



HUDSON RIVER PROJECT: RESIST, DELAY, STORE, DISCHARGE

Presented to The Community Advisory Group

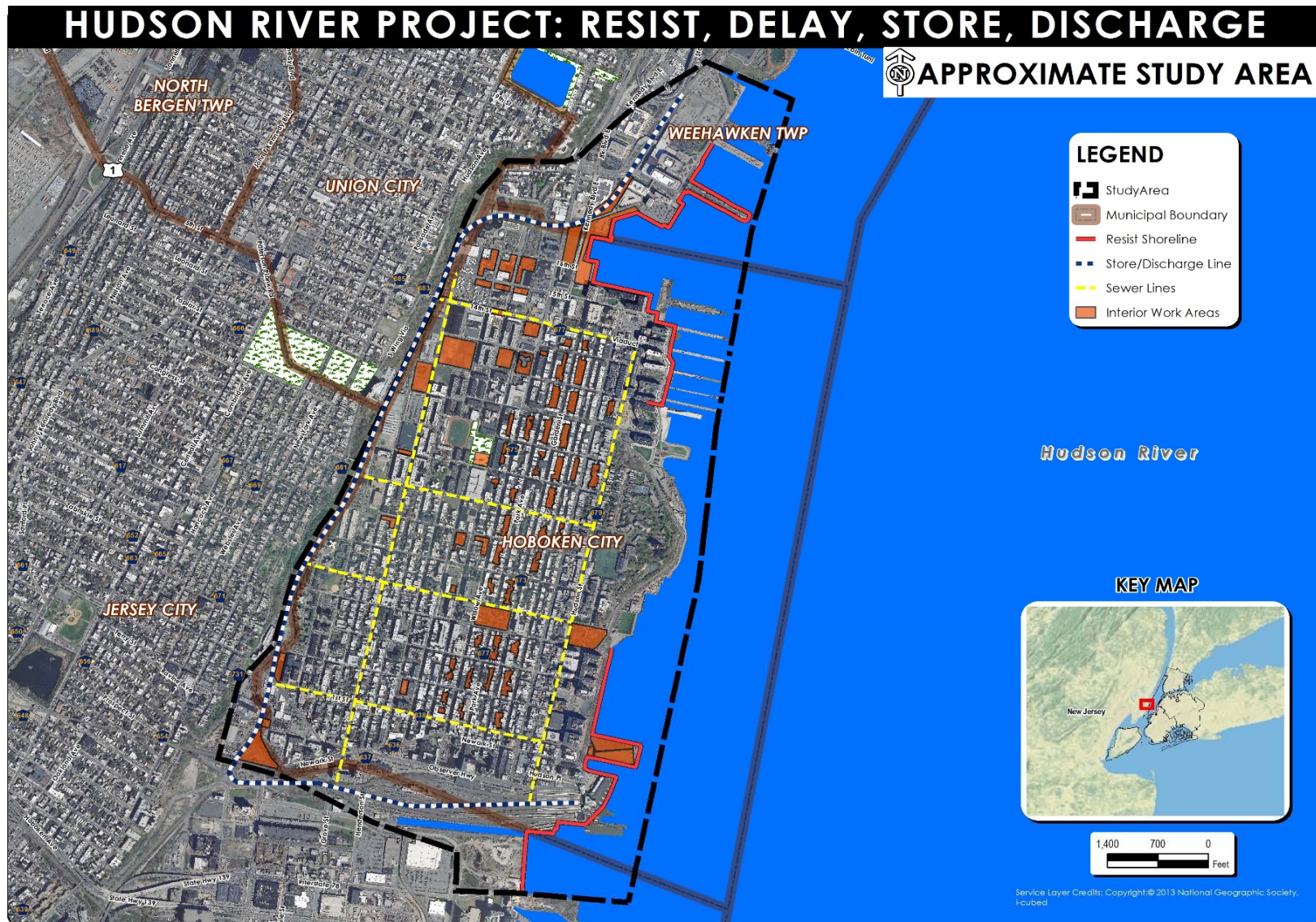
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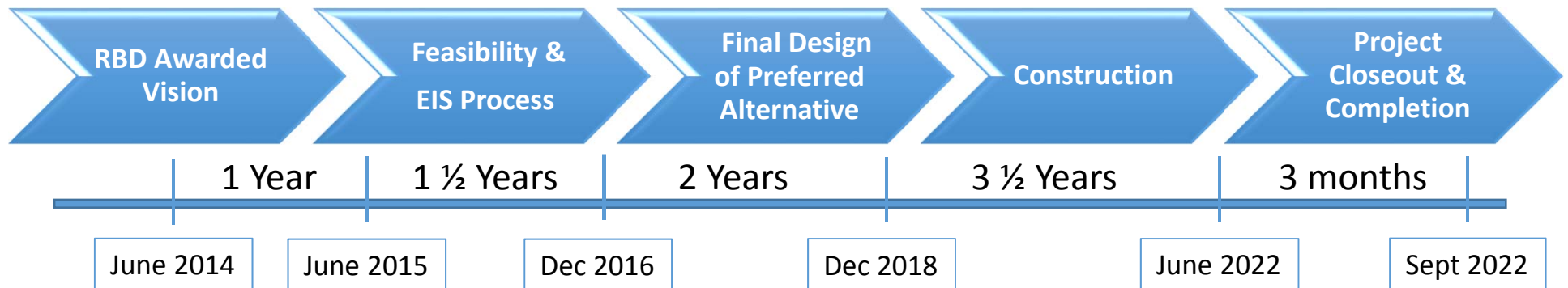
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions (DEP)
 - Project Overview
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- Dewberry Team (KS)
- Rebuild by Design (RBD) to now (KS/OMA)
 - RBD background
- Where we are now/NEPA (LS)
- CAG Framework and Mutual Expectations (KS)
- What is Purpose and Need? (LS)
 - Importance/Role in NEPA process
 - Three components
- Breakout Sessions (ZD/SD/CM/JB/GD)
 - Purpose, Need, Goals & Objectives
- What's next (LS/KS)
 - Scoping process (LS)
 - Upcoming critical dates (KS)

