

**SAFARI Meeting Minutes**

**Date: May 31, 2012**

**Time: 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**Location: AWSMP Office, Phoenicia, NY 12464**

***In attendance:***

Candace Balmer, RCAP Solutions

John Horn, Shandaken Planning Board

Beth Reichheld, NYC DEP

Rich Stokes, Town of Shandaken Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

Cory Ritz, Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District

Rob Stanley, Town of Shandaken Supervisor

Brent Gotsch, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

Aaron Bennett, Ulster County Department of the Environment

Gretchen Rae, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

Doris Nieves, Mount Tremper Resident

**Updates:**

Cory stated no stream data is being collected at this time near the Phoenicia Main Street Bridge, due to continued low water conditions.

EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection) – Cory

1. In Shandaken - there are 4 sediment related (turbidity control, property loss and potential infrastructure threat) projects in the queue
  - A. All sites are in Chichester along the Stony Clove and Warner creeks
  - B. Rough estimates for each project site have been compiled, approximately in excess of \$4million. Formal estimates will be made as designs are finalized and as actual construction bids are submitted
  - C. The first project Chichester Site #1, should begin construction sometime in mid-June 2012
  - D. Rob has signed town support with formal agreements with NRCS. Agreements have been sent to Albany NRCS offices for final signoff.
2. In addition to sediment related sites, there three other EWP sites. The county has 1 infrastructure project in Olveria, and Town has 2 sites (Fox Hollow bridge and water treatment plant) planned for 2012. The Town's EWP sites are:
  - A. Muller Road along Fox Hollow
  - B. High Street, Phoenicia Water District Station
3. NRCS has asked for additional paperwork from the Town show that they have property for access to the sites. Sample letters were delivered to Rob.

FEMA – Rob

1. Eric has a list of 77 sites, minor to major, listed as FEMA sites for the Town.

- A. Rob will ask Eric to provide the list and overview map to Cynthia (Tetra Tech)
- B. The town has hired engineers Brinnier & Larios in Kingston for consult on the sites with a focus on slope failures and bridges
- C. The Town is planning 3 sites for construction in 2012
- D. 4 sites are planned for construction in 2013

Update on Flood Control Systems and Dams in the Hudson Valley: Governor Cuomo's Press Release (see attachment at end of this document).

#### Tetra Tech Update – Cynthia

1. Emergency Response Plan
  - A. A document which outlines personnel and lines of authority in the event of a Town emergency.
  - B. Updates have been made since the draft was provided. Feedback comments are being integrated and an updated version will be provided shortly.
2. Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Update, due August 2012 and on schedule
  - A. Have completed flood profile of area, but the new FIRM Maps from FEMA would be helpful – Can Phil Eskeli provide any updates to Tetra Tech?
  - B. Google Maps since Oct. 2011– for updated aerial photos?
  - C. Aaron will ask Art Snyder for the aerial photos Mike Hein and Art took in the flyover a few days after the flood
3. Complete Flood Hazard Plan is due Oct. 2012 and is on track
  - A. Tetra Tech's recommendations for CRS (Community Rating System) will be based on the 2007 manual even though a new manual is due out in 2013
4. Candace will continue to work with Rob on getting the Flood Hazard Mitigation Resident Surveys distributed to targeted audiences. Brent and Doris have volunteered their time to assist with door to door attempts. Aaron will e-mail the link from the Town's webpage to the Big Indian / Oliverea community e-mail group:  
<http://www.shandaken.us/disaster-prep-response/flood-mitigation-plan/>

#### Meeting Adjournment

**Next Meeting date/time: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (1:00-3:00PM, at AWSMP Office)**

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Andrew M. Cuomo - Governor

## Governor Cuomo Announces NY Works Projects to Restore and Repair Flood Control Systems and Dams in the Hudson Valley

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### \$5,690,200 Investment for 15 Flood Control and Dam Repair Projects

Albany, NY (April 16, 2012)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a \$5,690,200 investment for NY Works projects that will allow for 15 flood control system and dam repair projects in the Hudson Valley.

NY Works is designed to reinvent state economic development with innovative new strategy that will put New Yorkers back to work rebuilding the state's infrastructure. The Task Force will help create tens of thousands of jobs by coordinating comprehensive capital plans, overseeing investment in infrastructure projects, and accelerating hundreds of critical projects across the state.

"For the second year in a row, New York State has passed a transformative and balanced budget that holds the line on spending, while focusing on job creation and government efficiency," Governor Cuomo said. "The centerpiece of this budget is the New York Works program, which will help rebuild our aging infrastructure, including our dams and flood control systems, to protect people and property throughout our state."

