforts now or in the future, we would be happy to meet.

- Anyone interested in Mitigation Grants that NYSDHSES administers: Hazard Mitigation | Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (ny.gov)
- Here is a link for NYSDHSES Public Assistance support: Public Assistance | Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (ny.gov)

Comment: Sheri Norton, Ontario County – *Ontario County takes the lead with the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, which has participation from all municipalities. This is an ideal time to reach out and fully understand past events and current needs.*