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Floodplain Mapping Changes Waterfront Planning and Permitting Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Plans

In New York State localities can assert a degree of authority over planning for the waterfront areas by preparing what are called Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) documents. These documents refine or even replace the NYS Coastal Management Program document prepared at the State level. Communities that have LWRPs in place typically have sensitive areas, working waterfronts and public lands along their waterfronts.

By the early 2000's, the City of Peekskill had been preparing an LWRP off and on for almost twenty years. Mr. Lynch was asked to edit and complete the draft document. To do this he reviewed previous City and State policy documents, environmental and site plan reviews in the City, the City's inventory of historic structures and districts, and its existing resources such as land use, zoning, utilities, waterfront access plans, the railroad line and open space. He recommended changes to the area included in the coastal zone, developed policies for sensitive areas, and presented implementation measures. He assisted the City in securing concurrence from the Department of State allowing the LWRP to become the guiding policy document for uses and activities along the City's Waterfront and its near shore lands.

He subsequently wrote a grant that secured moneys for the City to complete a major portion of the publicly accessible portion of its waterfront.

Mr. Lynch has assisted localities with harbor management plans, local waterfront revitalization program policy documents, grants and bid specifications, permits, environmental and site plan reviews, and changes to floodplain mapping. He has worked extensively with the NYS Department of State, the Army Corps of Engineers and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation on permitting and consistency determinations, and with the NYS Office of General Services in securing licenses for use of underwater lands. He has assisted the Village of Croton with a portion of the Hudson River greenway and the Hudson River Park Trust in Manhattan with compliance with environmental conditions and permit expediting.