

A. LOCAL CONSULTATION

Consultation has included maintaining liaison with other Town and Village agencies whose actions or functions may be affected by the LWRP. The chairman of the Town Planning Board serves on the Waterfront Advisory Committee and staff of the Castleton-on-Hudson Neighborhood Association (COHNA) have provided various support and coordination services. Presentations to local groups have been made by the chairman of the Advisory Committee.

B. REGIONAL CONSULTATION

Rensselaer County Planning Board: A meeting was held with staff of the Planning Board early in the program to inform them of the nature of the LWRP and to offer them the opportunity to comment on County concerns which the program might address. A number of suggestions were made and have been incorporated in the program. A copy of the first draft was referred to the staff and a number of comments received, which have been addressed.

C. STATE AGENCY CONSULTATION

1. Department of Environmental Conservation: Numerous contacts were made to gather data concerning flood hazard management, wetland designations, and fish and wildlife resources.
2. Department of State: Consultation with the Department of State took place throughout the preparation of the LWRP. In addition to matters directly dealing with preparation of this program, DOS also provided assistance regarding methods of implementation and legal and programmatic concerns.

In addition, the Draft LWRP (with Draft Environmental Impact Statement) was reviewed and approved by the Town and Village Boards and forwarded to the Department of State. The Department of State then initiated a 60 day review of the Draft LWRP pursuant to the Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act and the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Copies of the Draft LWRP were distributed to all potentially affected State agencies, Rensselaer County, the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, and adjacent waterfront communities (Towns of Stuyvesant, Bethlehem, East Greenbush, and Coeymans). Comments received on the Draft LWRP were reviewed by the Town, Village, and Department of State, and changes made to the LWRP, which are detailed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

3. Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Three meetings were held with OPRHP staff to review the status of Castleton Island State Park and to agree on an approach to prepare plans for the use and management of the park. This process culminated in an appropriation by the State Legislature to fund a joint local/State effort to develop a comprehensive plan and environmental analysis.