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SECTION VII: CONSULTATION WITH OTHER AFFECTED FEDERAL, STATE, REGIONAL AND LOCAL AGENCIES

A. Adjacent Municipalities

LWRP planning in this bi-municipal area can affect, and be affected by, policies and actions of nearby municipalities, both along the Sound shore and directly inland. Prior to the official acceptance of the LWRP in 1986, useful consultations were held with the Village of Mamaroneck's Coastal Zone Management Commission, who were a step ahead in drafting their LWRP. Moreover, the two areas have important problems in common. Both suffer from upstream flooding involving other municipalities (including each other); thus, cooperation with each other and with neighboring municipalities for flood and siltation control has been a basic theme in LWRP planning for both.

In 1984, contacts were made between the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Coastal Zone Management Committee and the City of New Rochelle and the Village of Scarsdale, two municipalities that share watersheds with our communities. Therefore, both municipalities were able to offer advice and information, and, at the same time, were better able to understand the purposes of our LWRP and the problems that were being addressed in its application of policies. When the LWRP was accepted in 1986, these two municipalities had been fully informed of its contents.

B. Westchester County Government

The County Planning Department and the staff of the Westchester County Soil and Water Conservation District have given useful advice on questions relating to the LWRP.

The Coastal Zone Management Commission relied heavily on the County's model Surface Water, Erosion and Sediment Control Law when drafting a local counterpart enacted by the Town in 1992 (see Section V). Incorporated in that law is the mandated use of the County's "Best Management Practices" (BMP) manual. Larchmont also uses that manual, and copies of it are in the Building Departments of both municipalities.

At the legislative level, County Legislator George Latimer has attended meetings of the Coastal Zone Management Commission apprising them of County matters that have an impact on the LWRP. Latimer is also an active member of the County's Environmental Committee which meets publicly once a week to consider County environmental concerns, such as problems relating to Long Island Sound water quality and the administration of County sewer districts. Recommendations for County actions regarding environmental issues emanate from this Committee.

The Commission has also kept informed on contacts between the governments of Mamaroneck and Larchmont on the one hand, and County agencies on the other, concerning matters bearing on the LWRP, notably the program to eliminate illegal sewer connections.

C. State of New York

1. Department of State

From the inception of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program's planning process in 1982 through its official acceptance in 1986 and the establishment of the Coastal Zone Management Commission (CZMC), contact with the Department of State (DOS) Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization staff has been continuous and constructive. The CZMC has sought and received advice from the DOS since 1986. In addition, the DOS has provided invaluable help in drafting this revision of the original Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

2. Department of Environmental Conservation

Throughout the years, appropriate departments of the Department of Environmental Conservation have provided information and suggestions regarding local concerns; for example, questions about SEQRA, registration of Critical Environmental Areas, Region II water quality in White Plains, interpretation of State laws and regulations regarding tidal wetlands, freshwater wetlands and Coastal Erosion Hazard Areas.

D. Resolution of Conflicts

No conflicts between the LWRP and the policies or programs of the municipalities and agencies referred to above are presently known to the Coastal Zone Management Commission. The consultative relationships here described will be helpful in resolving any such conflicts that may arise in the future.