



**BLUE RIBBON AD HOC COMMITTEE
MARCH 14, 2017
2:00 PM
4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council	Greg Pearce
Council	Dalhi Myers
Member	Erich Miarka
Member	Malcolm Gordge
Member	Carol Roberts
Member	Elaine DuBose
Member	Rev. Sammy Wade
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Carol Kososki
Member	Mark Hugley
Member	Tanya Rodriguez-Hodges
Member	Joe Boyd

OTHERS PRESENT – Yvonne McBride, Tracy Hegler, Michelle Onley, Valeria Jackson, Synithia Williams, Ismail Ozbek, Liz McDonald, Michael King, Miranda Spivey, Sandra Yudice, and Quinton Epps

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pearce called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

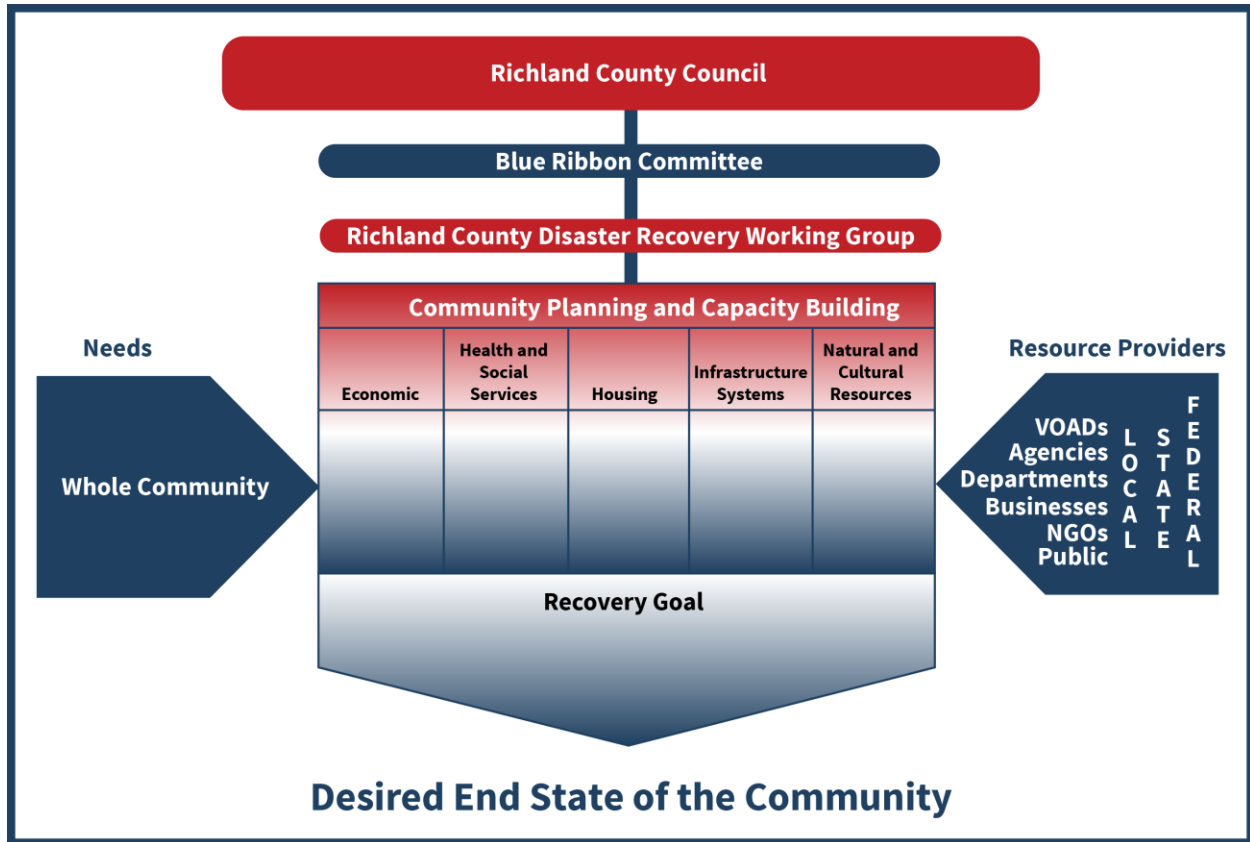
Mr. Pearce stated Mr. Bronson has been reassigned and Ms. Hegler, Community Planning and Development Director, is now staffing the Blue Ribbon Ad Hoc Committee.

