

Section 7. Local Commitment & Consultation

7.1 Local Commitment

The Town and Village of Clayton LWRP has been prepared with assistance from a LWRP Advisory Committee established in 2007 to initiate and oversee preparation of a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Committee membership includes representation from the Town and Village Boards, various waterfront area residents, and business owners.

The direction for Clayton’s LWRP planning effort came from resident input received at a community visioning workshop conducted in June 2008 as well as three public meetings held during the planning process. The workshop showed that while people are generally satisfied with the Town and Village overall, residents desire improvements to their quality of life and to truly make the Clayton community a place to live, work, and play. The majority of the public also agreed that growth would help Clayton provide a stronger tax base and opportunities for young people, but that it should be well planned.

The LWRP committee helped review LWRP drafts, identify key projects, and develop waterfront polices. LWRP Advisory Committee members are listed in the Acknowledgments. Clayton Planning Board members also participated in the LWRP Advisory Committee meetings. In addition, the committee sought local approval of the draft document and waterfront consistency law. The municipalities will consult with additional agencies during the 60-day review process and the SEQR process.

7.2 Consultation

Local

Local consultation has involved the cooperation with other Town and Village groups whose actions or functions may be affected by the LWRP. Many of the members of the LWRP Advisory Committee also belong to other community organizations and local boards bringing a unique and complete knowledge and perspective of life in Clayton. Committee members throughout the development of the LWRP have made open communication with these local groups. The Town/Village intends to hold a final public hearing prior to the approval of the LWRP.

Regional

The Jefferson County Planning Department has been consulted and will participate in the review of the draft LWRP.

State

Department of Environmental Conservation

Several contacts were made to gather data concerning wetlands and biological resources.

Department of State

Consultation with the NYS DOS took place during the preparation of the LWRP. The NYS DOS also provided assistance regarding methods of implementation and legal and programmatic concerns.

The LWRP is to be reviewed and declared complete by the Town and Village Boards and forwarded to the NYS DOS. The NYS DOS will initiate a 60-day review of the Draft LWRP pursuant to the Waterfront Revitalization of Waterfront Areas and Inland Waterways Act and the State Environmental Review Act. Copies of the Draft LWRP will be distributed to all potentially affected state agencies and Jefferson County. The Town, Village and NYS DOS will review comments received on the document, and update the LWRP accordingly.