

3.11 WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

The current Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) was approved by the New York City Council in October 1999, and by the New York State Department of State and the United States Secretary of Commerce in the summer of 2002. This new LWRP replaces the 56 City and State policies approved in 1982 with ten policies aimed at simplifying and clarifying the consistency review process. The new LWRP builds on, and is a direct outcome of, numerous waterfront planning efforts since the LWRP was originally adopted. These plans and studies have led to a more complete understanding of the City's waterfront, calling attention to the need for a LWRP that better reflects the different conditions, issues and priorities along a diverse and complex coastline.

The ten policies of the new LWRP are designed to more effectively realize the City's waterfront planning goals, addressing the following issues and policy goals:

1. Residential and commercial redevelopment;
2. Water-dependent and industrial uses;
3. Commercial and recreational boating;
4. Coastal ecological systems;
5. Water quality;
6. Flooding and erosion;
7. Solid waste and hazardous substances;
8. Public access;
9. Scenic resources; and
10. Historical and cultural resources.

The new policies simplify and clarify the consistency review process without eliminating any policy element required by state and federal law.

Proposed actions subject to CEQR that are situated within the designated boundaries of the NYC Coastal Zone must be assessed for their consistency with the city's LWRP. There are, however, no portion of the rezoning area is located within the City's designated Coastal Zone. As such, the proposed action is not subject to review for consistency with the City's LWRP. Refer to Figure 3.11-1. No further assessment of the proposed action's consistency with the City's LWRP is required.