

## Introduction

The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program is one of a series of steps taken by the Town of Smithtown to establish objectives and specific programs as part of its planning and development process that will promote the beneficial use of coastal resources and avoid impairment of these resources.

The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for the Town of Smithtown has been developed in response to and consistent with national and State objectives embodied in the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the New York State Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act of 1981 (Article 42, Executive Law) and the Coastal Erosion Hazard Areas Act of 1981 (Article 34, Environmental Conservation Law) and presented in the State of New York Coastal Management Program and Final Impact Statement of August 1982.

The New York State Coastal Management Program describes the State's implementation of Federal coastal regulations. It includes a series of forty-four policies outlining appropriate approaches to coastal land and water use activities in order to promote the beneficial use of coastal resources, to avoid the impairment of these resources, and to manage major activities substantially affecting numerous coastal resources. The State's Coastal Management Program has been designed to address important coastal issues by advocating specific types of actions enumerated in the summary of the Program:

...promoting waterfront revitalization; promoting water dependent uses; protecting fish and wildlife habitats; protecting and enhancing scenic areas; protecting and enhancing historic areas; protecting farmlands; protecting and enhancing small harbors; protecting and enhancing public access; providing research, data and information for participation of government agencies and citizens concerned with the State's coastal area; and coping with erosion and flooding hazards.\*

The Town of Smithtown Local Revialization Program includes: a description of the waterfront revitalization areas of the Town within the landward and seaward boundaries; an inventory and analysis of existing conditions in the coastal areas of the Town, including discussions of important coastal resources and major issues and opportunities apparent in the waterfront revitalization areas; statements and descriptions of policies addressed in the Town's program coupled with descriptions of criteria or standards that

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\* State of New York Coastal Management Program and final Impact Statement prepared by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Coastal Zone Management and New York Department of State, August 1982, p. 1-4. All references to the New York State Coastal Management Program (NYSCMP) refer to this document.

will be used to evaluate compliance with the policy; description of proposed land and water uses and proposed public and private projects within the Town's revitalization areas; and a discussion of techniques for local implementation of the program, including local laws and regulations, as well as necessary public and private actions. In addition, the Town's Waterfront Revitalization Program identifies Federal and State actions that are likely to affect the implementation of this program, describes consultation activities that the Town carried out with adjacent municipalities and appropriate Federal, State and regional agencies, as well as a description of local activities that have been, and are being, undertaken to obtain commitment and support for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.