

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Purpose

The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for the Village of Port Chester, New York has been prepared as a comprehensive, long-range guide to the future development of Port Chester's waterfront.

The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program is a New York State sponsored program under the direction of the State Coastal Management Program. A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is intended to be a comprehensive, realistic program for the beneficial use, revitalization and protection of a community's waterfront resources. It's major components are:

- o Delineation of the boundary of the local waterfront revitalization area.
- o An inventory and analysis of the natural and man-made characteristics of the waterfront area.
- o Policies for the management of the waterfront area which apply to the State coastal policies expressed in the State Coastal Management Program to specific waterfront resources and conditions and to reflect local objectives.
- o Proposed land and water uses for the entire waterfront area and proposed waterfront projects.
- o Local techniques for implementing the policies of the LWRP and ensuring that local actions will comply with the LWRP.

Once completed, a LWRP is submitted to the New York Secretary of State and the U.S. Department of Commerce for review and approval. After approval, the local program replaces the State Coastal Management Program within the local waterfront area and becomes the official plan for governing local, State and federal actions affecting the defined waterfront revitalization area.

The benefits of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program include the following:

- o A municipality has the opportunity to evaluate its waterfront resources, to develop a comprehensive strategy for the best use of these resources and to put in place a local program to carry out that strategy.
- o The consistency provisions of the Coastal Management Program require State and federal agencies to adhere to the policies of an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program when those agencies undertake, fund or grant a permit for a project within a LWRP area.