

2014 Year-End Report



Rebuilding Jamestown

Working to Bring ALL of Our Community Home



Our Most Important Asset...

Our Community

Community Presence

Challenge: 90% of the community was forced to relocate after the flood.

Milestone: 94% of Jamestown houses are currently occupied. (~10% of our pre-flood residents continue to be displaced due to the flood.)

Rebuilding

Challenge: 17 homes (13%) were destroyed in the flood. 45 were damaged.

Milestones:

- FEMA approved Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) for 5 Jamestown properties
- 13 homes are on the applications for buyout through CDBG-DR and HMGP (some of these will be removed from the application as soon as construction begins on the Habitat homes)
- 3 primary property homes are in the process of being rebuilt

- 6 primary property homes will be built by a partnership between Flatirons Habitat for Humanity acting as the fiscal agent and staffed by Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers

Long-Term Planning

Challenge: The community wishes to Rebuild Jamestown over the next few years with intention and in alignment with the community's values and ideas.

Milestone: The Jamestown Long-Term Recovery Plan (JLTRP) process is nearing completion through a \$30K grant from DOLA. The purpose of the JLTRP is to identify and prioritize community investments, as well as human and fiscal resources, for the next 3-5 years to support a successful recovery. All community members have been invited to participate.

Our Infrastructure

Estimated Loss: ~\$9.5M

Elysian Park

Challenge: Elysian Park suffered significant damage and mine tailings were leaking into James Creek.

Milestone: The EPA repaired damage to the stream corridor alongside Elysian Park immediately after the flood.

Debris Removal

Challenge: The flood left behind an unimaginable amount of debris along the stream corridor.

Milestone: The EPA was mission assigned by FEMA to remove the hazardous debris in the stream corridor before winter 2013 to ensure the community was protected against spring run-off.

Stream Work

Challenge: 24 acres of the James Creek Stream Corridor were severely impacted.

Milestones:

- Jamestown worked with AMEC to develop a Provisional Floodplain Map which allowed the Town to lift its building permit moratorium on January 21, 2014. AMEC also worked closely with private property owners and the Town to develop the designs for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program.
- Colt & Steel completed the construction of the EWP program in June 2014, which realigned and armored the James and Little James Creek stream corridor.

Roads

Challenge: 50% of Jamestown's roads were destroyed.

Milestone: Duran will be complete with the final repairs to our dirt roads before Christmas. The temporary paving of James Canyon and Lefthand Canyon is complete.

Drinking Water

Challenge: All of the underground infrastructure at the Water Treatment Plant was destroyed; the sand filters

were contaminated; 50% of the distribution lines were destroyed.

Milestones:

- Water lines were reestablished from July-August. 98% of households (not destroyed) are currently connected to town water.
- Water main replacement 100% complete as of 10/14.
- Potable water was reestablished on November 1, 2014.
- \$1 M grant from CDPHE was awarded for improvements to improve the resiliency of the Town's drinking water system.
- \$1 M grant from DOLA was awarded for upgrades to the non-flood-impacted distribution system and for improvements to the Water Treatment Plant
- Before potable water was reestablished, some households installed small above-ground cisterns so they were able to move back into their homes. With grants through the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Flatirons Rotary Club we were able to provide 40 cisterns to bring home 98 residents.
- The American Red Cross donated 26,880 bottles and 8,800 gallons of water.

Andersen Hill

Challenge: Andersen Hill and Bridge were completely destroyed.

Milestone: SEMA has been awarded the contract to rebuild Andersen Hill and Bridge and will begin construction before the end of 2014.

Town Square

Challenge: The Jamestown Town Square Park was completely destroyed.

Milestone: Our Parks Committee applied for and was awarded a \$117K grant to rebuild Town Square in spring 2015 with the help of a FEMA match.



Our Services

Fire Hall

Challenge: The Jamestown Fire Hall was destroyed.

Milestones:

- The Fire Hall is currently being rebuilt and should be done in January.
- The Town received an emergency grant from DOLA for \$598,930 to rebuild the Fire Hall as quickly as possible.
- The Town received \$340,677 in insurance proceeds from CIRSA for the replacement the Fire Hall.
- The Town also received \$70,593.10 to replace damaged and destroyed equipment.

Jamestown Elementary School

Challenge: Jamestown Elementary was not severely damaged; however the school building was closed for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year due to lack of access to emergency services and drinking water, and a need for mold mitigation. The school met off-site at two different locations.

Milestone: Although the school was not used by students for several months, BVSD's approval to utilize the building for volunteers was key in bringing Mennonite Disaster Services to Jamestown. With running water in town again, Jamestown Elementary reopened in August 2014. Fifteen students are attending this year.

Post Office

Challenge: The Jamestown Post Office was severely damaged and forced to close.

Milestone: The building was repaired and reopened on February 8, 2014, 140 days after the flood.

Jamestown Community Church

Challenge: The Church suffered water and mud damage in the back rooms of the building.

Milestone: After the upper road opened, members were able to remove the carpet and dry things out. The church only missed one Sunday of services. Jamestown Community Church was instrumental in feeding the town and volunteers during the fall and winter of 2013 until the need tapered off. The church has been proud to be able to welcome the Southern Baptists, and now the Mennonites, to worship together.

