



As outlined in the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS), the major goal of the municipally adopted Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) is to revitalize the Rensselaer waterfront and provide public access to the river. The LWRP was developed with extensive public input. Among the design principles and associated public benefits of the proposed Gaming Facility that are in-line with the LWRP are:

- Bringing the City of Rensselaer back to the Hudson Waterfront for the first time in 150 years;
- Reconnect Broadway, Rensselaer’s “main street”, to the Hudson River.
- Leverage the newly built Amtrak station by connecting it with pedestrian walks to the new waterfront;
- Provide a new destination on the Hudson River for tourism and recreation;

Given that the proposed de Laet’s Landing previously completed the mandatory State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), and the proposed Gaming Facility is not expected to produce any new significant adverse environmental impacts not covered by the FGEIS, the Applicant believes that the proposed project site is effectively “shovel ready” from a SEQR perspective.

The recent Broadway reconstruction project completed by the City of Rensselaer provided improvements to the Broadway corridor that can support the traffic demand expected from the proposed casino, as outlined in the traffic memo in Exhibit VIII.C.17.d.