



May 28, 2014- NY Rising Follow-up call

On call: Eric Alexander(Vision Long Island), Tawaun Weber(Vision Long Island), Jon Siebert(Friends of Long Island), Anthony Ponomo(sp) (Assistant to Jon Kaiman), Dan Caracciolo(The 11518), Theresa DePietto (NSN-Babylon), Kim Skillen (NSN-Babylon), Donato Sangemino (Friends of Shirley and the Mastics , Michelle Insinga (Adopt a House), Ellen-Cutler Igoe (C.H.O.R.A.S), Lois Howes (Friends of Freeport), Rich Cantwell (Friends of Freeport), Jon Kaiman(NY Rising)

Opening remarks from Mr. Kaiman:

Thanks to the persons on the call and hosting, mentioned that the leadership roles are the heart and soul of the community in a time like this. Seth Diamond is attending another meeting with HUD at the time. Overall update: \$400-500 million "out the door", 7000-9000 have received checks, upwards of 20,000 applicants in the system, IMA program up and running. \$1.5-1.6 million distributed thus far, Small Business program up and running, \$1.5 million distributed, co-op/condo/rental program has been active for 2 months. (Clarification, the 'rental program' is not for renters, but is for rental owners).

Modifications on SBA (consistent with what program has been). Originally the amount eligible is what the DOB was deemed as. Example if you were eligible for \$100k and took \$20k, the DOB would be deemed as \$100k. NYR will take what you actually received from SBA as the amount that would be applied as DOB, rather than total eligible amount. Paperwork needs to be filled out for hardship provisions. (SBA had rejected it, US Senate has created an exception, and it seems to be evolving into the "law of the land")

Question: Regarding the \$160/sq. foot for smaller homes, will that amount be modified? (It has come across that this amount is more difficult for those homes, as certain "fixed costs" such as roofing, foundations, pilings, etc. are relatively the same for houses twice the size. This makes it more difficult to rebuild the home at that amount)

Answer: Deferring to Seth. The \$160 is set, NYR understands the gap in allowance and cost. Unfortunately at this point, the program has not made any amendments. Formal attention is requested to push this issue (this is being addressed.) This does not of course include the \$25,000 allotment for extraordinary site conditions.

Question: Regarding large backlog on turnaround times for permitting to Sandy affected residents, can NYR assist with this? Some areas are waiting 4-6 months for the permitting process and are being held up on rebuilding and elevation efforts. Is there a way to prioritize Sandy related efforts?

Answer: NYR has a municipal program to cover the cost of building inspectors where Sandy-related applications need to be prioritized. The office will follow up on them if there is an issue. (Would need some examples, hearing that Town of Hempstead is an issue, please advise of others).

Question: Regarding indoor sprinklers (fire prevention), it is not in the SOW form (the 6100). Is this cost covered in NYR allocations when required by NYS Uniform Building Code or municipalities?

Answer: Yes. Fully covered valid cost for reconstruction and should be added in the clarification. This is valid also for rebuilds and will be incorporated in the scope of work.

Question: For municipalities that feel they may need more water pressure to accommodate those neighborhoods with increased demand/requirement for indoor sprinklers. Is this something that the program can cover?

Answer: Doubtful. Traditionally, municipalities are responsible for their own infrastructure, and there is no current plan or mechanism to address this.

Question: Rumor that those in the optional elevation areas need a substantial damage letter of 80%+ from municipalities to be eligible. Clarification please?

Answer: This is regarding the reconstruction applicants. Under HUD guidelines, in order to reconstruct, you need to show a financial analysis to show that it is economical to rebuild rather than repair. Therefore if there is that letter, it gives authority to reconstruct. Some municipalities only give documentation for 51% or more, not the actual amount. In that case have your design professional provide documentation that it is in fact over 80% damaged, and submit to NYR for approval.

Question: Why aren't all of the municipalities on the same page with these issues?

Answer: The State does not have the authority to supersede local codes. The program will provide the framework and there is a gap due to this.

Question: For buyouts/acquisitions, need to be in the 51% or 100 year flood plain. Any changes?

Answer: Not at this time, HUD is looking to "tighten restrictions", unsure of what that means at this time. NYR is meeting with local municipalities to provide information about the local needs. Would need a substantial damage letter from the municipality.

Question: If a person was affected during Irene or Lee and were not able to hold onto flood insurance, will they be eligible for NY Rising?

Answer: At this time now, there are some folks currently working on it. As it stands there is no NYR assistance available. They are looking at minimal amounts received and seeing if that can be arranged.

NYR is following up whether or not those that are FEMA non-compliant in designated (block) buyout/acquisition areas will be eligible.

Question: Regarding release of payments to homeowners for those that are getting work done, receiving 50% up front and 50% at completion: Can NYR release additional funding

Answer: "Absolutely not". The Federal gov't does not give more than 10% upfront historically. There are several non-profits looking into "bridge loans" for residents to help with this issue. This is being addressed with NYS Attorney General and the non-profits and orgs that can assist. (We will roll out details as these programs become available).

Question: For residents with reverse mortgages, is their award amount showing it as DOB?

Answer: There is dialogue on this, and updates will come shortly.

Question: There are some residents waiting for their closings for a few months. What is the estimated turn-around time?

Answer: There was a little bit of a delay due to a HUD issue, similar to the ProSource/IEM emergency bidding issue, so there is a few week gap. Projecting mid-June for things to move forward faster.

Question: Is the unit price for Estimated Cost of Repair on the Scope of Work (SOW/6100 form) available publicly to design professionals and/or residents as a baseline?

Answer: It should be, will be followed up on, update and availability to follow.

Question: Regarding condo/co-op program, some feedback from the ground: Some residents that weren't primarily affected do not see the value in going through the long process to applying for NYR for common space issues. Is there a way to remedy this issue?

Answer: Yes. We have created a "short-form" to help with this process. There has been significant representation in Long Beach a few weeks ago. It is easier where the Associations generate the interest and assist. (FoLI is happy to assist with this process however possible to help streamline the process).

Question: Re: IMA for those without a current mortgage or for those who are renting and their landlords can go into the program?

Answer: NYR has made applications to HUD to create such a program; HUD has continued to reject that. They are waiting on updates from HUD, at this point are not willing to amend. NYR is looking to make State-wide amendments to the program if possible.

****Please send additional questions, clarifications required to us****

