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PURPOSE:

The Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for the Village of Tivoli represents a program that impacts not only the waterfront of the community, but the Village in its entirety from Rt. 9G to the Hudson River. Those projects and policies discussed and set forth in this document will impact the future development and quality of life for all who live in the Village for years to come. In the past, public documents have been organized and published in a vacuum only to be shelved with their programs and recommendations seldom implemented. The establishment of public participation policies in the 1970's has demonstrated that local government documents composed under direct scrutiny by the community produce programs that are most likely to be accepted and implemented. This concept of public involvement in the government decision process has fostered a better community understanding of the programs designed to meet and further their own community needs.

The Village of Tivoli Board therefore assigned the Village Planning Board to develop a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program addressing the local needs and concerns that the Village Board and the community at large can support and implement. This type of local commitment has required the Village Planning Board to design the following program to promote the success of this Village-wide project.

METHODS AND PROCEDURES:

The first step in obtaining local commitment for the development and implementation of the Village of Tivoli Local Waterfront Revitalization Program was the establishment of the Village Planning Board as the Steering Committee. A planning board in any community is in a position to monitor not only the development of their jurisdiction but also intimately understands the problems and limitations of their community. The members of the Tivoli Waterfront Revitalization Steering Committee are active community leaders who are involved with other civic minded organizations as noted below:

Susan Davis - Chairman, Tivoli Planning Board; Vestry, St. Paul and Trinity Church; Friends of Clermont; Chairman, Red Hook Heart Fund Drive; Associate member, Tivoli Rescue Squad; Chairman, Tivoli Rezoning Committee.

George Virgin - Vice Chairman, Tivoli Planning Board; Tivoli Building Inspector; Village of Tivoli businessman.

Sam Phelan - Tivoli Planning Board; Liaison, Hudson River Shorelands Task Force; Treasurer, Taconic Farms, Friends of Clermont.

John Rector - Tivoli Planning Board; Adjutant, American Legion; Senior Warden, Masonic Order.

Cristine Kane - Dutchess County Cooperative Extension and Dutchess County Environmental Management Council.

The Tivoli Planning Board committed itself to meeting as the Steering Committee twice each month to deal with waterfront revitalization issues. One half of their normal public meetings, the 3rd Monday of each month, were organized as public forums to discuss the development of the plan, while an additional day each month was set aside as a workshop with the consultant. Two public meetings were held, one public informational meeting in February 1984 to orient the community on the basics of the program, and a public hearing in May 1984 for a review, discussion and comment of the draft document.

This Steering Committee also was in contact with the following local organizations and businesses to further the local understanding and to foster a higher degree of public participation in developing a comprehensive Local Waterfront Revitalization Program:

Tivoli Fire Department, Company #5
Tivoli Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary
Tivoli Rescue Squad
American Legion, Harris Smith Post #524
Monumental Lodge #374 Order of the Eastern Star
St. Paul and Trinity Church
St. Sylvia Roman Catholic Church
Tivoli Community Association

Businesses:

Champlins Deli
Clyde Clelland Plumbing and Heating
Mason Farms, Inc.
A. Pease & Sons
Ralph's New & Used Cars, Inc.
Tivoli Properties, Inc.
Tivoli Stud Farm
Hotel Morey
Technical Copier Services
Tivoli Laundromat
Tivoli Confectionary
Tivoli Wine & Liquors
Tivoli Pantry

The Steering Committee established a field office for the consultant in the Village Hall for each Monday and/or Tuesday to encourage even more local feedback for the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee was in constant contact with the Village Board to insure the program's acceptance and implementation.