

# Discovery Report Appendix C

## PreDiscovery Meeting Summary

### Lake Champlain Watershed

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## **Meeting Summary from Lake Champlain Watershed Pre-Discovery Webinar**

Held on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 10:00 am

### **Attendees:**

- Nick Carter, Town of Saranac
- Stephanie Castle, Lake Champlain Basin Program
- Beth Gilles, Lake George Regional Planning Board
- Peter Hagar, Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation
- Eric Howe, Lake Champlain Basin Program
- Donald Jaquish, Essex County Emergency Services
- Randy Rath, Lake George Association

### **Meeting Notes**

The presentation began at 10:04 am EST.

Grace Vinson introduced the webinar and called roll.

Kelli Higgins-Roche of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and Andrew Martin of the Region II office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) discussed the purpose of the webinar and emphasized the importance of stakeholder participation.

Samara Ebinger of Dewberry covered the following topics:

- The Lake Champlain watershed Discovery project area, which involves 4 counties and 44 communities.
- Overview of FEMA's Risk MAP Program
- Overview of the Discovery process
- Discovery process products and results
- Overview of background data currently being collected by the project team

Lisa Mahoney of The Clark Group presented information on the stakeholder survey and data the team is looking for from local communities and organizations including:

- Flood mapping needs/historical flood problems
- Community planning/ongoing projects/mitigation activities
- GIS data
- Other people/organizations to invite to the Discovery Meetings

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- Stakeholders are asked to complete the survey before May 6<sup>th</sup>.
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Kelli Higgins-Roche of NYSDEC asked attendees for any additional contacts to include in the Discovery Meeting, or ideas for potential meeting locations:

- Donald Jaquish of Essex County recommended that we contact the Essex County Soil and Water, Essex County Community Services, Boquet River Association.
- Donald Jaquish recommended we speak with the Essex County Department of Public Works to get information on bridge and culvert replacements. He noted that the County is currently doing multiple bridge repairs.
- Beth Gilles asked to get an attendee list for the second Lake Champlain webinar. Grace Vinson reviewed the list of attendees.
- Beth Gilles noted that The Town of Lake George, the Town of Westport, and the City of Plattsburgh have municipal meeting rooms.
- Beth Gilles asked for an information flyer to give to the towns. Kelli Higgins-Roche confirmed that NYSDEC is developing one and will send it out the stakeholders once finished.

## **Meeting Summary from Lake Champlain Pre- Discovery Webinar**

Held on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 2:00 pm

### **Attendees:**

- Dan Barusch, Town of Lake George
- Eric Day, Clinton County Office of Emergency Services
- Kim Farnum, New York Farm Bureau
- Douglas Frost, Village of Lake George
- Edward Gardner, Town of Essex
- Gina Gratton, Town of Chazy
- George Hainer, Town of Westport
- George Hilton, Town of Queensbury
- Richard Moore, Town of Fort Ann
- Kara Page, The Wild Center
- Douglas Rock, Town of Willsboro
- Sandra Senecal, Town of Ausable
- Michael Tyler, Town of Westport
- Barbara Winchell, Town of Fort Ann

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- Dan Barusch of the Town of Lake George suggested contacting the Warren County Soil and Conservation District; the Executive Director is currently working on Warren County's Hazard Mitigation Plan update. He mentioned the Lake George Watershed Coalition might be helpful as well.
- Eric Day of Clinton County suggested contacting the International Lake Champlain-Richelieu River Technical Working Group. They are working on developing flood and inundation mapping for the Lake. He also mentioned Plattsburgh Auditorium may be a good meeting location.
- Douglas Frost of the Village of Lake George suggested contacting the Ausable River and Boquet River Associations, and that the Village of Lake George may have a meeting location.