

Introduction

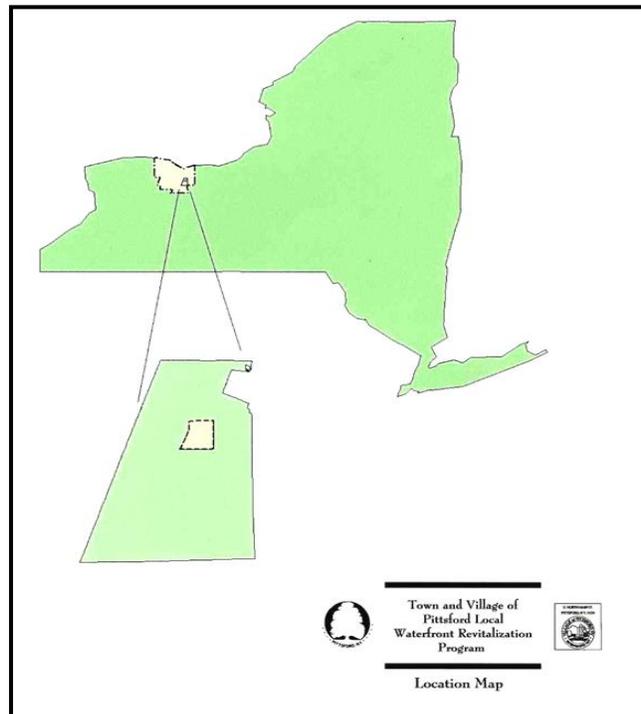
This report integrates the Town and Village of Pittsford Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) plan and draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS). A discussion of the potential impacts of adopting this plan is included in Section IX. The DGEIS does not address individual projects which may be proposed in the future. It is envisioned that due to the unique environmental, historic and cultural circumstances involved along the Pittsford waterfront (i.e., the former Monaco Oil site, historic village, etc.), individual projects should be subject to specific State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review, determination of significance, permitting (if necessary) and compliance with the precepts and policies of this LWRP.

Pittsford, New York, a suburb of Rochester, is located in Monroe County in western New York State. The community is situated about six and a half miles southeast of the center of downtown Rochester (See [Location Map](#)). Rochester lies on the north end of the Genesee River, near Lake Ontario, approximately halfway between Buffalo and Syracuse.

The Village of Pittsford is located in the geographic center of the Town. The village's commercial center is situated one block south of the Erie canal in the 'Four Corners' area.

Revitalization of the canal waterfront has been a community priority for several years. In fact the Pittsford community and Monroe County in general have been held out as good examples to other communities. Pittsford is a model in the state in terms of canal front open space and recreation amenities, historic preservation, and appropriate waterfront development. The Pittsford community prides itself in its planning for the future. This waterfront plan will help guide change as it occurs rather than merely reacting to the changes that are to come.

Wherever LWRP policies involve land under the jurisdiction of the Canal Corporation, the Town and Village of Pittsford will work closely with the Canal Corporation to insure that implementation of the policies do not adversely affect Canal Corporation Maintenance Facility Operations. Furthermore, the Town and Village of Pittsford



acknowledge that proposed future uses of canal owned land are subject to review and approval by the Canal Corporation. Any dredging operation will comply with the jurisdictional requirements of the Canal Corporation and Army Corps of Engineers.

The entire study area is located in an area of potential archeological/historical significance. Any project which requires authorization from a State or Federal Agency will need to comply with the State Historic Preservation Act.

In addition to guiding the various private sector projects currently underway or planned along the canal, the plan suggests some important community waterfront enhancement projects. These projects include improvements to the canal trail system, potential open space and recreation opportunities, as well as addressing key community infrastructure needs such as traffic safety improvements and additional public parking. Funding opportunities can be secured through various sources, such as the New York State Canal Corporation, The New York State Clean Air-Clean Water Bond Act, the federal transportation enhancement program (TEA 21), and HUD's Canal Corridor Initiative. These funds will supplement local public and private investments and will allow Pittsford to enhance and promote the value the Erie Canal offers to both community members and visitors.