

Consultation with those governmental agencies and other organizations identified as having an interest in the preparation of the City's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program has been achieved through the use of two approaches. First, there are efforts dating from late 1975 dealing with the City's Waterfront Planning Activities prior to Rensselaer's involvement in the State's Coastal Management Program, which in turn have become core components of the LWRP. Second, specific consultation regarding the LWRP was initiated in later 1982 and continued throughout the preparation of the draft.

Active public participation has been an ingredient in each of the studies of the Rensselaer Riverfront that has occurred during the 1976-84 period. The Riverfront Development Plan, for instance, was prepared under the guidance of both the City Planning Commission and the Waterfront Study Advisory Committee, a group representing diverse business, residential and institutional interests and varied perspectives on the revitalization opportunities within the City.

The current Local Waterfront Revitalization Program planning effort included the same level of commitment to opportunity for public involvement in the consultation process. In addition to issue-specific discussions with the affected individuals and agencies, the following "public participation" schedule was maintained:

- . Staff and consultant meeting with Planning Commission (as public advisory group) to discuss CZM program and development of Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (February 1, 1983);
- . Public informational meeting held to explain Coastal Zone Management Program and City's direction and goals in development of LWRP. Included discussion of State Coastal Management Policies as they apply to City (May 24, 1983);
- . Staff, consultant and Planning Commission workshop held regarding specific issues for inclusion in LWRP (June 20, 1983);
- . Planning Commission discussion of Transportation Improvement Policy statement, partial Columbia Street rezoning, and projects for priority consideration (July 5, 1983);
- . Staff and Planning Commission meeting with Fort Crailo Neighborhood Association members to discuss potential rezoning of Columbia Street section (at that time Historic Residential) to allow limited commercial development in presently vacant parcel. (July 25, 1983);

- . Public hearing held by staff, consultant and Planning Commission to elicit comment on Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, with outline draft presented in detail (August 2, 1983);
- . Public presentation of Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan at meeting of Rensselaer Common Council (August 7, 1983);
- . Common Council held public hearing on Draft EIS (September 4, 1985).

In addition to those State agencies identified in Section VI, throughout its waterfront planning activities the City has maintained consultation with such further parties of interest as the following:

- . Rensselaer Chamber of Commerce;
- . Capital District Transportation Committee;
- . the Albany Port District Commission;
- . the Capital District Regional Planning Commission;
- . the Rensselaer County Government; and
- . neighboring communities, such as the Towns of North and East Greenbush and the City of Albany.

Upon completion, the draft LWRP was available for review and comment by all affected agencies and interested parties. Comments received were reviewed and analyzed. Where such comments warranted changes to the draft LWRP, they were accommodated in the final program document and the FEIS to the maximum extent possible.