

Town of Shandaken

S.A.F.A.R.I. Meeting NOTES

Shandaken Area Flood Assessment and Remediation Initiative

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 10:00am – 12:00pm

Attendance:

Babs Mansfield, Shandaken Supervisor (online)
Robert Drake, Shandaken Town Board member & Deputy Supervisor
Eric Hofmeister, Shandaken Highway Superintendent
Karen Lee, Shandaken CAC Liaison and ChiFAC Member
Leslie Zucker, AWSMP Program Leader, CCEUC
Sally Rodgers, AWSMP Education Program Manager, CCEUC
Max Kelly, AWSMP Stream Educator, CCEUC
Eric Lane, Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program Manager, CWC (online)
Aaron Bennett, Flood Hazard Mitigation Coordinator, NYCDEP (online)
Adam Trescott, NYCDEP Basin Manager (online)
Andrew Emrich, Ulster County Department of Public Works

Follow-ups

- Robert: Share flood images of Plank Road with AWSMP
- Karen: Share Warner Creek flood images with AWSMP
- AWSMP: Share wood images with CWC
- Max: Setup field tour for Warner Creek with AWSMP and Shandaken Highway
- Babs: Share Rich Drao contact information

Recap July 28-29 Storm Event

- The group reviewed Return Intervals from the storm event. Most streams were around bankfull level
 - Woodland Creek, Stony Clove, and Beaver Kill were around 5 year return interval
 - Warner Creek initial analysis indicates flows were as high as Christmas 2020 event. Could be over 30 year event. However, there are issues with gage analysis so no definitive analysis.
- Plank Road overtopped in one location. Robert has images that he will share with AWSMP
- The AWSMP shared an image of 214 where road failed to white line. DOT repaired with medium fill as a temporary fix. DOT has plans for a more permanent temporary fix by the end of the year
- CWC is seeking information to determine if debris removal should open. AWSMP will share images with Eric. Northern portion of Ashokan Watershed should be considered for eligibility given local RI.
- AWSMP shared images of Plank Road bridge over Beaver Kill.
 - High sediment supply drops out upstream of this site.
 - Last year UCDPW did some repairs to this structure. Scour on Right wingwall.
 - Future potential SMIP grant for potential replacement and stream restoration
 - Challenging site given alluvial fan, challenge on how much the bridge can be raised, and how much it can be increased in span given the banks already there
 - Included in Mt Tremper LFA – possible **LFA Implementation eligible**
- AWSMP shared images of Warner Creek near Farges property
 - UCSWCD reported that the headcut has moved up the channel.
 - Presence of new erosion into till
 - AWSMP interested in that site as it could be a WQ improvement project as well as

protect Silver Hollow Road. Would also protect investment of upstream restoration projects.

- At headwaters of Warner Creek, landowner reported 8.5 inches of rain
- Max K to organize site visit with Highway Department, CCE, Bobby Taylor
- Town reported lots of clogged culverts on Silver Hollow Road

Town of Shandaken Floodplain Development

- Floodplain Administration updates
 - Wellington – Rob in contact and telling them to sharpen their pencils
 - Design plans are approximately two feet low, Elevation Certificate is incorrect. Labella Feasibility has wrong BFE which Rob flagged. Aaron asked Bailey Sawyer for advisory BFE. Rob used that to refine his BFE alongside Aaron.
 - Donna LaMoine has resigned and there is a new incoming CEO and building inspector. Name is Rich Drao. Rich is a CFM and a building/code inspector for Village of New Paltz

FEMA-Initiated LOMR Update

- LOMR will be issued in approximately 2 months. Not effective until six months after issuance, this period includes a 90-day public comment. Within the six months town must adopt new maps.
- Individuals can submit a LOMA (with elevation certificate) to town officials. Town officials would then submit those to FEMA. Average cost for landowner is between \$1,200-\$1,500 for a LOMA.
- DEC has draft resolutions to adopt maps and are available to assist with process of adopting LOMR. Town must adopt to stay compliant with NFIP
- Flood insurance rates are complicated equations and the LOMR process is not necessarily indicative of rate changes. Newly mapped into 100 will need to get insurance if have federally backed mortgage. Will be notified by mortgage providers.
- UC will incorporate into Parcel Viewer.

