



CITY OF SCHENECTADY, NY

STOCKADE FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

March 2019 Community Update

SAVE THE DATES!

April 2019

BUILDING A RESILIENT STOCKADE

Three community events to help shape the design:

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm on April 1st, 3rd and 4th

at the First Reformed Church

8 North Church Street, Schenectady, NY 12305

Main entrance to the Poling Building/Walton Annex

The Stockade Neighborhood Flood Mitigation Project

The City of Schenectady's Historic Stockade Neighborhood is the oldest historic district in New York. During the last twenty years it has experienced four significant floods due to extreme weather and ice jamming – in January 1996, June 2006 and two floods in August and September 2011, in addition to numerous events caused by ice jams.

As a result of these near catastrophic flood events, the City successfully sought funding from U.S. FEMA and NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) in 2016.

The project review process is divided into two components:

Phase One: Comprehensive Mitigation Analysis

including a Technical Feasibility Assessment and Engineering Design (up to \$1,206,000).

Phase Two: Construction

with an allocation of not more than \$7,545,860 contingent on FEMA review of Phase One results.

PROGRESS TO DATE

- Consultants contracted: River Street Planning Project Manager (Troy, NY) and Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects Technical Team Lead (Albany, NY)
- Website launched at www.stockaderesilience.com
- Kickoff meetings complete and coordination calls held
- First community workshop conducted on October 23, 2018
- Unmanned aerial vehicle property survey completed
- Ground observation, field work and data collection underway
- Modeling of each structure completed
- Hydrological model being developed
- Coordination with NYS DEC on Mohawk River Watershed Study

PLEASE COMPLETE THE IMPORTANT SURVEY that you receive in the mail or online at www.stockaderesilience.com to ensure that all flood impacts for your property are understood!

NEXT STEPS

- **IMPORTANT:** Property owner survey and public outreach beginning March 2019 by SRG Architects
- Field examinations complete and draft and final field examination, outcomes and conclusions reports prepared
- Review meetings with FEMA or DHSES
- Multi Day Design Workshop on April 1-4, 2019

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Monday, April 1st: The Stockade Today

7:00 PM Public Workshop (at the Poling Chapel)

Public Presentation:

- Description of the project, its funding, the process, workshop schedule and next steps
- Stockade development history
- Update on surveying and analysis of cultural and environmental resources
- Preliminary hydrological assessment
- Discussion of design parameters and methodologies

Understanding Community Values:

- What values and desires should be reflected in the designs and how they relate to:
 - History and historic preservation
 - Architecture
 - Neighborhood character
 - Riverfront Park
 - Streetscape
 - Feelings about being in this neighborhood

Tuesday, April 2nd: Internal Design Session

Review Meeting with City Staff & All Day Design Session (at Covenant Hall)

Note: There is no public event on April 2, 2019

Wednesday, April 3rd: Public Open House

7:00 PM Public Workshop (at the Choir Room)

- Presentation of the preliminary concept alternatives
- Merging concepts
- Open house with designers using stations offering more information about:
 - Each emerging concept
 - Hydrology
 - Looking at the neighborhood in a 3D model

Thursday, April 4th: Public Design Review Meeting

7:00 PM Public Workshop (at Covenant Hall)

- Recap: Workshop goals, design parameters, community values and survey
- Review of public input from workshops
- Presentation of refined design concepts
- Interactive feedback session
- Next steps