Redrawing the Map

After the Flood swept through and the debris was hauled away, much of Johnstown was a clean slate.

This map of Johnstown was drawn in 1889, just before the Flood. The areas "ghosted out" in white were either leveled by the Flood or so damaged that they had to be torn down. Only the buildings in the black areas — few and far between — remained. Johnstown was starting over.

Imagine that you are the city planner in charge of designing the new Johnstown:

■ How much of the old Johnstown should be rebuilt? Why?
■ What things will you do differently? Why?
■ What street grid will you design?
■ What can you do to protect citizens from future floods?

Draw your design over this map to show the changes you will make.