

PUBLIC NOTICE
New York State Department of State
Notice of Program Change
Village of Alexandria Bay and Town of Alexandria
Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

PURSUANT to 15 CFR 923, the New York State Department of State (DOS) has submitted a program change to the federal Office of Coastal Management (OCM). The change to the New York State Coastal Management Program (CMP) covered by this request is the incorporation of the Village of Alexandria Bay and Town of Alexandria Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) into the State's CMP. The program change is the LWRP as approved by the state. The LWRP includes enforceable policies that will be used for Coastal Zone Management Act review purposes.

A major component of the State's CMP is the provision that local governments be allowed to prepare Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs, which further detail and make geographically specific the State's coastal policies. Each LWRP is reviewed for consistency with the State's CMP and approved if it meets the guidelines established in the State CMP and Article 42 of the NYS Executive Law.

The Village of Alexandria Bay and Town of Alexandria LWRP was prepared in partnership with the New York State Department of State and serves as a long-term management program for the waterfront resources of the Village and Town. The Village of Alexandria Bay and Town of Alexandria LWRP expands the State Coastal boundary to more effectively plan for, manage and protect waterfront resources. The proposed Local Waterfront Revitalization Area along the St. Lawrence River and Otter Creek will extend the coastal boundary further inland to include the entire incorporated limits of the Village of Alexandria Bay and the Otter Creek Thousand Islands Land Trust Preserve located in the Town of Alexandria.

The LWRP provides a detailed inventory and analysis of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Area in the Village and Town, including natural resources, historic and cultural resources, existing land and water uses, harbor management, and important economic activities, as well as issues and opportunities for future development. The State coastal policies and accompanying explanations are comprehensive and determine the appropriate balance between economic development and preservation that will permit beneficial use of, and prevent adverse effects on, the waterfront resources of the Village and Town. The LWRP also describes the proposed land uses and controls in the Village of Alexandria Bay and the Town of Alexandria to be accommodated in the waterfront revitalization area under the Village of Alexandria Bay Zoning Law and the Town of Alexandria Zoning Law. To implement the policies and purposes of the LWRP, the Village and Town each adopted a Waterfront Consistency Review Law, Harbor Management Law, and Docking Facilities Law. The Waterfront Consistency Review Law establishes a clear management structure to assure that local actions are reviewed for consistency with the provisions of the LWRP.

To advance the waterfront revitalization goals of the Village and Town, the LWRP identifies 37 projects to advance the waterfront revitalization goals in the two municipalities of revitalizing abandoned, deteriorated and underutilized sites, expanding and improving pedestrian access to the waterfront, encouraging development of commercial hospitality services for boating tourists, protecting scenic quality and improving visual access to the waterfront, and addressing adverse water quality impacts from inadequate waste disposal systems and future new development.

The draft LWRP was circulated by the New York State Department of State to potentially affected State, federal, and regional agencies during two review periods from September 2, 2015 to November 5, 2015

(extended to November 16, 2015) and April 24, 2019 to June 24, 2019. Following these review periods, the Department of State coordinated responses to comments received with the Village of Alexandria Bay and Town of Alexandria and revised the draft LWRP where necessary. The Village of Alexandria Bay and Town of Alexandria LWRP was adopted by resolution by the Village of Alexandria Bay Board of Trustees on May 8, 2018 and by the Town of Alexandria Town Board on September 19, 2018 and approved by the New York State Secretary of State on January 6, 2020, pursuant to the New York State Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act (NYS Executive Law, Article 42).

The Village of Alexandria Bay and Town of Alexandria Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and this public notice are available on the NOAA Coastal Zone Management Program Change website under File Number NY-2020-3 at:

<https://coast.noaa.gov/czmprogramchange/#/public/home>

The Village of Alexandria Bay and Town of Alexandria Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and this public notice are also available on the New York State Department of State's website at:

<https://docs.dos.ny.gov/opd->

[lwrp/LWRP/Alexandria_V&T/Alex%20\(V_T\)LWRP_Final_2_7_20_withAppendices.pdf](https://docs.dos.ny.gov/opd-lwrp/LWRP/Alexandria_V&T/Alex%20(V_T)LWRP_Final_2_7_20_withAppendices.pdf)

and

<https://www.dos.ny.gov/opd/publicNotices/notices.html>

Any comments on this program change to the State's approved Coastal Management Program should be submitted directly to the NOAA Office of Coastal Management on NOAA's Program Change website under File Number NY-2020-3 at: <https://coast.noaa.gov/czmprogramchange/#/public/home>

Written hard copy comments may be submitted to: Joelle Gore, Office for Coastal Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Comments will be accepted by OCM for three weeks (21 days) following the date of the publication of this notice on **October 14, 2020**.

Further information on this program change may be obtained from: Barbara Kendall, Office of Planning and Development, NYS Department of State, 99 Washington Ave., Suite 1010, Albany, NY 12231-0001; barbara.kendall@dos.ny.gov.