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Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs

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NYS Coastal Area

- Roughly 1000 feet inland from these waters
 - All tidal waters (Hudson River up to Troy)
 - Lakes Ontario and Erie
 - St. Lawrence and Niagara Rivers
 - Certain tributaries to these waters
- Generally follows a road, park boundary or natural feature



Coastal Zone Management Act

- Found at 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.
- Provides states with the option to develop a coastal management program to engage a federal-state partnership for the protection of coastal resources and uses. (15 C.F.R. Part 923).

1982

NYS Coastal Management Program was approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (federal govt.)

The beginning of the cooperative effort to address federal agency activities and the state's interest in maintaining and advancing resources and uses in the coastal area.



Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Area and Inland Waterways Act

- Found at NYS Executive Law, Article 42
- Gave the Department of State (DOS) authority to:
 - Implement the NYS Coastal Management Program
 - Provide technical support to local governments
 - Assist eligible municipalities with the development of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) and a Harbor Management Plan (HMP)



NYS Coastal Management Program

The NYS Coastal Management Program (NYS CMP) is a land and water use management plan for the State's coastal area setting forth enforceable coastal policies to guide public and private uses of lands and waters in the coastal zone.

Coastal Policies

NYS CMP includes 44 enforceable coastal policies and 13 Long Island Sound regional coastal policies.

Policies address a range of management issues:

- flooding
- public access
- commercial and recreational fisheries
- wetlands
- energy
- erosion

Enforceable through a network of New York State laws including Executive Law Article 42

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Legal Authority to Develop an LWRP

NYS Executive Law § 919 contains:

- Secretary of State's approval
- Ease of public access to the waterfront
- Promotion and preservation of scenic, historic, cultural and natural resources
- Strengthen economic position of harbors
- Local government program implementation
- Protection of ecologically sensitive areas
- LWRP components

NYS Executive Law § 922 contains:

- Harbor Management Plans requirements



What is a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?

- LWRPs are a locally prepared, comprehensive land and water use plans for a community's waterfront area.
- The LWRP process is based on public participation to create a shared vision for the long-term revitalization of the waterfront.
- LWRPs include an inventory of natural and cultural resources and conditions.
- LWRPs analyze waterfront issues, opportunities and constraints and resource protection needs.



Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs

Refine state coastal policies to reflect local needs and conditions

Include strategies for addressing critical waterfront issues:

- Community resilience
- Enhance public access
- Improve water quality
- Revitalize underutilized waterfront areas
- Protect natural and historic resources
- Protect open space and scenic resources



Benefits of Participation

- Increases a community's ability to attract appropriate development
- Increases a community's chances to obtain public and private funding for projects
- Establishes long-term partnerships among local government, community based organizations, and agencies
- Once approved by the Secretary of State and NOAA's Office of Coastal Management, permitting, funding, and actions by federal and state agencies must be consistent with the LWRP.

LWRP Sections

Section 1 – Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary

Section 2 – Inventory and Analysis

Section 3 – Waterfront Revitalization Program Policies

Section 4 – Proposed Land and Water Uses and Projects

Section 5 – Implementation Techniques

Section 6 – State and Federal Actions

Section 7 – Local Commitment and Consultation

Local Consistency Law

- Adoption of a local consistency Law is required to implement an LWRP
- Contains procedures for what types of actions must undergo review and which board is responsible for review
- Many require local agencies to submit certain actions to planning, zoning, waterfront advisory, or town board for review/approval or recommendations to some other body
- Similar to Article 42 requirements for State consistency

Approved LWRPs on the Hudson River

- Albany (C)
- Athens (V)
- Beacon (C)
- Croton-on-Hudson (V)
- Dobbs Ferry (V)
- Esopus (T)
- Haverstraw (V)
- Kingston (C)
- Lloyd (T)
- Newburgh (C)
- North Greenbush (T)
- Nyack (V)
- Ossining (V)
- Peekskill (C)
- Piermont (V)
- Poughkeepsie (T)
- Red Hook (T)
- Rensselaer (C)
- Rhinebeck (T)
- Saugerties (V)
- Schodack (T)/Castleton on Hudson (V)
- Sleepy Hollow (V)
- Stony Point (T)
- Tivoli (V)
- Waterford (V)/Waterford (T)
- Watervliet (C)

Funding for LWRPs

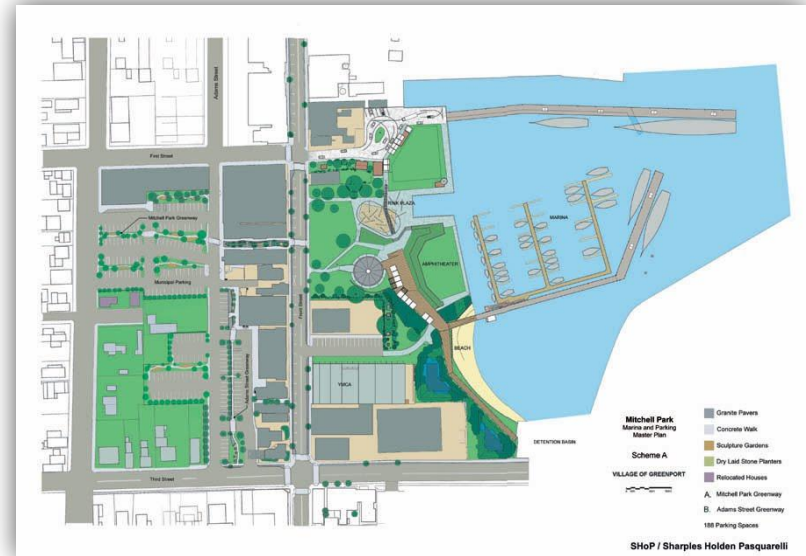


Eligible applicants:

- Villages, towns, or cities, located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways
- Counties with the consent and on behalf of one or more villages, towns, or cities, located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways
- Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund
- 75/25 matching reimbursement grant program

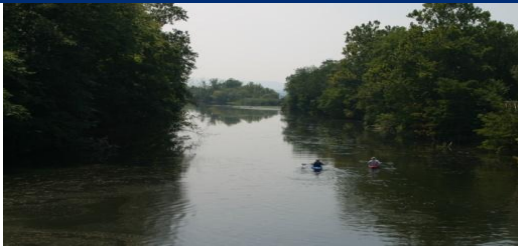
EPF LWRP Grant Categories

- Preparing or implementing an LWRP
- Updating an LWRP to mitigate climate risks
- Redeveloping hamlets, downtowns and urban waterfronts
- Planning or constructing land and water-based trails
- Preparing or implementing a lakewide or watershed revitalization plan
- Implementing a community resilience strategy
- Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal



LWRP Grant Program

- Complete LWRP or LWRP components refine vision for the waterfront
- LWRPs can include strategies or plans for:
 - Economic development
 - Harbor management
 - Scenic byways
 - Heritage areas
 - Historic preservation
 - Coastal education
 - Tourism promotion & development
 - Public access and open space
 - Natural resource protection/restoration
 - Flooding & erosion management
 - Dredged material management
 - Community resilience



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