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MAY 11 PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF PENFIELD'S
LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

PENFIELD, N.Y., APRIL 28, 2009 - The public is invited to an informational meeting about the update of the Town of Penfield’s Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. The meeting will be held on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 pm at the Penfield Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Avenue.

The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is an initiative of the NYS Department of State's Office of Coastal, Local Government and Community Sustainability. It is viewed as a cornerstone of local waterfront planning efforts. Through financial and technical assistance to local municipalities, the Program offers communities the opportunity to enhance and control the use of their waterfront resources.

In 2008, the towns of Irondequoit, Penfield, and Webster jointly received a $60,000 grant from the NYS Department of State with funds provided under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund to update the LWRP of each community.

Supervisor George C. Wiedemer said, “Irondequoit Bay is a vital resource for Penfield and our neighbors. The LWRP gives us the means to integrate our planning with the towns of Irondequoit and Webster for the best possible future for the waterfront.”

Wiedemer and the supervisors of Irondequoit and Webster appointed steering committees to coordinate LWRP activities and to facilitate public participation in the process. The three towns, through a joint Request for Proposals, also hired Ingalls Planning and Design as project consultant.

Ingalls Planning and Design has been working with each town’s steering committee to review and, if necessary, modify the Waterfront Revitalization Area boundaries. The consultant and steering committees have also been drafting an inventory of waterfront area conditions, such as natural resources, scenic view sheds, infrastructure, public access, and educational, recreational, historical and cultural resources.
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At the May 11 meeting, the public will be able to comment on the completeness and accuracy of the draft LWRP boundaries and inventory. Public input will also be sought about issues and opportunities regarding Penfield waterfront areas.

More information on Penfield’s LWRP process, including the draft boundary and inventory reports, will be available at http://www.penfield.org in advance of the May 11 meeting.

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