

APPENDIX III: RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICABLE POLICY DOCUMENTS

In accordance with Section 4.020d of the City Planning Commission's Rules for the Processing of Plans Pursuant to Section 197-a, sponsors of this plan considered its consistency with a number of city and borough policy documents including the Ten-Year Capital Strategy, Fiscal Years 2000-2009; the Manhattan Borough President's Strategic Policy Statement (2002); the Comprehensive Manhattan Waterfront 197-a Plan (1997); and the New York City Waterfront Revitalization Program (1999) as described below.

Ten-Year Capital Strategy, Fiscal Years 2000-2009

Many of the 197-a plan's recommendations for service, housing and infrastructure improvements are generally consistent with the city's long-range capital program goals including those related to: improving the flow of traffic and safety on city streets; offering reliable mass transit alternatives; providing city loans and subsidies for upgrading and building affordable housing; improving social service and congregate care facilities; maintaining parks in a clean, attractive, and useable condition; protecting landscapes; planting and caring for street trees; assisting neighborhood commercial development; and enhancing the city's waterfront. Funding allocations in the Capital Strategy to achieve these goals could be available to advance West Harlem 197-a proposals such as extension of bus service, improvements in subway stations and service, redevelopment of the Harlem Piers, and reconstruction and improvement of parks and other public spaces. For example, the Ten-year Capital Strategy allocates \$373 million for major park reconstruction including Riverside Park.

A major recommendation of the 197-a plan is the redevelopment of the Harlem Piers area. Approximately \$117 million in the Capital Strategy is devoted to waterfront development, coordinated by the New York City Economic Development Corporation which seeks to enhance public access to the waterfront through a balanced mix of multi-use projects.

Manhattan Borough President's 2002 Strategic Policy Statement (SPS)

The 197-a plan and the Manhattan Borough President's SPS have a number of common goals with regard to economic development, housing, and the waterfront. These include support for locally based economic development; increased public access to the waterfront through a continuous waterfront esplanade around Manhattan; affordable housing; and water-based transportation. The Manhattan Borough President's SPS recommends linking affordable housing to market rate development.

The 197-a plan's recommendations for Riverside Park and the Harlem Piers are generally consistent with the Manhattan Borough President's Comprehensive Manhattan Waterfront Plan, a 197-a Plan as modified and adopted by the City Planning Commission and the City Council in 1997. The Borough President's waterfront plan calls for: improved public access to Riverbank State Park and the Harlem Piers area; new uses, including boats, for the Harlem Piers area; less pedestrian-vehicular conflict at the nearby DOS marine transfer facility; and a bikeway/walkway and Scenic Landmark designation at upper Riverside Park.

New York City Waterfront Revitalization Program (WRP)

The city's revised Waterfront Revitalization Program, as approved by the City Planning Commission and City Council in 1999, sets forth ten major policy goals for use and development of the waterfront. In keeping with the CB 9 197-a plan's recommendations for the Harlem Piers and Riverside Park, WRP policies call for supporting commercial and residential redevelopment in appropriate areas, promoting use of the city's waterways for commercial and recreational boating, providing public access to and along the city's coastal waters, and protecting the scenic resources of the coastal area.