

Section VII Local Commitment and Consultation with Other Affected Federal, State, Regional and Local Agencies

Local Commitment

The city recognized the complexities of implementing a comprehensive land use plan for the City of Rochester's coastal areas, and the importance of direct public participation in that effort. It therefore established, early in the planning process, a Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) as a means of encouraging public interest in and developing public support and commitment for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Initially, public and private agencies with potential interest in waterfront revitalization were identified. These agencies included neighborhood and business groups within and adjacent to the LWRP study area, the Monroe County Planning Department and Parks Department, the City Environmental Commission and Planning Commission, and groups with maritime interests such as Sea Grant, the Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board, yacht clubs, marina operators, and real estate brokerage firms.

Each of the interested organizations was contacted in writing and requested to designate a person to represent the organization on the LWRP CAC. Eighteen individuals were designated as members of the city's CAC. The Chairperson of the City Planning Commission was designated as the Chairperson of the CAC.

In the six years from the date of its initial meeting on November 8, 1984, the CAC met routinely to:

- (a) discuss and review the LWRP inventory and analysis;
- (b) establish coastal management policies;
- (c) establish land use zones and subzones within the LWRP boundary and agree on appropriate uses and projects for those areas;
- (d) review concept design plans for Ontario Beach Park, the Port Authority site and the River Street site;
- (e) establish implementation techniques for the LWRP policies;
- (f) review proposed city charter changes, and zoning ordinance map and text amendments for the waterfront revitalization area;
- (g) oversee the preparation of a concept design plan for the River Harbor Redevelopment Area
- (h) review and comment on the Draft LWRP and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) documents.

Communication to groups with a direct interest in the city's waterfront was also accomplished through the LWRP CAC. Each CAC member functioned as a conduit for the exchange of information and ideas about the plan between the committee and his or her respective constituencies.

In addition to meetings generated by the CAC, City staff held numerous meetings with the Charlotte Community Association and the Charlotte Businessmen's Association regarding the Draft LWRP and the River Harbor Redevelopment Area Design/Feasibility Study. Meetings were also held with governmental entities, which could be affected by the implementation of the city's LWRP. These included the adjacent towns of Greece and Irondequoit, who were also preparing LWRPs.

In summary, nearly 80 public meetings or presentations were conducted during development of the program to encourage public comment and participation.

A combined public hearing with the Rochester Environmental Commission (REC) and informational meeting with the City Planning Commission was held on March 5, 1990, regarding the city's Draft LWRP and DGEIS. At this meeting, citizens had an opportunity to connect on the specifics of the Draft LWRP document and environmental impact statement, as well as on the proposed zoning ordinance text and map amendments. Comments and testimony touched on various aspects of the Draft LWRP including environmental concerns, land use issues, traffic and parking management, zoning controls, business and neighborhood impacts, and the overall planning and public input process.

A final public hearing on the approval of the city's LWRP, Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement, proposed city charter changes, and zoning ordinance text and map amendments was held with the Rochester City Council on August 14, 1990. Interested citizens, associations and organizations spoke at that meeting regarding their comments and concerns about the plan. The Final local Waterfront Revitalization Program and Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement were adopted by the Rochester City Council and approved for transmittal to the New York State Department of State on September 11, 1990.

State Agency Consultation

The city consulted and coordinated with various governmental agencies regarding preparation of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). In addition, the city consulted with the adjacent towns of Greece and Irondequoit to ensure a coordinated approach to waterfront development in certain areas. The result of these consultations was a waterfront plan with greater public and agency acceptance, as well as greater potential for actual implementation.

The city had the following consultations with state agencies during development of its LWRP:

- (a) New York State Department of State (NYSDOS), dealing with:
 - (1) procedures for applying for a grant to prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program;
 - (2) requirements for preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, with particular attention to State policy interpretation and consistency requirements;

- (3) procedures for selecting consultants to work on the program;
 - (4) procedures for local participation in the program;
 - (5) establishment of a public participation process; and
 - (6) application for program implementation grants.
- (b) New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), dealing with:
- (1) implementation and impacts of a Coastal Erosion Management Plan;
 - (2) coordination of proposed local environmental standards with existing county, State and federal standards;
 - (3) specific material contained in the LWRP inventory and analysis, including designation of the lower Genesee River as a -significant fish and wildlife habitat-I and
 - (4) preliminary review of the city's LWRP Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.
- (c) New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), dealing with:
- (1) the review of city recommendations for the design and replacement of the Stutson Street Bridge; and
 - (2) the review of city plans for reconstruction of Lake Avenue

County Agency Consultation

The city had the following consultations with county agencies during development of its LWRP:

- (a) Monroe County Departments of Planning and Parks, dealing with:
 - (1) coordination of proposed LWRP uses and projects with those proposed by adjoining communities and with the recommendations of the master plan being prepared for county parks.
- (b) Monroe County Water Quality Management Agency, dealing with:
 - (1) review of proposals dealing with control of urban runoff and water quality in the Rochester embayment.

Neighboring Municipality Consultation

The city had the following consultations with neighboring municipalities during development of its LWRP:

- (a) Town of Irondequoit, dealing with:

- (1) determination of the appropriate boundary location for the city LWRP along the eastern bank of the Genesee River.
 - (2) review of the overall LWRP development program;
 - (3) recommendations for the design of a replacement for the Stutson Street Bridge;
 - (4) potential for future coordination of specific design plans for waterfront development along the east bank of the Genesee River, near the Stutson Street Bridge.
- (b) Town of Greece, dealing with:
- (1) review of the overall LWRP development program; and
 - (2) potential for future coordination of specific design plans for waterfront development projects including replacement of the Stutson Street Bridge.