

LTCR	PROJECT	CHAMPION	Start Date	Original Goal or Objective	COMMENTS	Completion Date
Athens Futurescapes	Establish a Non-profit 501c3 Organization	Rebuild Athens Steering Committee	April, 2012	Implement key programs related to business and housing recovery within the borough	501c3 status was established 2013	Closed, complete, April of 2013
Athens Futurescapes	Block Captain Warning Program	Scott Riley & John Ambrusch	April, 2012	Increase the valley's ability to effectively respond to a disaster or hazardous event by organizing volunteers to notify residents; increase neighborhood cohesion by encouraging regular gatherings within blocks or groups of blocks in the borough	Block Captain program was successfully launched in June of 2012, but was replaced by a county program-"Code Red". Block Captains were used to promote "Code Red". Code Red remains in effect and active.	Closed, complete, June of 2012
Athens Futurescapes	Flood Control Feasibility	Todd Babcock	April, 2012	Define feasible flood control measures for Athens; establish a line of communication among key stakeholders	The major aspect of this project is the Susquehanna River bank stabilization. A \$400k grant was obtained via DCED, which will cover about 1/3 of the total cost	open, active
Athens Futurescapes	Stormready & Community Rating System Programs	John Ambrusch	April, 2012	Provide a grassroots approach to being storm ready that will help residents and businesses be better prepared for future disasters, as well as NFIP	New municipal codes have been enacted to move toward CRS participation	open, active
Athens Futurescapes	Building Regulation Update	Lori Unger	April, 2012	Review and update Athens Borough building, construction and land-use regulations to create a stronger, more resilient community	Uses IBC, UCC. AF providing input on flood related issues	open, active
Athens Futurescapes	Zoning Map & Land Use Designation Review	None designated	April, 2012	Within the borough, ensure that allowable uses offer the greatest opportunity for new investment and commerce; strategically support rebuilding that strengthens the community's quality of life and supports business district resilience from future flooding; identify areas where land-use density can be safely increased	9 rental properties were demolished by the owner and have not been rebuilt, 11 total houses demolished	open, active
Athens Futurescapes	Inventory of Available Commercial Space	None designated	April, 2012	Create an inventory of commercial space within the borough; create a business retention/attraction strategy	6 properties have been identified, private marketing efforts are ongoing by property owners	open, active

Athens Futurescapes	Gap Finance for Business	None designated	April, 2012	Provide inducements to help businesses damaged by the flood to rebuild or restart; provide incentives to businesses to return to or relocate to	Businesses declined offer of assistance; instead used SBA disaster loans to meet their needs	Closed, complete, 2012
Athens Futurescapes	Main Street Designation	None designated	April, 2012	Establish a Main Street program meeting national and state guidelines for the business district	Looking at partnering with Sayre, to be pursued after Rivertown designation is obtained	open, active
Athens Futurescapes	Gap Financing for Residential Repair & Rebuilding	Michael Viselli, Lucinda Brown & VRC has taken over this project	April, 2012	Create a program that enables Athens Borough homeowners to overcome financial gaps as the repair or rebuild to current codes and standards; encourage property owners to obtain flood insurance	Valley Relief has taken on this project and has been addressing housing needs one by one, three left for completion, started with 69 total to rehab	open, active
Athens Futurescapes	Comprehensive Housing Study	Linda Politi	April, 2012	Define the need and demand for housing in Athens Borough over a 25-year period	Temple Univ did a study on housing price spikes because of drilling and flooding, borough lost residents who moved to lower rent areas	Closed, complete, 2012
Athens Futurescapes	Workforce Housing Development	Lori Unger	April, 2012	Develop 30 units of affordable workforce housing; establish a program that will fill future demand for workforce housing in the borough	Two properties have potential for this project: Yoder property and Ingersoll-Rand clubhouse property; mtg on Oct 3 about this; this involves a \$500K DCED grant used for demolition and debris removal.	open, active
Athens Futurescapes	Valley Community Youth Education & Workforce Center	Diane Campbell was original "champion" but is no longer active, no replacement has been named	April, 2012	Provide after school educational activities for students; provide employment training for youth; develop a place where all Valley residents can learn, grow, recreate and socialize; provide space where the borough can hold special events to attract people to Athens	Rec center study was done, there is some community interest in a youth center, which could be a parttime emergency resource center, there was a Valley Playland 501c3 set up, site is maintained by borough	open, inactive

Athens Futurescapes	Riverfront Recreation	Linda Politi	April, 2012	Capitalize on the beauty of the Chemung and Susquehanna rivers by creating outdoor recreation, education, and socialization opportunities along the riverfronts; promote pedestrian connectivity to residential and business areas throughout the Valley; incorporate the Chemung River levee and any future flood control structures along the Susquehanna River	Trails project. April 2012 start date, awaiting word on two open grants: CFA (Marcellus) to be awarded Jan 2015, and DCNR grants to be awarded Fall 2015. Have matching funds available, accumulated funds from County Commissioners \$10K, Athens and Sayre \$6K each, Valley Jpoint Sewer Authority, Conservation Dist, Endless Mtn Heritage, Northern Tier	open, active
NEW PROJECTS						
Athens Futurescapes	Rivertown Designation	Tom Thornton	Summer 2013	Obtain Rivertown status via Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, for environmental, recreational, and marketing purposes.	Both Athens & Sayre have submitted requests and signed resolutions; working on holding a community meeting for input, currently building a focus group	open, active
Athens Futurescapes	Fundraising	all	Summer 2014	Develop a source of funds that can be used as match money for larger grants, or to fund small projects, e.g., VRC housing repair	Fishing tournament started in 2014, considering a walking tour (no identified champion)	open, active