

**SECTION VIII**

**ACTIVITIES TO SECURE LOCAL COMMITMENT**

**A. YOUNGSTOWN WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YWAC)**

The eleven member YWAC was created by the Youngstown Village Board of Trustees on July 30, 1986 to represent the diverse interests of the community in coastal planning. It includes members of the Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Youngstown Yacht Club; representatives of local and area marine and fishing interests; Village merchants which depend on waterfront tourism/activity; and residents with an understanding of Village history and development. It also includes members of the Niagara Frontier State Parks and Recreation Commission and Niagara River Angler's Association in an advisory capacity for special coastal issues.

The YWAC operates by consensus and advises the Village Board on LWRP acceptance. Their principle responsibilities are to review/revise LWRP elements, develop policy recommendations regarding future development in cooperation with the Planning Board, and the education, as well as the dissemination of information, about the LWRP to Village officials and the general public. The Committee provides a local forum for the expression of ideas and the establishment of objectives to guide future development in the Village.

During the development of the LWRP, the Committee convened monthly and held two public meetings to solicit community input. The two meetings were held at the initial stage of program development and following completion of a draft report. This provided an opportunity for both early comment on LWRP issues and overall reaction to those methods proposed to improve the Village environment.

**B. BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

As noted in the previous sub-section, the Board of Trustees was represented by two members on the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

In addition, the Mayor attended numerous Committee meetings and the public sessions. This provided the Board with an understanding of the LWRP process and insured a smooth transition into the approval stage.

Finally, the draft LWRP was formally presented to the Board at one of their regularly scheduled meetings.