

## **SECTION VII LOCAL COMMITMENT AND CONSULTATION**

### **Local Commitment and Involvement in development of the Town of Rhinebeck Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.**

This Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is an appropriate extension of significant past and on-going planning efforts undertaken by the Town of Rhinebeck. Through various entities of the Town, the community's historic ties to the Hudson River and its environs, were examined for new opportunities to strengthen its connection to the River. The various Town committees involved in the process were comprised of community leaders, concerned citizens, and various stakeholders.

The LWRP development process has involved committee meetings, public meetings, numerous meetings with other local, regional, County, State and Federal agencies. To facilitate development of the LWRP, numerous Town meetings were held. In addition, workshops, public meetings, interviews and field visits were conducted. For purposes of preparing the Draft LWRP document, the Town and its consultants met several times with staff of the New York State Department of State to address and refine waterfront issues and enhance the LWRP document.

The Draft LWRP document was accepted for public review and comment by the Town of Rhinebeck Town Board on June 19, 2006. Similarly, the Rhinebeck Draft LWRP has been accepted by the New York State Department of State as complete and ready for public review. Copies of the Rhinebeck Draft LWRP were distributed by the New York State Department of State to local, regional, State, and Federal agencies for review during a 60-day review period. In addition, the Draft LWRP document was posted on the Town's website. At the close of the 60-day review period, the Department of State and Town of Rhinebeck jointly coordinated responses to comments received, and appropriate modifications to the LWRP document were made to address comments.