Project Overview

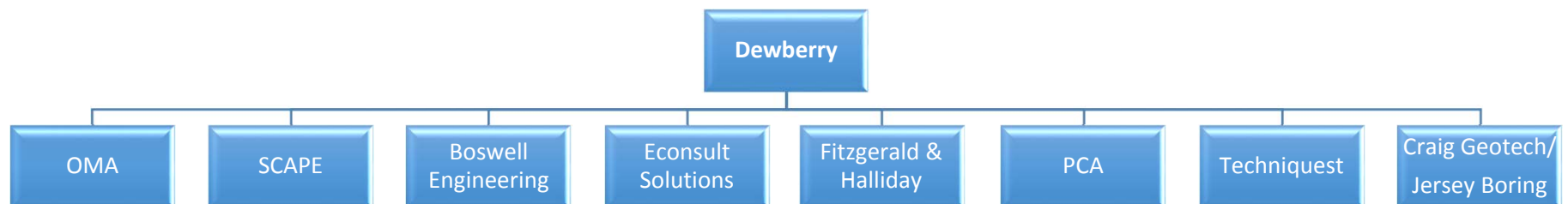


RBD Hudson River Project Timeline

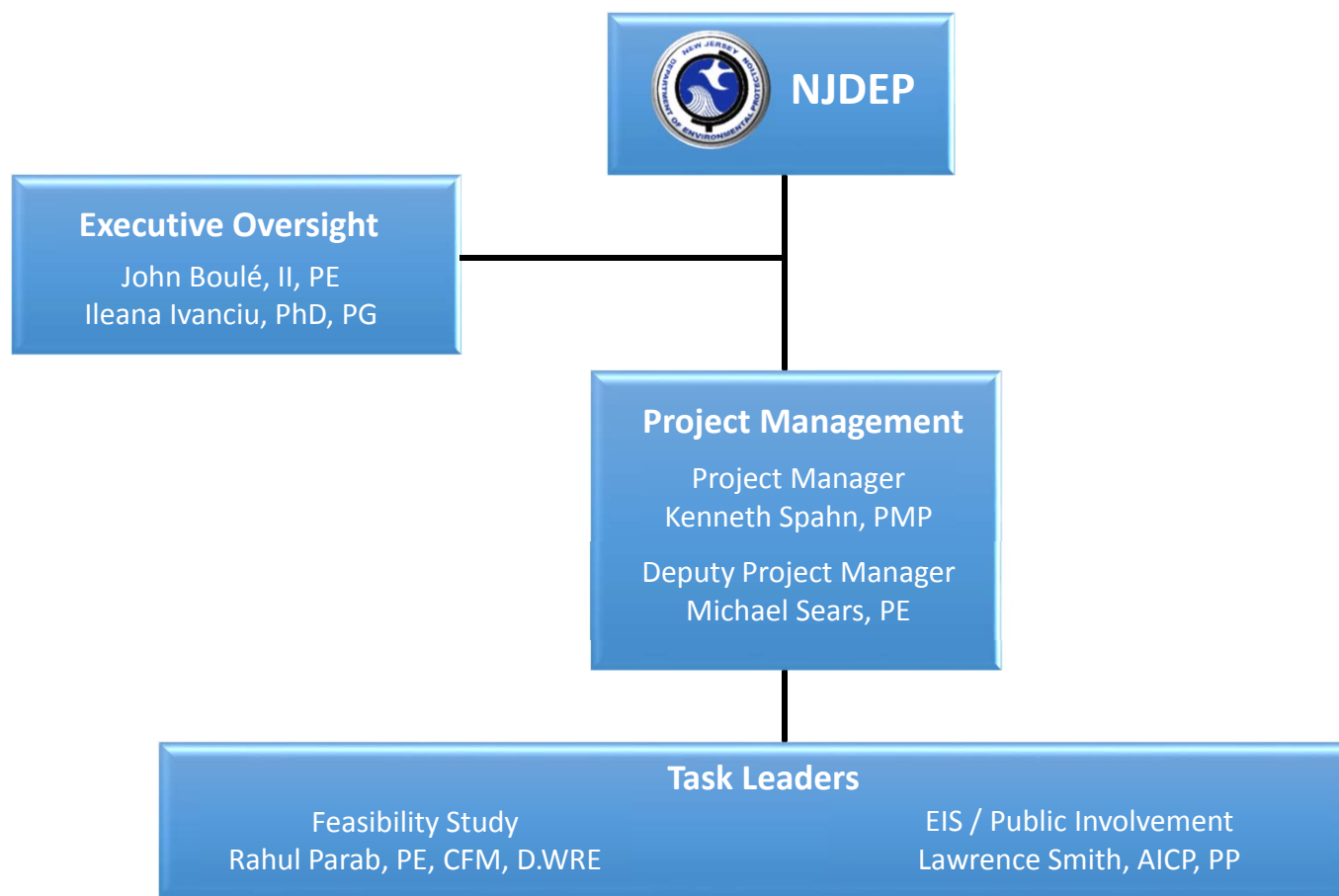


Dewberry Team

Dewberry	EIS, Feasibility Assessment, Public Involvement, QA/QC, Health & Safety, Project Management
Office of Metropolitan Architecture (OMA)	Urban Design
SCAPE Landscape Architecture	Landscape Architecture
Boswell Engineering	Waterfront Inspection
Econsult Solutions	Economic Analysis
Fitzgerald & Halliday (F & H)	Stakeholder Outreach
Paul Carpenter Associates (PCA)	Air Quality & Noise Studies
Techniquet Corp.	Traffic Counts
Craig Geotechnical Drilling and Jersey Boring & Drilling	Geotechnical & Borings



