

INTRODUCTION

This Local Waterfront Revitalization Program has been prepared by the City of Albany, New York under a grant from the New York State Coastal Management Program. The City is within the coastal zone of the State by virtue of the estuarine nature of the Hudson River up to the Troy dam.

The City of Albany is located on the Hudson River approximately 143 miles north of New York City (See Map No. 1) and is the capital of New York State. It has an area of approximately 22 square miles and a population of 101,082 according to the 1990 Census. Having celebrated its tricentennial during 1986, Albany is the oldest city in the country still operating under its original charter.

The City's waterfront is distinguished by its port, the only port in the state north of New York City which operates year-round, as well as by the Corning Preserve park, an 18-acre waterfront greenspace adjacent to the Central Business District. The waterfront area includes portions of the neighborhoods known as North Albany, Arbor Hill, the Pastures, the Mansion and the South End.

In preparing and implementing the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, the City will balance redevelopment with preservation and enhancement of natural sites and recreational areas along the waterfront.

Albany's Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) has a total river frontage of 4.6 miles and a total area of 1,647 acres. For the purposes of graphic display within the document, the WRA is divided into four sub-areas as follows:

1. Patroon Island Sub-Area

Total Frontage:	1.7 miles
Total Area:	587 acres

2. Downtown Sub-Area

Total Frontage:	0.7 miles
Total Area:	171 acres

3. South End Sub-Area

Total Frontage:	0.7 miles
Total Area:	200 acres

4. Port Sub-Area

Total Frontage:	1.5 miles
Total Area:	689 acres

Some sections of this document will address the LWRP in terms of these sub-areas.