Senator Bill Larkin said, "The storms of last year showed the necessity of having New York's flood control infrastructure operating at peak performance. These grants will ensure our dams and flood control projects are the safest and most efficient they can be to prevent further catastrophic damage similar to what we witnessed last year."

"These projects will provide much-needed security and relief to communities where major flooding has become an annual event," said Assemblymember Kevin Cahill. "The \$2.1 million included in the state budget to support crucial work in hard hit areas like Shandaken, Ellenville, Rosendale and Kingston is just a small part of what will be a sustained effort by the State to partner with local leaders and the City of New York to collaborate on a comprehensive action plan to minimize the impacts of future flood events."

"I am pleased to announce \$5.7 million in funding to strengthen our flood prevention systems and help safeguard the Hudson Valley from the devastation wrought by flooding," said Assemblyman Tom Abinanti. "In particular, this appropriation includes \$306,000 to support the repair of local dams and the rebuilding of flood control systems in Ardsley, Mount Pleasant and Yonkers. While strengthening our flood prevention infrastructure, this is also an investment in our local workforce."

Assemblyman Frank Skartados said, "I applaud Governor Cuomo for making sure that the NY Works program helps repair our region's aging dams, flood walls, levees and channels. Making sure we have proper flood control is so important to our Hudson Valley families. These repairs will not only make certain our communities are safe; they will also put people back to work."

The Budget continues the Governor's commitment to fiscal responsibility while creating jobs and strengthening communities across the state. It closes a multi-billion dollar deficit with no new taxes, fees or gimmicks, limits spending growth to two percent or below for the second year in a row, and launches the NY Works Task Force to invest billions of dollars to rebuild the state's roads, bridges, parks, and other infrastructure and create tens of thousands of jobs.

The Budget includes key economic development and transportation initiatives, important reforms to improve government efficiency, and measures to strengthen communities across the state.

#### NY Works Task Force

The NY Works Task Force will coordinate capital plans across 45 agencies and authorities, oversee investment in projects and access to funding, and facilitate the creation of tens of thousands of jobs.

Prior to the NY Works initiative, there was no comprehensive state plan for the \$16 billion in annual capital expenditures by 45 state agencies and authorities. In some cases, including with respect to projects by the Port Authority, the MTA, and the Department of Transportation, billions of dollars of taxpayer or commuter funds are being used to fund transportation plans in the same region with no coordination between

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the agencies. For the first time, the NY Works Task Force will develop a coordinated capital infrastructure plan among agencies and authorities. The Task Force, made up of leaders in finance, labor, planning and transportation will also recommend financing options for projects and methods to accelerate construction of critical infrastructure.

The NY Works Task Force will consist of fifteen members. Nine of the members will be appointed by the Governor and six by the Legislature. All major state agencies and authorities will participate in an implementation council to coordinate capital planning.

All NY Works projects will be posted on the web with real-time updates so that New Yorkers can track the progress of projects in their community. The full list will be posted online over the next several days.

**Repairing New York's Dams and Flood Control Infrastructure**

The state's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) maintains 106 flood control projects, of which 91 have been rated "minimally acceptable" or "unacceptable" by the Army Corps of Engineers. Additionally, DEC owns 577 dams statewide. Of the DEC-owned dams, DEC engineers classify at least 24 dams as "high" and "intermediate" hazard structures, where failure poses serious threat to human life or significant property damage. The New York Works Funds will designate \$102 million, leveraging more than \$100 million in matching funds, to repair aged and otherwise failing structures. The \$102 million will include \$18.5 million to repair state-owned dams, \$56 million to perform maintenance of flood control facilities such as levees, and \$27 million to implement coastal erosion and inlet navigation maintenance projects, plus over \$100 million in matching funds.

The NY Works dam and flood control projects in the Hudson Valley are as follows:

Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Cost
Alder Lake Dam	Critical Dam Repair	\$500,000
Waneta Lake Dam	Critical Dam Repair	\$500,000
White Pond Dam	Critical Dam Repair	\$500,000
Ardsley	Flood Control Project	\$109,200
Chappaqua	Flood Control Project	\$98,000
Ellenville	Flood Control Project	\$420,000
Highland Mills	Flood Control Project	\$163,000
Kingston	Flood Control Project	\$532,000
Mt. Pleasant	Flood Control Project	\$130,000
Mt. Tremper	Flood Control Project	\$80,000
Pleasant Valley	Flood Control Project	\$24,000
Rosendale	Flood Control Project	\$790,000
Shandaken	Flood Control Project	\$322,000
Wallkill	Flood Control Project	\$500,000
Yonkers	Flood Control Project	\$67,000
DEC Region 3 Equipment	Additional funds to support all projects in the region	\$505,000
DEC Region 3 Maintenance	Additional funds to support all projects in the region	\$450,000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,690,200</b>

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