WELCOME

All of those in attendance introduced themselves.

HMGP OVERVIEW/REVIEW

Proposed Recovery Concept of Operations



- Other states are looking at Richland County’s model as a National “best practices”
- Requested to export Richland County’s model to Louisiana, Texas and Georgia
- The citizens input is the piece that is typically missing from other counties that have been impacted by natural disasters

HMGP 4286-DR-SC (Hurricane Matthew)

- Estimated amount of Statewide funding - \$36 million
 - ❖ Value may change depending on actual amount of FEMA Public and Individual Assistance money spent (15% of total)
- Pre-Applications for funding may be submitted any time until April 11, 2017
- Criteria for selection being developed by the State
- Any South Carolina community can apply

- Money must be spent on hazard mitigation related projects
 - ❖ Buyout or elevation of homes in 100 year floodplain
 - ❖ “Hardening” assets to make more resistant to future flooding (e.g., expanding culverts)
 - ❖ Other mitigation projects
- Money CANNOT be used for repairs
- CDBG-DR funds cannot be used for Hurricane Matthew issues

HMGP 2015 FLOOD PRIORITIES & PROJECTS

HMGP 2015 Flood Project Priorities

1. Voluntary Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts
2. Storm Water Drainage Management/Dam Mitigation
3. Housing Reconstruction/Rehabilitation
4. Voluntary Non-Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts
5. Data/Offsite IT Infrastructure
6. Flood Studies
7. Mitigation of Flood Damage to Fire Suppression Water Capacity Systems
8. Conservation Easements
9. Public Outreach
10. Replacing County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Richland County HMGP 2015 Flood Projects

Priority	Project	Title
1	30	Acquisition and Demo Scattered Site Properties
	32	Acquisition and Demo (RES_ACQ_002)
	33	Acquisition and Demo (RES_ACQ_001)
	34	Acquisition and Demo (RES_ACQ_003)
2	25	Danbury Drive Stabilization
	26	Spring Valley Little Jackson Creek Stream Mitigation, Stream Restoration Regenerative Stormwater Conveyance
	143	Lake Dogwood (aka Murray Pond) Dam Armoring
	277	Securing Emergency Access to Gills Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant through Elevation of White House Road
4	31	Acquisition and Demo Non-Residential in Floodway
	35	Acquisition and Demo of Two Non-Residential Structures Located in the SFHA
	276	Non-Residential Structure – Community Church
9	48	Public Awareness Campaign – Reaching the Digitally Disconnected

HMGP 2015 Flood Full-applications Roll-up

Priority	Federal Share	Local Share	Projects
1	\$5,410,967.58	\$1,803,657.19	30,32, 33, 34
2	\$1,517,101.48	\$505,700.49	25, 26, 143, 277
3	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4	\$2,465,135.12	\$821,711.71	31, 35, 276
5	\$0.00	\$0.00	
6	\$0.00	\$0.00	
7	\$0.00	\$0.00	
8	\$0.00	\$0.00	
9	\$82,117.35	\$27,372.45	48
10	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Totals	\$9,475,321.53	\$3,158,441.84	

PROPOSED HMGP HURRICANE MATTHEW PRIORITIES & PROJECTS

HMGP Hurricane Matthew Project Priorities

1. Voluntary Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts
2. Storm Water Drainage Management
3. Housing Reconstruction/Rehabilitation
4. Voluntary Non-Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts
5. Dam Mitigation
6. Flood Studies
7. Public Outreach

Mr. Pearce stated there is secondary flooding due to the debris in the waterways.

Mr. Epps stated debris management is considered maintenance and is not covered by FEMA.

Ms. Scott stated the debris is impeding the flow of water and it is causing additional flooding now. She has experienced this herself with flooding on her property.

Mr. Ozbek stated the County has applied for approximately 10 debris removal projects and only 3 of the projects qualified for NRCS funding.