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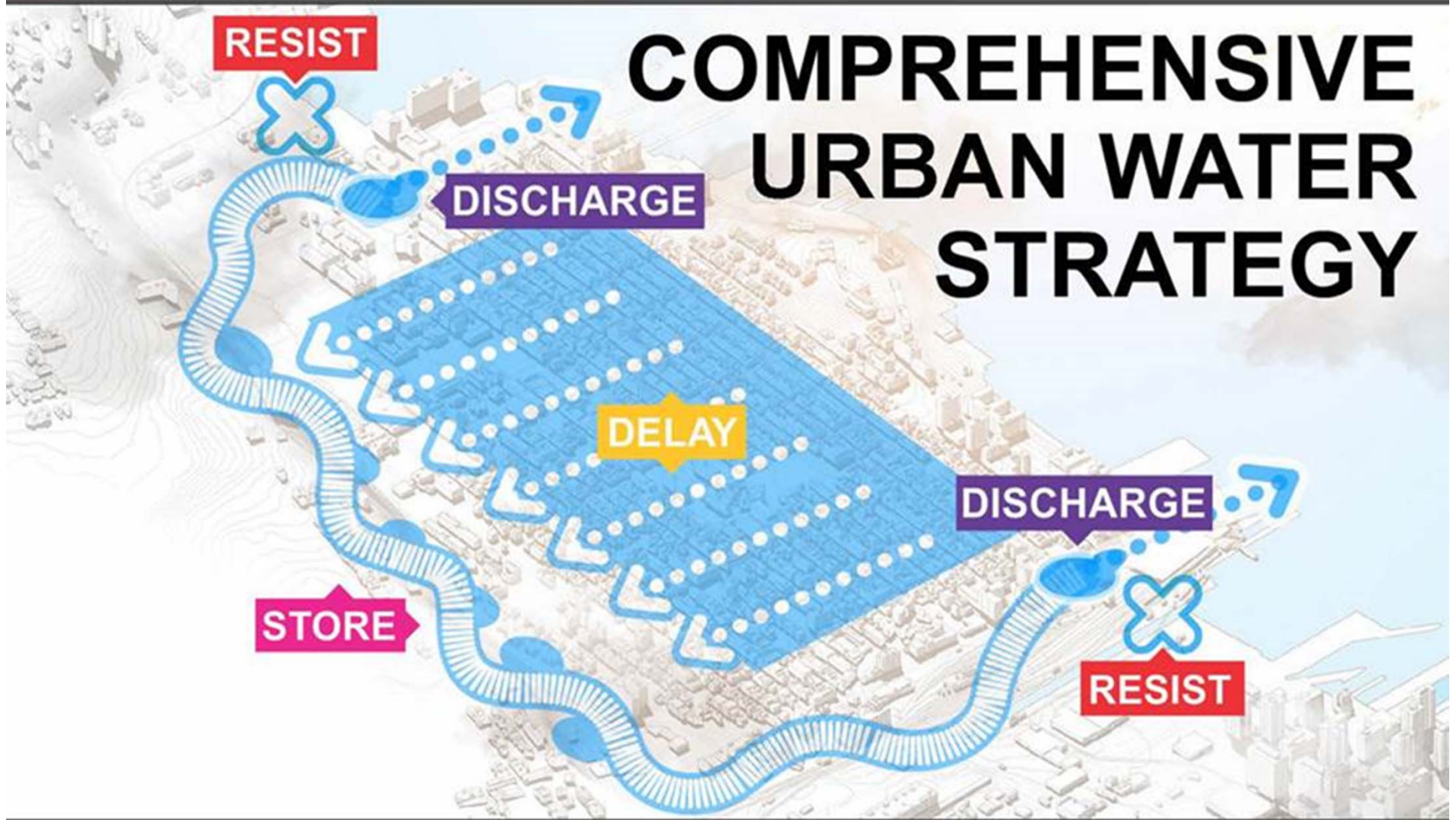




