

**SECTION VIII**  
**LOCAL COMMITMENT**

## **VIII. LOCAL COMMITMENT**

The program used to achieve local commitment is described below:

### **A. Waterfront Advisory Committee**

The first action taken following approval of a joint Town and Village of Athens LWRP planning grant was to invite interested citizens and members of local boards to participate in the program. The appointment of a joint Town/Village Waterfront Advisory Committee was made from this group. The Committee included members of various local boards, members of business, civic, planning and environmental groups, and residents of the waterfront area.

The Committee was assigned major responsibility for guiding and developing the program. During the planning period the Committee met at least once a month. The entire committee has endorsed the program developed herein and recommended that it be adopted by the respective Town and Village Boards. However, only the Village has formally adopted their plan and enacted implementation measures (laws, regulations, etc.) in the plan.

### **B. Public Meetings**

The general public has been informed of the planning process through periodic releases and through participation in two public meetings. The first meeting was held at the start of the program to determine public concerns, to explain the purpose of the program and its potential benefits and to set forth the schedule and procedures to be followed. The second meeting was held at a point when the policies had been established and a program determined but when modifications were still possible based on public response. Final public hearings were held by the Town and Village Boards.

### **C. Briefings**

The Supervisor and the Mayor followed the activities of the Waterfront Advisory Committee and the preparation of the LWRP throughout the planning period as well as attending to various administrative functions.

### **D. Questionnaire**

A questionnaire was distributed to residents of the coastal area to determine the opinion on a variety of issues. The results from 147 responses are discussed in Appendix A.