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A. Local Commitment

LWRP Advisory Committee

The Town Board appointed an Advisory Committee comprised of Town residents to develop the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Committee membership reflected a cross section of the community including business owners, local historian, Town Board member, representative to the Upper Delaware Council, and citizens. The Town Supervisor and the Town Building Inspector also participated, providing additional communication between the Committee and the Town Board and Planning Board. The Committee met regularly with the project consultant and communicated frequently with the assigned representative of the NYS Department of State to identify and define waterfront issues and assure that the LWRP would meet Department requirements.

Public Opinion Survey

The Advisory Committee conducted a public opinion survey of waterfront area residents and property owners to identify issues, assess priorities and evaluate specific projects. Almost 170 of the 400 mail-out surveys were returned, a forty-two percent return rate. The results of the survey are included in *Appendix C*.

Community Meetings

The Advisory Committee conducted two public meetings during the development of the LWRP. The first meeting served to report on the results of the public opinion survey and solicit additional public comment. The second meeting was conducted to obtain public comment on the draft LWRP and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

The Advisory Committee also met with the Callicoon Business Association to review the draft and detail the importance of private commitment to the revitalization effort.

B. Consultation

The Advisory Committee regularly invited participation in the development of the LWRP from the Town Board and other Town agencies. As previously noted, interagency communication was fostered by the Committee membership structure. In addition, the Draft LWRP (with Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement) was reviewed and approved by the Town Board and forwarded to the New York State Department of State. The Department of State then initiated a sixty-day review of the Draft LWRP pursuant to the Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act and the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Copies of the Draft LWRP were distributed to all potentially affected State agencies, Sullivan County, the Upper Delaware Council, the National Park Service, and the Town of Cochection and the Town of Fremont, adjacent waterfront communities. Comments received on the Draft LWRP were reviewed by the Town and the Department of State, and changes made to the LWRP as warranted.