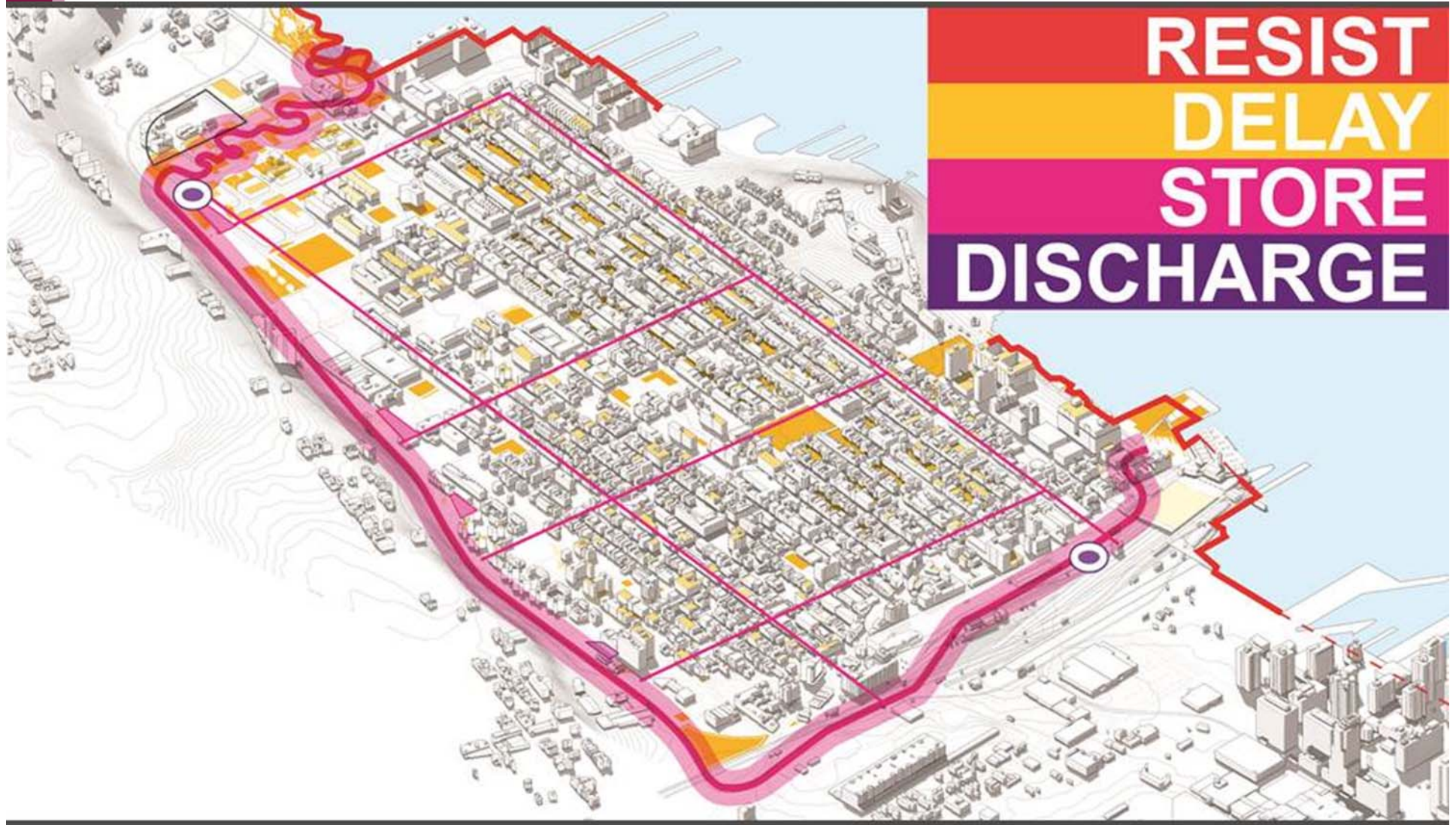
Rebuild by Design Background

- History of extreme flooding in Hoboken, Weehawken, and Jersey City was highlighted by Hurricane Sandy's devastation
- Need for a comprehensive flood resiliency plan
- Rebuild by Design competition's winning project
 - Resist, Delay, Store, Discharge: A Comprehensive Strategy for Hoboken
 - OMA
 - City of Hoboken
- Moving forward to refine the RBD vision that satisfies the community's needs and federal funding requirements