Our Volunteers

- Total Volunteer Hours to date: 38,343
- Over 2,600 Volunteers
- Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) alone has donated over \$277,809.00 in volunteer hours
- More than \$300,000 of in-kind donations for residents
- Christian Aid Ministries worked on the restoration of 5 homes
- We will continue to host MDS volunteers in January with a full roster through March



Our Funding

Local Match Approved

Challenge: Jamestown reserves were not sufficient to cover the damage to the Town's infrastructure.

Milestones:

- In March, the state approved the Town's request for an increase in the State's portion of the local cost share from 12.5% to 22.5%, leaving the Town with a 2.5% cost share. (FEMA: 75%; State: 22.5%; Local: 2.5%)
- FEMA and the State have obligated over \$9 million to support the reconstruction of the Town's infrastructure.
- Boulder County and the other municipalities in Boulder County prioritized CDBG-DR funding to cover the Jamestown's local cost for the first round of CDBG-DR funding. (At the time of application the local cost share was \$132,897. Additional funding for local cost share will be requested in rounds 2 and 3.)

Total FEMA Housing Assistance Received

\$1,163,963.66

*This includes home repair and rental assistance for people who claimed Jamestown as their city of residence.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Challenge: The Town, along with its engineers, identified several projects that could help to mitigate the impact on the community in the event of another disaster.

- In August the Town submitted 4 applications for HMGP project funding
 1. Property Buy-Out
 2. Elevations
 3. Rain Gauge
 4. Lower Main St Bridge Upgrade
- The first 3 applications have been approved for funding, the Request for Information has begun, and the environmental process will start next
- The application for the Lower Main St Bridge Upgrade was approved as an eligible project, but the funding was not approved. This means that if other project for which funding was approved do not get done, then it's possible that our Bridge project could receive funding.
- We are working with the State to understand the timing for these programs.

Small Business Grant: CDBG-DR

Challenge: Nine Jamestown small businesses that were affected by the flood applied for Small Business Grants through CDBG-DR.

Milestone: \$62,891 has been awarded to Jamestown businesses to date. This is still in process.

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program

Challenge: Over \$300 million of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds were made available to the State by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for disaster recovery.

- In September the Town submitted 3 applications for CDBG-DR funding:
 1. Local Cost Share - \$132,897
 2. Property Buy-Out - \$1,000,000 (application submitted by BoCo)
 3. Water Distribution Extension - \$495,000
- These applications have been approved for funding, the Request for Information process has begun, and the environmental process will be next.
- We are working with the State to understand the timing for these programs.

Jamestown Community Funds

- Rebuild Jamestown Fund raised \$329,054.43 through the support of the Cyclists 4 Jamestown, the Boulder Community Foundation and private donations.
- Greater JT Community Fund raised \$312,751.07 through the support of the Boulder Community Foundation, the Dr. Scholl's Foundation, Cyclists 4 Jamestown and private donations.
 - 60 residents received \$200,000 for the Greater JT Community Fund (Cycle 1 - intermediate needs January 2014)
 - 9 residents received \$110,000 for Building Materials Grant (Cycle 2 - building materials for those who lost their homes or had significant damage May 2014)

Looking Ahead...



Andersen Hill & Bridge

Challenge: Andersen Hill and Bridge were destroyed during the 2013 Flood. Andersen Hill provides essential entry and exit access to the south side of Town.

Next Steps:

- The Town Board awarded the construction contract to SEMA Construction on October 28, 2014
- The Town will exchange with the Jamestown Community Church Lot 29 for Lot 30 in order to minimize the amount of real estate required to

reconstruct Andersen Bridge and to make the grade of Andersen Hill less steep and safer.

- We hope to issue the Notice To Proceed to SEMA Construction this week. The planned duration of the project is through April 2014.

Town Square

Challenge: The Jamestown Town Square was destroyed in the 2013 Flood.

Next Steps: The Parks Committee secured a \$117K Greater Outdoors Colorado grant with the help of a FEMA match. Total project: \$227K. We will begin the reconstruction of the Town Square in the summer of 2015.



Water Distribution System

Challenge: The Town's water system had some infrastructure problems before the flood which the Water Committee was actively working to resolve. The water plant is located in and near the floodplain and relies entirely on the water sources available at that location.

Next Steps: Over the next year, we'll be continuing improvements to the water system with the following two grants:

- DOLA Grant: \$1M: This project includes upgrades to the drinking water distribution lines that were not destroyed by the September 2013 Flood and upgrades to some components of the water treatment plant. We will work to provide continued water service during these upgrades.
- CDPHE Grant: \$1M: This project includes several activities to improve the Town of Jamestown's water treatment plant (WTP). The Town developed the activities based on the March 2014 EPA Flood Restoration Recommendations Final Report. Activities include backup power, floodproofing, alarm and communication systems, redundant water source(s), and distribution system improvements.

Irrigation Ditch

Challenge: The Town's irrigation ditch head gate and intake system was destroyed by the September 2013 Flood.

Next Steps: The Town has completed a FEMA project worksheet for this repair project. We plan to begin the engineering and design of this project this winter with the repairs scheduled to begin in the summer of 2015.



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www.jamestownmercantile.com



Gratitude to the **Jamestown Community Church** for hosting a variety of town events and for their tremendous support for the Town's recovery efforts.

Jamestown is grateful to many groups for their support. Please visit the Jamestown Web site and click on "Ways to Help>Friends of Jamestown" to see a list of many of these donor groups.

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