

OLD SARATOGA on the HUDSON WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM Project Summary

Project:

The project involves preparation of an intermunicipal waterfront revitalization plan for the Hudson River/Champlain Canal corridor known as “Old Saratoga.” The project is funded by a grant from the NYS Department of State and the participating communities.

Participating Communities:

Towns of Saratoga and Northumberland and Villages of Schuylerville and Victory in Saratoga County and the Towns of Greenwich and Easton in Washington County.

Project Description:

The Old Saratoga on the Hudson Waterfront Revitalization Program will be used to guide resource protection and economic revitalization along the Hudson River/Champlain Canal corridor (see Area Boundary Map) , and will address the following issues:

- ▲ protection of sensitive waterfront resources;
- ▲ enhancing opportunities for public access water-based recreation on the Hudson River, Old Champlain Canal, Battenkill River, Fish Creek;
- ▲ historic preservation and enhancing opportunities for heritage tourism;
- ▲ main street revitalization;
- ▲ enhancement of open spaces and scenic resources;
- ▲ growth management and protecting community character and quality of life;
- ▲ and developing efficient, pedestrian and bicycle friendly transportation access.

A **Waterfront Advisory Committee** has been created with representatives from each participating community to oversee the project. The project is expected to be completed by June 2006.

The Waterfront Revitalization Program will utilize current municipal planning efforts including recently completed parks projects, transportation studies, Comprehensive Plans and zoning documents; and regional efforts such as the Hudson Crossing Master Plan, the Lakes to Locks Passage Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan, the Canalway Recreation Plan; Saratoga National Historical Parks’ Management Plan and Alternative Transportation Study and the US Route 4 American Road designation.

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