

A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is a partnership effort which requires firm local commitment. This section of the LWRP details the City of Rensselaer's commitment to its LWRP.

To insure that the needs and desires of the community were reflected in the local program, the Common Council of Rensselaer appointed the Planning Commission the Waterfront Advisory Committee, representing public and private interests and the general citizenry. This committee, with assistance from program staff, held a series of meetings to contribute and review sections of the program as they were drafted. Government agencies and private groups attended these meetings. Recommendations of the committee on completed sections were transmitted to the Mayor and Common Council for consideration.

In this manner, significant contributions of time, interest and expertise were drawn from Rensselaer's businessmen and residents into the preparation of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Citizen input improved the data base, verified program information, evaluated various alternatives and expressed the values and concerns of the community.

Following the completion of the draft program, including the draft EIS, the Common Council approved the draft documents and submitted them to the NYS Department of State for distribution to federal and State agencies for a 60-day review period, required by Executive Law, Article 42. At the same time, the draft documents were filed and distributed as required by the SEQRA. As a result, there were a number of comments received for which further revisions and refinements needed in the LWRP were identified. These revisions and refinements were described in the final EIS and incorporated into the final LWRP document. The final program document was then adopted by the Common Council and submitted to the NYS Secretary of State for approval.

The City has recognized the need to continue public and private involvement in and commitment to the implementation of the LWRP. It has thus proposed that the Common Council will be responsible for setting policy regarding implementation of the LWRP. The Mayor will be responsible for management and coordination of the LWRP. The Director of Planning and Development will serve as staff to the Mayor and Planning Commission on LWRP matters. These entities will have specific duties, powers and responsibilities in furthering waterfront policies, projects and other program activities (see Section V).