

**SECTION VII**

**CONSULTATION WITH OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES**

**A. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The City of Albany began its process of consultation with other affected public agencies in June of 1985. At that time, the City Planning Office sent out approximately 15 copies of a waterfront revitalization study prepared for the City by the Wallace, Roberts and Todd consulting firm of Philadelphia. The purpose was to introduce a broad range of local, State and federal agencies to Albany's waterfront revitalization program and to encourage their comments on this plan.

During 1985, the City also held two public hearings on the Draft LWRP in order to provide the public with an opportunity to voice their concerns to City officials.

In early May of 1986, the Planning Office continued this consultation process. It expanded the contact list to include a total of 20 local government agencies and municipalities. To each of these, the Planning Office sent a well-formatted five-page summary of the City's Draft LWRP document.

**B. REVIEW OF DRAFT LWRP BY STATE, FEDERAL AND LOCAL AGENCIES**

The Draft LWRP (with Draft EIS) was reviewed and approved by the City's Common Council and forwarded to the NYS Department of State (DOS). The DOS then initiated a 60-day review of the Draft LWRP/DEIS pursuant to the Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act and State Environmental Quality Review Act. Copies of the Draft LWRP and DEIS were distributed by DOS to all potentially affected State and Federal agencies, Albany County, adjacent waterfront municipalities, and the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. Comments received on the Draft LWRP/DEIS were reviewed by DOS and the City and resultant changes were made to the LWRP, which are detailed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.