

**SECTION VII**

**LOCAL COMMITMENT AND CONSULTATION**

### **Local Commitment**

The City established the Waterfront Development Committee during 1989 to initiate and oversee preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Committee membership reflects a range of interests and experience, including historic preservation, recreational boating, economic development, and the local business community. In addition, representatives from the City's Planning Board and Urban Renewal Agency also serve on the Committee.

With respect to preparation of the draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, the Committee met on a regular basis with staff of the New York State Department of State to address and refine waterfront issues and future development. In addition, the Committee undertook a public opinion survey regarding local waterfront priorities and issues, as well as a public information meeting.

The City also commissioned the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to prepare conceptual designs for development of a waterfront park adjacent to the Downtown. Funding for this project was provided by the City through the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

### **Consultation**

The Waterfront Development Committee regularly invited participation in the development of the LWRP from other City agencies. Representation from the City's Planning Board and Urban Renewal Agency was also reflected in the Committee membership.

In addition, the Draft LWRP (with Draft Environmental Impact Statement) was reviewed and approved by the Common Council and forwarded to the New York State 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, Montgomery County, and adjacent waterfront communities (Village of Fort Johnson, Town of Amsterdam, and Town of Florida). Comments received on the Draft LWRP were reviewed by the City and the Department of State, and changes made to the LWRP, which are detailed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.