



Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

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Skype Steering Committee Check-in Model Intermunicipal Floodplain Overlay District Local Law Project

Thursday, September 21, 2017
11am – noon

This online meeting is optional for Steering Committee members. An opportunity to check-in and review Next Steps from the July 19 meeting:

- (1) How do we want to define the floodplain in New York's Great Lakes Basin and
- (2) What basic (regulated) activities in the floodplain can we all agree on?

Attendees

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| ✓ John Gauthier, Greece Town Engineer | ✓ Dennis Scibetta, Parma Town Code Enforcement Officer |
| ✓ Al Fisher, Greece Town Planning Board Chair | ✓ Amanda Lefton, Deputy Dir. of Government Relations, TNC |
| ✓ John Caterino, Town of Greece | ✓ Mark Lowery, NYSDEC Office of Climate Change |
| ✓ Pat Holenbeck, Hilton Village ZBA | ✓ Jayme Thomann, G/FLRPC |
| ✓ Steve Olufsen, Monroe County Dept. of Planning & Development | |

Agenda & Minutes

- (1) How do we want to define the floodplain in New York's Great Lakes Basin?

Discussion

- The challenge to defining local (non-FEMA) floodplains is the takings issue.
- Monroe County has both the official hard copy FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) and the digital version of the FIRM layer. The digital version can be overlaid with County parcel data using GIS to give a better view of where floodplains are in relation to the parcels. Some other resources municipalities may be interested in is the new 2017 LIDAR data (Light Detection and Ranging) which provides elevation data (1ft contours) that could be used to get a better idea of the topography in floodprone or coastal areas.

- (2) What basic (regulated) activities in the floodplain can we all agree on?

Discussion

- It will be interesting to see how existing local laws are enforced with the imminent rebuilding and reconstruction after the high-lake levels of the spring and summer along the Lake Ontario shoreline.

Feedback

Instead of trying to create a model local law for general use in New York's Great Lakes Basin, customize it specifically to the three municipalities participating in this process. Then document that process, and keep what is agreed upon as the model local law.

Next Steps

- Write down the process in creating this model local law – document where ideas have been “kept” and “thrown out.”
- Create a Site Plan Review Checklist for development in the floodplain agreed upon by the Towns of Greece and Parma and the Village of Hilton.
- Have the three municipalities agree on what those minimum development standards are and the definition of a floodplain – this will compose the model local law.
- Kathryn Friedman, Research Associate Professor, UB is looking into the legality of digital zoning maps...are there examples of municipalities that use GIS as their “official zoning maps” and could municipalities in Monroe County use GIS data to outline their floodplain overlay district (via our model local law). Is there precedent for communities using GIS data to define their local regulatory floodplains?

12pm – Adjournment

The Second Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 1** from **1 to 3pm** at **Greece Town Hall** to discuss minimum standards for development, descriptive floodplain delineations and geospatial options for local floodplains, and an overview of CRRRA implementation and proposed flood risk management guidelines by Mark Lowery, Office of Climate Change.