

RCAP Project Highlights



Where:
Shandaken, NY

Problem:
Flood Mitigation Plan



Flooding from
Hurricane Irene
devastated homes in
Shandaken



Shandaken Area Flood Assessment and Remediation Initiative (SAFARI)

Several areas of the rural town of Shandaken, in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains, have experienced catastrophic flooding over the past several years. Hurricane Irene/Lee resulted in both new and repetitive substantial damages. The small hamlet of Phoenicia has seen floodwaters raging down Main Street three times in 11 months. The town, with funding from the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program, desired assistance with creating a comprehensive Flood Mitigation Plan and a Flood Warning and Response Plan.

RCAP Solutions assisted the town to:

- Contract with a flood mitigation consultant to complete the Flood Mitigation Plan and Flood Warning and Response Plan (assisted with Request for Proposals and with a review of qualifications of prospective consultants),
- Assemble municipal information and documentation for the Plans,
- Obtain community input on the Plans, and
- Coordinate with the consultant, SAFARI, and the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program.

RCAP Solutions continues to assist the town in finalizing the plan and conducting public outreach.

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