

The City of Syracuse, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

The vitality of a community is often reflected by the condition and health of its natural resources and the level of investment in its cultural and built resource base. Over the past 10 years the City of Syracuse, along with other private and public partners, and most recently the Lakefront Development Corporation (LDC), have aggressively undertaken several reclamation and redevelopment projects. These projects have begun to transform approximately 800 acres of blighted and underutilized industrial lands, into one of the premier redevelopment areas in the country.



Onondaga Lake—from ancestral salt flats of the Onondaga's to industrial abuse to a revitalizing lakefront.

In recognizing the importance of revitalizing and reconnecting the Onondaga lakefront area to the surrounding urban context of the City of Syracuse, the LDC, a private non-profit corporation created in a partnership between the City of Syracuse and the Metropolitan Development Association, hired a consultant team, which included **Behan Planning Associates, LLC**, to prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). An LWRP is a comprehensive land and water plan which directs the use of a local community's public and private natural, working and cultural waterfront resources. Its comprehensive nature allows for a range of critical waterfront issues to be addressed and their subsequent treatment(s) coordinated across local municipal, state and federal levels.

Behan Planning Associates, LLC helped determine critical projects to advance the community's waterfront revitalization goals. In addition, the firm contributed to:

- Design guidelines for waterfront streets and districts
- Zoning code recommendations
- LWRP policies
- Grant and project financing recommendations



Franklin Square - an economic and historic revitalization success story.

The Syracuse lakefront is undergoing a massive transformation from a blighted, neglected waterfront to an people-oriented destination for central New York. Major anchors include the inner harbor and waterfront amphitheatre, Franklin Square historic district, and DESTINY, USA, a planned destination attraction located in the heart of the revitalization area.