

PREFACE

The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for the Town of Rhinebeck has been developed consistent with national and State objectives embodied in the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the New York State Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act (Article 42, Executive Law) and the Coastal Erosion Hazard Areas Act of 1981 (Article 34, Environmental Conservation Law) and presented in the State of New York Coastal Management Program and Final Environmental Impact Statement of August 1982. The New York State Coastal Management Program describes the State's implementation of Federal coastal regulations. It includes a series of forty-four policies outlining appropriate approaches to coastal land and water use activities. The State's Coastal Management Program has been designed to address important coastal issues by advocating specific types of actions enumerated in the summary of the Program:

.....promoting waterfront revitalization; promoting water-dependent uses; protecting fish and wildlife habitats; protecting and enhancing scenic areas; protecting and enhancing historic areas; protecting farmlands; protecting and enhancing small harbors; protecting and enhancing public access; providing research, data, and information for participation of government agencies and citizens concerned with the State's coastal area; and coping with erosion and flooding hazards.*

The local program has been developed to focus these concerns in view of Rhinebeck's particular problems and goals. The current version of the LWRP supersedes an earlier version adopted by the Town of Rhinebeck in February 1989 but neither adopted by the Village of Rhinebeck nor approved by the New York State Department of State. The present version requires no action by the Village of Rhinebeck for the LWRP has been revised to exclude all lands within the incorporated Village. An amendment of the New York State Coastal Management Program Boundary is proposed to make the coastal area boundary coincident with the Mid-Hudson Historic Shorelands Scenic District boundary within Rhinebeck.

The adoption of this local program in its current form will help to ensure the consideration of these policies in making decisions on Federal and State levels, as well as on the local Town and County levels to determine that proposed actions will be consistent with local goals and concerns incorporated within Rhinebeck's LWRP.

* *State of New York Coastal Management Program and Final Impact Statement prepared by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Coastal Zone Management and New York Department of State, August 1982, p. I-4. All references to the New York State Coastal Management Program (NYSCMP) refer to this document.*