OMA



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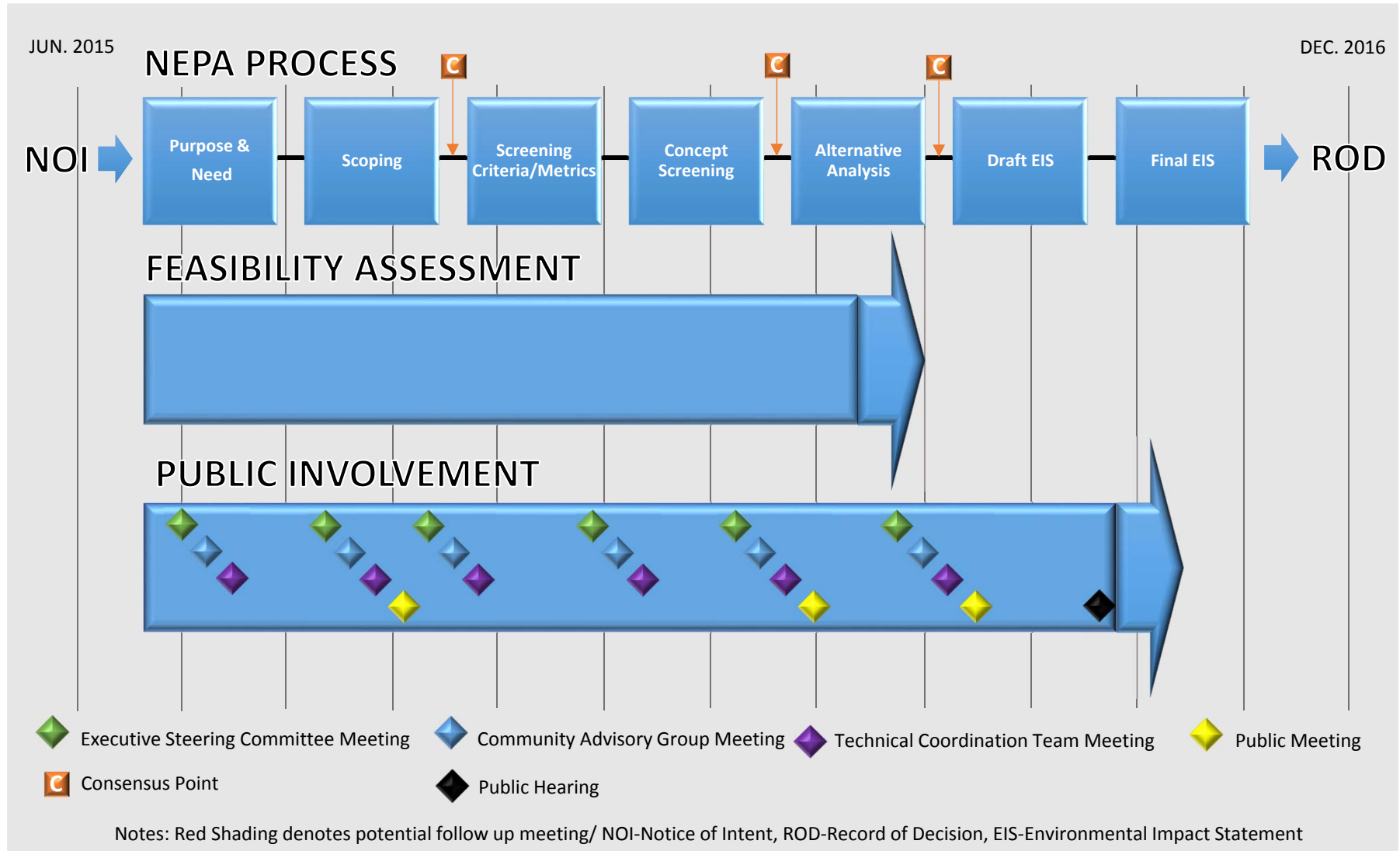




