

From the inception of the LWRP, it was recognized that involvement and commitment by both local officials and citizens were essential to the development of an effective program and to carrying out the various tasks to achieve its implementation. The program to achieve local commitment is described below:

A. WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The first action taken following approval of the 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 includes 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. Subcommittees were formed to discuss policy, consider alternative approaches, and recommend specific actions. The entire Committee endorsed the program developed herein and recommended its adoption by the respective Town and Village Boards.

B. PUBLIC MEETINGS

The general public was 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, its 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 will be held prior to approval 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 and attended many Advisory Committee meetings, as well as attending to various administrative functions.

D. QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire was distributed to residents of the waterfront area to determine their opinion on a variety of issues. The results are described in Appendix D.