

# Discovery Report Appendix C

## Pre-Discovery Meeting Summary

### North Country Watersheds

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## **Meeting Summary from North Country Watersheds Pre-Discovery Webinar**

Held on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 1:00 pm

### **Attendees:**

- Cheryl Cook, Village of Malone
- Dan O'Brien, NYS Office of Emergency Management
- Ricky Provost, Franklin County Emergency Services
- Bob Rowe, Village of Malone
- Andrea Stewart, Town of Malone
- Robin Wendell-Zabielowicz, Cornell Co-op Extension, Lewis County

### **Meeting Notes**

The presentation began at 1:00 pm EST.

Mary Martin of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) introduced and discussed the purpose of the webinar, reviewed the agenda, set expectations, and called roll.

Mary Martin of NYSDEC covered the following presentation topics:

- The North Country Watersheds Discovery project area, which involves 5 counties and 75 communities.
- Pilot Base Level Engineering used for project

Shudipto Rahman of FEMA covered the following presentation topics:

- Overview of FEMA's Risk MAP Program
- Overview of the Risk MAP Discovery process
- Discovery process products and results
- Overview of background data currently being collected by the project team
- Emphasized the importance of stakeholder participation

Phil Hipley of Dewberry covered the following presentation topics:

- Overview of Base Level Engineering (for St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties)
- Summary of Data Collected to date (including additional data requested via a Stakeholder Survey)
- Historical flood problems/ flood mapping needs
- Ongoing projects/ community planning/ mitigation activities
- GIS data/ training needs
- Other people/organizations to invite to the Discovery Meetings
- Communities are asked to complete the Stakeholder Survey by the end of August

Mary Martin of NYSDEC finished the presentation:

- In person meetings will take place in September
- Opened the forum for any feedback or discussion
- Discovery schedule was discussed
- Final Discovery report and maps will be finished by the end of 2019.

Kelli Higgins-Roche of NYSDEC asked attendees for any additional contacts to include in the Discovery Meeting, or ideas for potential meeting locations:

- No comments were provided.

Phil Hipley of Dewberry shared information on the 2 BLE letters that were sent out, reviewed the Stakeholder Survey form, displayed the draft North Country Discovery map, and asked attendees for any additional comments on the presentation or draft Discovery data:

- No comments were provided.

Kelli Higgins-Roche of NYSDEC thanked participants for being on the Webinar.

**Meeting Summary from North Country Watersheds Pre- Discovery Webinar**  
Held on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, 10:00 am

**Attendees:**

- Candy Akin, Lewis County
- Glen Cutter, Clinton County
- Tess Grubb, Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Laura Ortiz, USACE Buffalo
- Frank Pace, Director of Planning, Lewis County
- Sarah Purdy, City of Ogdensburg (also someone else with her)
- Julia Rinaldi, STARRII
- Ben Schattschneider, Stantec
- Vince Spadaro, NYSDEC Region 5
- Nichelle Swisher, Lewis County Soil and Water
- Roy Widrig, Cornell University

**Meeting Notes**

The presentation began at 10:00 am EST.

Mary Martin of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) introduced and discussed the purpose of the webinar, reviewed the agenda, set expectations, and called roll.

Mary Martin of NYSDEC covered the following presentation topics:

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Shudipto Rahman of FEMA covered the following presentation topics:

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Shudipto Rahman of FEMA asked attendees for any additional comments on the presentation:

- Tess Grubb of Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan noted the photograph showing how high the floodwater got from Irene. She commented on how important that picture was as it invoked strong memories and is a good reminder for what happened.

Phil Hipley of Dewberry covered the following presentation topics:

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- Summary of Data Collected to date (including additional data requested via a Stakeholder Survey)
- Historical flood problems/ flood mapping needs
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- GIS data/ training needs
- Other people/organizations to invite to the Discovery Meetings
- Communities are asked to complete the Stakeholder Survey by the end of August

Mary Martin of NYSDEC finished the presentation:

- In person meetings will take place in September
- Opened the forum for any feedback or discussion
- Discovery schedule was discussed
- Final Discovery report and maps will be finished by the end of 2019.

Phil Hipley of Dewberry shared information on the 2 BLE letters that were sent out, reviewed the Stakeholder Survey form, displayed the draft North Country Discovery map, and asked attendees for any additional comments on the presentation or draft Discovery data:

- Sarah Purdy, City of Ogdensburg, commented that on the map the City of Ogdensburg was mislabeled as “Town of Ogdensburg.”.

Phil Hipley of Dewberry thanked participants for being on the Webinar.

## **Meeting Summary from North Country Watersheds Pre- Discovery Webinar**

Held on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, 2:00 pm

### **Attendees:**

- Carol Cady, St. Lawrence University
- Mike Dalton, Village of Canton
- Corbin Dosier, NYSDEC Division of Fish & Wildlife
- Brian Rahm, NYS Water Resources Institute
- Clifton Staples (on the Webex, but did not introduced himself)
- Matt \_\_\_\_ (on the Webex, but did not introduced himself)

### **Meeting Notes**

The presentation began at 2:00 pm EST.

Mary Martin of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) introduced and discussed the purpose of the webinar, reviewed the agenda, set expectations, and called roll.

Mary Martin of NYSDEC covered the following presentation topics:

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- Communities are asked to complete the Stakeholder Survey by the end of August

Mary Martin of NYSDEC finished the presentation:

- In person meetings will take place in September
- Opened the forum for any feedback or discussion
- Discovery schedule was discussed
- Final Discovery report and maps will be finished by the end of 2019.

Mary Martin of NYSDEC asked attendees for any additional contacts to include in the Discovery Meeting, or ideas for potential meeting locations:

- Brian Rahm, NYS Water Resources Institute suggested we look in to reaching out to more soil and water district representatives.

Phil Hipley of Dewberry shared information on the 2 BLE letters that were sent out, reviewed the Stakeholder Survey form, displayed the draft North Country Discovery map, and asked attendees for any additional comments on the presentation or draft Discovery data:

- No comments were provided.

Mary Martin of NYSDEC thanked participants for being on the Webinar.