

SECTION 8 LOCAL COMMITMENT

The program to achieve local commitment is described below:

A. Waterfront Advisory Committee

To monitor and coordinate the implementation of this Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, a Haverstraw Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) comprised of concerned citizens and Village Board members was established.

The Committee was assigned major responsibility for guiding and developing the program. During the planning period the Committee met at least once a month in public sessions, including a kick-off meeting on March 12, 1997 and Village public workshops on October 28, 2000 and November 13, 2000. The entire Committee endorsed the program developed herein and recommended it to the Village Board.

B. Public Meetings

The general public was informed of the planning process through public information meetings and public participation workshops (see above). 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 issues had been identified and the policies and overall program were being developed. A preliminary concept plan presented by MGD Holdings as part of a public-private partnership to foster implementation of portions of this program was presented to the public at a point when modifications could be incorporated into the earliest concepts based on public response (December 1999). Public participation workshops were held to provide information to Village residents and the business community and to gather public input relative to this LWRP. Public hearings were held under the State Environmental Quality Review Act to consider the LWRP and the proposed local laws to implement the LWRP.

C. Briefings

The Mayor and several Village Board members followed the activities of the Waterfront Advisory Committee and the preparation of the LWRP throughout the planning process and attended committee meetings.