

SECTION VII

**CONSULTATION WITH OTHER AFFECTED
FEDERAL, STATE, REGIONAL AND LOCAL AGENCIES**

A. LOCAL CONSULTATION

The Town of Esopus and the Town of Ulster surround the City of Kingston on three sides and border the City's waterfront area on the north along the Hudson River and on the west along the Rondout Creek. The Town of Esopus borders the City of Kingston along the centerline of the Rondout Creek to the south.

The Town of Rhinebeck is located in Dutchess County. The City of Kingston and the Town of Rhinebeck share a common border--the centerline of the Hudson River. All three of these communities have been contacted to discuss issues relating to waterfront development and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. No potential conflicts with any of these towns have been identified.

B. REGIONAL CONSULTATION

1. Ulster County Planning Board

The Kingston LWRP Advisory Committee has kept the Ulster County Planning Board apprised of its progress in developing the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. The County Planner has attended numerous meetings of the Advisory Committee and receives minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings. No potential conflicts with County programs have been identified.

C. STATE AGENCY CONSULTATION

1. Council on the Arts

The New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) has been consulted regarding their potential participation in the LWRP. NYSCA's Architecture, Planning and Design Program highlights waterfront development as a special concern. The Council's Director has indicated that the agency's Design Studies project category may be a source of funds for some planning of the waterfront area.

2. Department of Environmental Conservation

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation functions as a review agency and as a source of funding for wastewater treatment facility improvements. Presently City of Kingston improvements to its sewage treatment plant and sewer lines are being funded through this agency.

During the planning process the Wildlife specialists at the Department of Environmental Conservation assisted in identifying habitats of various fish species in the Hudson River and Rondout Creek. The wetland area on Kingston Point

which supports migratory fowl as well as other wildlife and vegetation indigenous to the area was also discussed.

3. **Job Development Authority**
4. **Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)**

OPRHP has funded numerous projects in the coastal area. Examples include Kingston Point Park and West Strand Plaza. The Urban Cultural Park Management Plan and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program are being developed by the City simultaneously in one coordinated effort. To facilitate coordination, the LWRP Advisory Committee also serves as the UCP Advisory Committee.

In a related area, OPRHP has assisted the City of Kingston in nominating numerous properties within the coastal area to the National Register of Historic Places.

5. **Department of Transportation**
6. **NYS Urban Development Corporation**
7. **Dormitory Authority**
8. **Natural Heritage Trust**
9. **NYS Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency**
10. **NYS Department of Commerce**

In addition, the Draft LWRP (with Draft Environmental Impact Statement) was reviewed and approved by the Kingston City 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, Ulster County, and adjacent waterfront communities. 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.

There does not need to be a reference to the public meetings held in this section of the LWRP. The reference in Section VIII is appropriate.

D. FEDERAL CONSULTATION

1. U.S. Coast Guard

The City of Kingston, in partnership with the Maritime Museum, has recently taken possession of the Kingston Lighthouse, which will be maintained as a museum. The City is working closely with the Coast Guard in ensuring the effective and responsible future for the lighthouse property.

2. U. S. Corps of Engineers

The City of Kingston has been working closely with the Corps of Engineers preparing for the reconstruction of the pier to the Kingston lighthouse. The Corps is concerned over the preservation and maintenance of the navigational channel in the Rondout Creek. As such, the Corps of Engineers proposes to take the responsibility for rebuilding the structural elements of the pier while the city will set the walkway and any amenities on the pier.

E. CONFLICTS

As yet, no conflicts with any other agencies have been identified. Established working relationships with local, regional, state and federal agencies most actively involved in the City's coastal area have enabled the City to maintain a dialogue with these agencies throughout the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program planning process. Issues which might have become conflicts without this communication were addressed and resolved as the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program was developed. Therefore, no identified conflicts exist at this time, nor are any anticipated.