

SECTION VIII
LOCAL COMMITMENT

From the beginning of the LWRP project, community leaders realized that the meaningful involvement of both public officials and ordinary citizens, especially those residing within coastal area, was essential to the development of workable program for revitalizing the City's waterfront area. In order to achieve the community commitment needed to make the program a success, the following activities were undertaken.

A. WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Much of the City's coastal area is also within Kingston's Urban Cultural Park. Planning for the Urban Cultural Park was already well underway when the City became involved in the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Since the two programs and areas have so much in common, the responsibilities of the Urban Cultural Park Commission have been expanded to include oversight of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

B. COMMUNITY LEADERS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS

The LWRP Advisory Committee was composed of community leaders in industry, business, education and historic preservation. A City Alderman also sat on the committee and served as a direct liaison with the City Council. The City Engineer, Planner, Director of Community Development and Commissioner of Public Works attended Advisory Committee meetings and provided the committee with technical assistance and staff support.

C. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND INPUT

All Advisory Committee meetings were open to the Public and were attended by non-committee members who reside or have an active interest in the coastal area. Committee members were also active in the community and discussed LWRP plans and proposals with neighbors, business associates and neighborhood organizations.

The City held a number of hearings to solicit additional comments from the general public prior to finalizing the program. Responses to comments made at these public hearings are detailed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the LWRP.