

SECTION VIII. LOCAL COMMITMENT

During the preparation of the Greenport LWRP, the material in the foregoing sections was discussed at public meetings of the Village Board of Trustees. These meetings were covered by the local press.

In addition to the public meetings and the public hearing on the draft LWRP and Draft Environmental Impact Statement on May 28, 1987, many meetings were held by the Village's planning consultants with officials, businessman, and property owners within Greenport. The program was also discussed at meetings of the Greenport Rotary Club, Greenport Village Merchant's Association, and the Greater Greenport-Southold Chamber of Commerce.

Over the past two years, from mid 1986 to mid 1988, the Department of State met frequently with Village officials to provide assistance in the development of the LWRP, the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements prepared for the LWRP, and the local laws necessary to implement the LWRP.

In this manner, a significant amount of time, interest and expertise was contributed by government officials, residents, and businessmen of the Village in the preparation of the LWRP. Citizen input improved the data base, provided alternatives, and expressed the values and concerns of the community.

Upon approval by the Village Board of Trustees, the draft LWRP, including the draft EIS, were submitted to the NYS Department of State for distribution to federal and State agencies for a 60-day review period, as required by Executive Law, Article 42. At the same time, the draft documents were filed and distributed as required by the SEQRA. As a result, there were a number of comments received from which further revisions and refinements needed in the LWRP were identified. These revisions and refinements were described in the final EIS and incorporated into the final LWRP document. The final program document, then, was adopted by the Village Board of Trustees and submitted to the NYS Secretary of State for approval.