

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Fact Sheet

Project Overview

The City of Albany completed an LWRP in 1991 for its Waterfront Revitalization Area (WRA) which runs along the City's entire riverfront covering a total area of 1,647 acres. An updated LWRP was drafted in 2014, but not finalized due to pending updates to the City's zoning code. The Albany WAVES project will update and finalize the 2014 draft so that it (a) is consistent with Albany's recent planning initiatives and zoning, (b) incorporates a harbor management plan (HMP) as set forth in the provisions of New York State Executive Law, Article 42, and 19NYCRR Parts 600-603; and (c) reflects emerging needs and issues in the riverfront area in order to contribute to a vibrant, resilient waterfront while promoting local investment.

What is an LWRP?

- An LWRP is a comprehensive land and water use plan developed by a local municipality under the authorization of the NYS Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act.
- **The LWRP defines a vision for a community's waterfront and identifies specific projects, policies, and implementation techniques to achieve it.**
- An LWRP is intended to encourage environmental protections, foster economic development, and improve public access to the waterfront.

Why develop an LWRP?

- Once approved by the NYS Secretary of State, all local and State agency actions must be consistent with the LWRP, giving Albany control over its waterfront.
- **The LWRP planning process includes extensive public engagement, providing local leaders with a clear direction for future development.**
- Albany will be eligible to apply for additional funding under the NYS Environmental Protection Fund (and other programs) to implement the programs and policies in the updated LWRP.

What are the components of an LWRP?

I. Waterfront Revitalization Area	A vision statement, map, and description of the waterfront area within the program boundary.
II. Inventory and Analysis	A description of existing conditions within the WRA for both natural and built resources, with maps, that analyzes issues, opportunities, and constraints to development and resource protection.
III. Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Policies	List of the forty-four NYS Coastal Management Program Policies with explanatory text and, where applicable, refinements to reflect local conditions and circumstances.
IV. Proposed Land and Water Uses and Proposed Projects	Descriptions and maps of proposed long-term land and water uses, and descriptions of proposed projects to implement the LWRP.
V. Techniques for Local Implementation of the Program	Description of local laws, regulations, financial resources, management structures, and other public and private sector actions that are necessary or recommended to implement the LWRP.
VI. Federal and State Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation of the LWRP	Description of specific federal and state actions necessary to further implement the LWRP (e.g. technical assistance, funding, procedural changes etc)
VII. Local Commitment and Consultation	Description of the public engagement efforts undertaken while preparing the LWRP.
Harbor Management Plan	A comprehensive plan to manage the waterside area of the WRA, integrated into the LWRP or attached as a standalone document.