Ms. Hegler stated the County is looking for opportunities to obtain additional funding, but one of the questions is “are we having input on the criteria on the front end?”

Ms. Myers stated also, “did we know about everything that is impacted on the front end?” That’s new. You wouldn’t have known it day one. You know it now because we’ve had significant flooding. It is a second look at what originally wasn’t a problem, but is a problem now.

It was asked why the County did not picking up the tab and cleaning the ditches.

Ms. Myers stated if the ditch belongs to the County then the County does need to, but many of the ditches do not belong to the SCDOT.

Mr. Pearce inquired as to who has the ultimate jurisdiction over the Gills Creek. (i.e. the Corps of Engineers).

Mr. Ozbek stated the Corps of Engineers has permitting authority, but is not responsible for maintenance of the waterway.

Mr. Ozbek stated Gills Creek is private property unless there are easements. Most of the bodies of water in the County are under the State's jurisdiction.

Mr. Pearce inquired if the County had the money would Public Works have the expertise to clean out the obstructions in Gills Creek.

Mr. Ozbek stated Public Works would have to request permitting and then bid out the project. Public Works does not have the resources available to take on this project.

Mr. Pearce stated, for clarification, there are some projects in the hopper and the County is still actively looking for funding, but an overall strategy has not been identified to restore the "normal" flow of water.

Ms. DuBose stated she was informed by the SCDOT that the State cleans out ditches every 6 years.

Ms. Rodriguez-Hodges requested tabling this discussion to enable staff to bring back options.

Ms. Myers requested that if individuals have information about specific areas to relay that information to staff.

Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the following revised priorities: (1) Voluntary Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts; (3) Housing Reconstruction/Rehabilitation; (4) Voluntary Non-Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts; (5) Dam Mitigation; (6) Flood Studies; and (7) Public Outreach. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the proposed projects, as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CDBG-DR UPDATE

CDBG-DR SF Critical Path for Housing

Date	Task
3/3	Post Mobile Home RFP
3/13	Post Single Family Rehab RFQ
4/3	Close Mobile Home RFP
4/10	Select Mobile Home Vendor(s)
4/13	Close Single Family Rehab RFQ
4/14	Announcement
4/17	Outreach Begins
4/21	Select Single Family Rehab Vendor(s)
4/25	BRC for Recommendation of Mobile Home Vendor(s)
5/2	Council Reading for Selection of Mobile Home Vendor(s)
5/15	Intake Begins
5/17	Contract(s) Signed with Mobile Home Vendor(s)
6/15	Intake Ends
7/15	First Cost Estimate Completed
7/21	Vendor(s) able to Sign First Contracts with Residents

- The 211 number has expired; if residents need assistance they can contact Hearts & Hands or the County’s Disaster Recovery office.
- Ms. Myers requested those numbers be placed on the website.
- Mr. Gordge inquired about the response from homeowners that have been waiting for months for assistance.
- Ms. Hegler stated by and large the County is ahead of the curve. The residents are frustrated with the speed of the process, but to date there have been 151 homes repaired using non-taxpayers funding.
- Letting the residents know they have not been forgotten will go a long way to helping them deal with the disruption to their lives.

- Ms. Scott requested a map that depicts projects as they are completed.

Status of Request for Additional CDBG-DR Funds

- Council formally requested additional CDBG-DR funds based on the large amount of remaining storm related unmet needs
- Letter was signed and submitted to Senator Graham's office on February 1, 2017 (Received a response from his office on March 13th stating the additional funding and lowering of LMI threshold were likely not possible.)
- County requested an additional \$57.5 million
- County requested the LMI threshold be reduced from 70% to 50%

Continuation of Recovery Consultancy Services

- Request continuation of Recovery Consultancy Services
 - ❖ Tetra Tech – Patrick Beekman
 - ❖ Continuation of Services through December 31, 2017
 - ❖ Funding Source → ESD Budgeted Funds

Ms. Kososki moved, seconded by Mr. Wade, to continue the services of Tetra Tech. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The outreach is multi-faceted between County staff, stakeholders, VOADs, etc.

Next Steps/Meeting: April 25, 2017, County Administration Building, 4th Floor Conference Room