

## **SECTION 7**

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

#### **A. Local Consultation**

Consultation has consisted of maintaining liaison with Village agencies whose actions or functions may be affected by the LWRP. Waterfront issues were initially identified on September 25, 1996 during the first stage of this LWRP preparation. At a public meeting in December 1999 a preliminary concept plan was presented to Village residents by MGD Holdings. That plan which is being refined through the review process, includes a range of public and private uses including a children's museum, parking garage, pier, residences, restaurant, inn, promenade, and park. The most recent public workshops designed to foster public participation in the development of this LWRP were held on October 28, 2000 and November 13, 2000. Concerted community outreach and published notification prior to these meetings resulted in significant public attendance and participation. Regular meetings of the Waterfront Advisory Committee, Village Board, and Planning Board have been held relating to planning for and implementation of the LWRP.

Planning for the LWRP in the Village of Haverstraw area can be affected by other communities along the Hudson (waterfront). There have been and will be consultation with these communities relating to implementation of the LWRP.

#### **B. Regional Consultation**

The Rockland County Planning Department was consulted early in the program to discuss the nature of the LWRP and to offer the opportunity to comment on County concerns that the program might address. Ongoing contact has been maintained with the County Planning Department throughout the preparation of this program. Rockland County Planning staff has attended Technical Committee (TAC) meetings, several Village workshops, and most recently, Village and staff of the preferred waterfront developers, MGD, met with the County Planning staff on October 16, 2001.

#### **C. State Agency Consultation**

1. Department of Environmental Conservation: Contacts were made to gather data concerning flood hazard management, wetland designation and fish and wildlife resources.
2. Department of State: The Village has maintained contact with the Coastal Resources Management staff at the Department of State since the inception of the program. The Department of State was requested to help produce a "LWRP-like" document as part of the Village's Waterfront Redevelopment Program to allow the Village to achieve the objectives of its 1993 Village Master Plan. The Village, the Greenway Council, and the Department of State began meeting monthly in 1996 to prepare a LWRP

combined with established Greenway principles. Upon executing an Interim Development Agreement proposing a public/private partnership to revitalize the downtown waterfront area, the Village secured further technical assistance and financial resources to ensure program implementation. Personnel from the Department of State attended the community workshops held on October 28, 2000 and November 13, 2000 and advised members of the public regarding the role of the State in the process.

Consultation with the Department of State has taken place throughout the preparation of the LWRP and Coastal Resources staff have continued to play a vital role in the revision and enhancement of this program. In addition to matters dealing directly with preparation of this program, discussion has concerned methods of implementation and legal and programmatic concerns.

### 3. Review of Draft LWRP by State, Federal and Local Agencies

The completed draft LWRP (and Draft Environmental Impact Statement), accepted by the Village Board of Trustees, was forwarded to the Secretary of State for review by State and Federal agencies, adjacent waterfront communities, and Rockland County, initiating a 60-day review of the Draft LWRP pursuant to the NYS Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act. A public hearing was held on the draft LWRP and DEIS. Comments received at the public hearing and/or in writing were analyzed by the Village Board and the Waterfront Advisory Committee. Upon receiving all comments, the Village Board, as lead agency, prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) which provided responses to all comments. Based on the FEIS, a final LWRP was prepared.

## **D. Federal Agency Consultation**

Army Corps of Engineers: Contacts were made with the Army Corps of Engineers concerning shoreline repairs, reconstruction and stabilization and potential wetlands disturbance.

U.S. Coast Guard: Initial contacts were made with the U.S. Coast Guard to discuss procedures for designation of a Special Anchorage area.