Phoenicia Flood Risk Reduction Project(s)

- Jay Street Study application status
 - There was some discussion regarding if the town needs/wants to do a competitive search process for professional services. Town would like to issue a RFQ.
 - Town would like AWSMP to release the RFQ on their behalf. If all goes smoothly the project could be underway within 4 months
 - Large focus of SOW is what is feasible and effective at Jay/Romer Street.
 - In about a year, will have some sort of feasibility analysis.
- Bridge Street Bridge
 - DPW received 7 proposals for several designs. DPW chose Stantec for the project. Stantec has experience working within DOT standards. Hoping that the project can be eligible for federal funding run through DOT.
 - Resolution will be in front of legislature in Sept and hopefully working with Stantec in November.
 - Will be advancing Alternatives 3/5 and a pedestrian bridge alternative. Looking at impacts to nearby properties.
 - Robert brought up sensitivities in discussing in a public format advertising a pedestrian bridge. DPW is evaluating all options.
 - In 2027, will have some sort of public meeting.
 - All redesigns would include water line reattachment.
 - Town received updated pricing for water line work. Town found that grants require water district paperwork and town has been working on completing that paperwork to become eligible for water line projects. At least a few years out but may try to submit application in 2027.
- DOT Coordination

- SLR presented Chichester results to DOT Region 8, specifically DOT Chichester bridge that if enlarged could reduce flooding to row of homes. Town brought up Main Street bridge in Phoenicia. DOT is open to design/engineering being funded by other parties. In Walton, a bridge over third brook, received funding from DEP/local SMP to design a bridge that DOT accepted.
 - Aaron suggested that AWSMP talk to DCSWCD/SLR/CWC to review experience. There were serious delays in this project.
- DOT does not have funding for MSB or 214 and low on staff
- DOT was open to ideas presented at this meeting
- A future step for NY-214 coordination is town and AWSMP to reach out to DOT design team.
 - First town/AWSMP/DEP to meet to discuss
- DPW shared information about federal TIGER grants, that it might be a road to resilience if all ideas are bundled together. Might not be competitive given BCAs. Would need conceptual/some design for Main St. Bridge for being competitive for this.

CRS Coordination

- Update on SMIP Grant
 - Overlook press coverage. Overlook was present at town board meeting.
 - AWSMP Stakeholder Council question regarding sustainability of this level of coordination. Town believes this project will allow the town to function more interpedently on CRS activities.
 - SMIP could still be an option for future discrete needs for CRS.
 - Transitioning of town government and support partners is the background for need. This should be able to get them up to speed alongside having more permeant building and code officers.
 - Town is starting to use CloudPermit software.

Town Hall & Highway Complex Relocation Updates

- **Local Gov't Efficiency Grant** Planning Project
- 25-Acre "Golf Course Rd" parcel (presently Kramer)
 - Babs was advised that they should let LaBella finish the report and then hire a wetland delineator. There are still enough useable areas to make purchases useable from town perspective.
 - Labella has completed most of the report and town is close to receiving final report.
 - Septic would likely need to be raised and not in ground at the site
 - CWC has contracted so once town receives more information CWC is prepared to give funding. Babs will send most recent documents to CWC.

NYC-Funded Flood Buy Outs

- 38 Main Street
- Firelight
 - Short discussion about how FBO would affect the powerline that crosses from Firelight to Mountain Laurel. Repeat area of loss of power when trees go down in firelight
- 27 Station Road
 - Follow-up with County once Bridge Street Bridge moves forward
- Black Bear Campground – open to conversations this fall

Partner Updates

- AWSMP
 - Broadstreet Hollow under construction. Waiting for flows to recede to start in stream work
 - Fall SMIP funding round Deadline – Oct 28

- Town still interested in Fox Hollow crossing
 - Stacked rock wall abutments with headcut 10ft downstream of structure. May move a culvert from Church Street railroad car to temporarily replace until new design.
- McKenley Hollow – report coming at any point. Will need to visit with landowner before she leaves for the summer.
- September 10 – Floodway Training. 10 people signed up, including Rob Stanley. Registration now open to entire NYC Watershed.
- September 24 – DEC doing a SEQR training at AWSMP office. Please share with town boards and zoning boards.
- CWC
 - Seeking images for stream debris removal program. Will submit to CWC committee.
 - In Greene County, a few small streams may have applicants. CWC to follow up with towns and GCWSWCD.
- NYCDEP
 - Next month will have some FBO updates. They are working through two projects internally at this time.
 - NYC FBO Refresher on September 23rd.
- **NEXT SAFARI**
 - **September 8 SAFARI** - Will be hosting NOAA to present on Dynamic Flood Inundation Mapping, National Water Model, and NOAA alerts.