Where we are now: The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

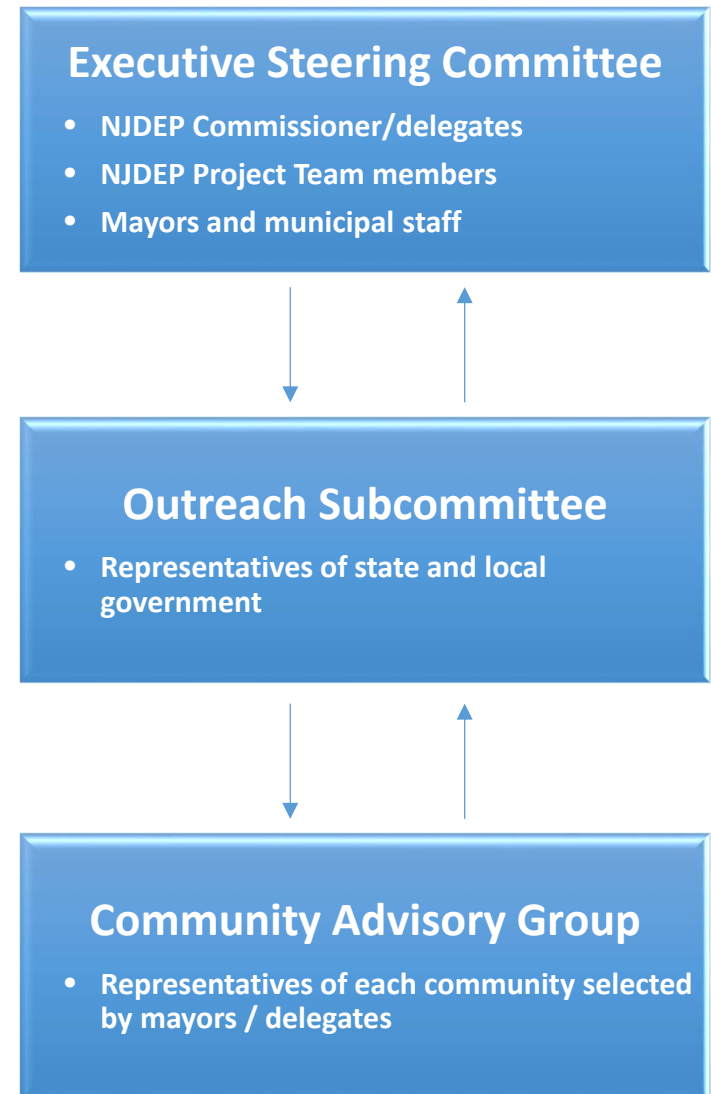
- Funding
 - HUD awarded \$230 million in the form of Community Block Grant-Disaster Recover (CDBG-DR) funds
 - Federal grant requires compliance with NEPA
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 - Demonstrate compliance with environmental laws and authorities as stated in HUD regulations (24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6)
 - Coordination with federal, state and local agencies, stakeholder groups, and general public
 - In-depth alternatives analysis to select a Preferred Alternative

