

SECTION VII

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The Town of Irondequoit has consulted with State and local agencies regarding development of its Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. In addition, the Town has participated with adjacent communities to develop a coordinated program to deal with development issues in the Irondequoit Bay area. A summary of the Town's involvement with these agencies and municipalities follows:

STATE AGENCIES

A. New York State Department of State:

The Town of Irondequoit has had ongoing consultation with the DOS. The consultation generally focused on the following issues.

1. Procedures for applying for a grant under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.
2. Requirements for preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.
3. Method of selecting consultants to work on the program.
4. Establishing an acceptable citizen participation mechanism.
5. Implementation of program.
6. Draft submittals and review comments of program tasks.
7. Policy revisions.
8. Program timetables, extensions, and final submittals.

B. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation:

The Town has had ongoing consultations with the DEC Region 8 office, primarily to discuss the following issues:

1. Implementation of new Town standards dealing with drainage and erosion control.
2. Implementation and impact of the Freshwater Wetlands Act as it pertains to Irondequoit Bay.
3. Implementation and local impact of the Coastal Erosion Management Plan.
4. Coordination of proposed local waterfront development standards with those proposed by the State and County.

5. Coordination of development review of various projects within the LWRP study area, through the Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee.
6. Preliminary review of Sections I - V of Town's LWRP, and tour of Irondequoit's waterfront area by district representative.

#### COUNTY AGENCIES

A. Monroe County Department of Planning:

The Town has had ongoing consultations with the County Planning Department for the purpose of coordinating elements of Irondequoit's LWRP with those proposed by adjoining communities and to review proposed local development standards with those recommended by the County, through various committees. As the provider of staffing for the Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee, the Monroe County Department of Planning has been in almost continuous contact with Town officials regarding the incorporation of IBCC Bay development objectives and measures into Irondequoit's LWRP as implementing techniques, and the formal adoption of such measures.

B. Environmental Management Council:

The Town has consulted with EMC to obtain its assistance in the technical review of portions of the proposed LWRP. Issues on which the Town has consulted with EMC include:

1. Drainage and erosion control standards.
2. Steep slope development measures.
3. Woodlot regulations.
4. Development standards for roads and utilities within the LWRP study area.
5. Review of current development practices within the LWRP study area.
6. Hazardous dump site legislation.

C. Monroe County Water Quality Management Committee:

The Town of Irondequoit is a member of this committee, which has prepared a report dealing with control of urban runoff in the Irondequoit Bay Basin.

D. Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee:

The Town has had ongoing consultations with the staff of the IBCC concerning projects proposed on or near Irondequoit Bay. The IBCC has drafted development objectives, standards, and guidelines for the Irondequoit Bay area, under an agreement entered into by all three

Bay municipalities and Monroe County. The Town, through its consultant, has modified the IBCC's management measures for incorporation into its LWRP as implementing techniques, and the Town Board has subsequently formally adopted them.

#### NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES

The Town of Irondequoit, together with the Towns of Webster and Penfield and Monroe County are members of the IBCC. In addition, the three towns have discussed common waterfront issues and through their common consultant, have coordinated their LWRP's to ensure similar development standards for the Irondequoit Bay and Lake Ontario shorezones.

The Town has also held discussions with representatives of the City of Rochester to ensure that its proposals for Irondequoit neighborhoods adjacent to the City's waterfront on the east side of the Genesee River (e.g., Summerville and the Pattonwood Dr./ Thomas Ave. area) will be compatible with Rochester's own plans for this area, developed as part of the City's LWRP. These discussions did not result in the identification of any conflicts between Irondequoit's LWRP and the City's policies and recommendations for future development on the east bank of the Genesee River.

The City, however, did express concern that an area south of Pattonwood Dr., which adjoins the River gorge and contains several sensitive environmental features, was not included in the Town's LWRP study area. The Town responded to this concern by indicating to the City that the area's sensitive natural features (such as steep slopes and woodlots), although not within the LWRP's boundaries, are fully protected by Irondequoit's recently adopted Environmental Protection Overlay Districts (EPOD's). The EPOD's, which were drafted as part of the Town's LWRP implementing techniques, are not mapped zoning districts, but rather floating districts whose provisions come into play when a proposed development is to be located on or near environmental features requiring special safeguards.

## PART B

### SUMMARY OF THE TOWN CONSULTANT'S CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The planning firm hired by the Town of Irondequoit to help prepare its Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, Phoenix Associates, Inc., has also consulted with State and local agencies as part of its responsibilities. The Town's consultant has maintained particularly close working relationships with the New York State Department of State and the staff of the Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee during the entire LWRP process.

#### STATE AGENCIES

##### A. New York State Department of State:

The consultant for the program has engaged in ongoing consultations with DOS program staff. The primary focus of early consultations related to obtaining a clear understanding of program objectives, submission requirements, clarification of State policies, and the like. During preparation of program tasks, discussions revolved around further clarification of program requirements, as well as more definite interpretations of State policies. Of particular concern to the Town was:

1. The interpretation of the consistency provisions of the program, and the degree to which State and Federal agencies are obligated to follow the policies and recommendations of an approved LWRP;
2. State definition of the term "access" for both private and public purposes and its implications for the local program;
3. The availability of implementation funds as the result of having an approved LWRP; and,
4. The degree of specificity required for local waterfront policies.

##### B. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation:

Primary involvement of DEC's Regional Office has been through its participation in the work of the Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee. Town personnel, rather than the consultant, have been the primary interface with the regional office, although the consultant participated in a tour of Irondequoit's waterfront conducted for the benefit of regional office personnel involved in the review of the Town's LWRP.

Some discussions have been held with personnel at the Albany DEC central office to obtain guidance on whether the Town should pursue local implementation of the Freshwater Wetlands Act and Coastal Erosion Management Regulations. After due deliberation, the Town of Irondequoit has elected to rely on the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to administer both sets of regulations. The primary reason for  
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decision is the newness of the procedures, as well as the staffing requirements and potential costs to the Town. Further, the State regulations for coastal erosion and wetlands are considered by the Town to provide adequate protection management for these natural resources.

#### LOCAL AGENCIES

##### A. Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee:

The Town's consultant has worked closely with the technical staff of the IBCC, primarily through the Monroe County Planning Department, in the development of certain implementation measures, reflected in the legislation included in Section V of the LWRP. This legislation, which has already been adopted as Town Law, incorporates the environmental and land use controls and procedures developed as part of the IBCC effort. The extensive legislation submitted as part of Section V of Irondequoit's LWRP is, therefore, reflective of the issues and concerns raised and resolved through the IBCC process.

#### NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES

Again, it is significant to note that all three Irondequoit Bay communities participate in the IBCC. Additionally, the same planning firm, Phoenix Associates, Inc., serves all three communities as their LWRP Consultant, and is thus in the position to share with each of them information concerning waterfront issues and developments taking place in the adjacent towns. The consultant's involvement in the LWRP's of the three Bay communities has reinforced the efforts of the IBCC to provide a unified response by these communities to the development pressures now being experienced around Irondequoit Bay. The consultant, through its contacts with officials of the City of Rochester responsible for preparing that community's LWRP, has also maintained a dialogue concerning waterfront issues and proposed developments affecting both Irondequoit and the City (in particular, those involving the east bank of the Genesee River).