The NEPA Process



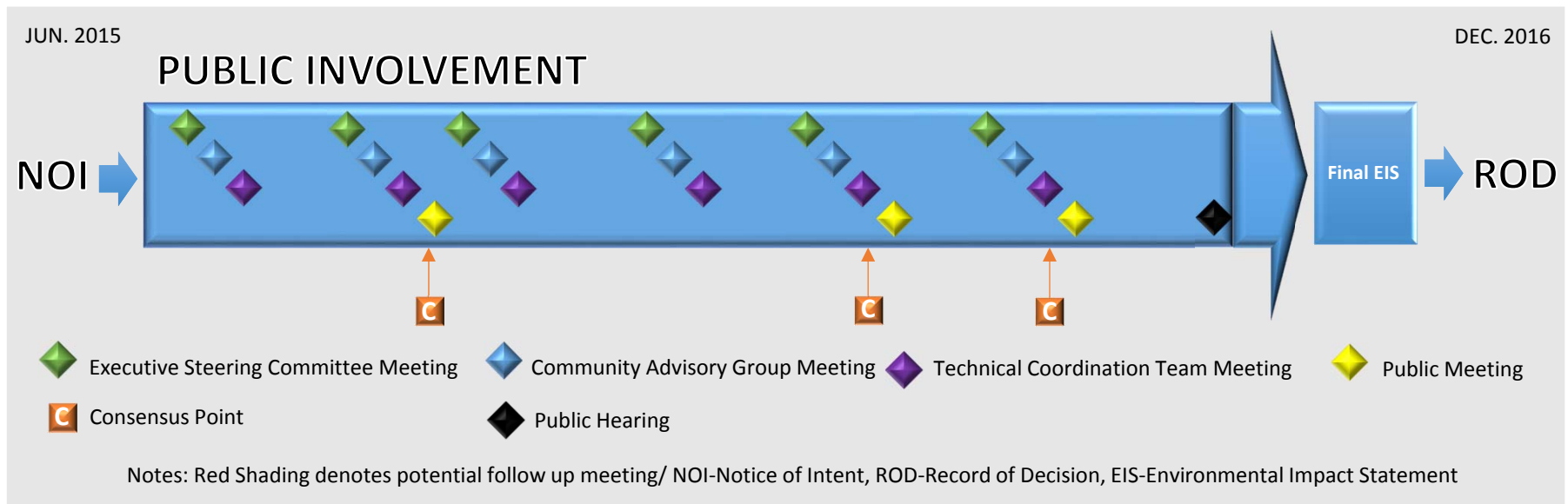
Community Advisory Group Framework

- **Executive Steering Committee**
 - Serve as an advisory board to collaborate, exchange information, and provide a forum for committee members
 - Provide input to the NJDEP throughout all phases of the project
- **Outreach Subcommittee**
 - Identify stakeholders & incorporate input from vulnerable populations
 - Report up to Executive Steering Committee through Project Management Team
 - Provide input through a comprehensive outreach plan that describes how local groups will be engaged in the project development
- **The Community Advisory Group**
 - Provide a forum for exchange of information between the Outreach Subcommittee and key citizens and citizen groups representative of the community



Mutual Expectations

- Share information from the Executive Steering Committee and NJDEP with community stakeholders
- Communicate community priorities and/or concerns
- Provide feedback and insight
- Ongoing dialogue throughout milestones





What is Purpose and Need?

- "Heart of the EIS"
- States project intentions
- Identifies reasons why proposed action is necessary
- Provides explanation of project drivers
- Constitutes the basis for the development of range of reasonable alternatives



Components of Purpose and Need

- **Purpose:** the proposed action to be accomplished
- **Need:** data proving that problems exist and that the proposed action is necessary
- **Goals and Objectives:** other actions that will be accomplished as part of a successful solution to the problem(s)



Breakout Sessions

- Four to Five groups
 - Purpose
 - Need
 - Goals & Objectives
- Report back to the Team



What is the Scoping Document?

- Defines
 - Project scope
 - Study area
 - Technical study methodologies by discipline
- Describes technical approach
 - Concept development, concept screening, alternative analysis and selection of Preferred Alternative
- Discusses integration of public involvement into project development

Scoping Process

- Publish Notice of Intent and make scoping document publicly available
- Hold public scoping meeting
- Overall 30 days of public comment on the scoping document
- Incorporate substantive comments into the final scoping document
- Provide opportunity for feedback from the public and regulatory agencies





Critical Schedule Dates

- September 8 – Publish Notice of Intent
- September 10 – Next CAG Meeting
- September 24 – Public Scoping Meeting
- October 8 – CAG Meeting to discuss screening criteria and metrics
- November 10 – CAG Meeting to discuss concepts

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