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Developing a solid community commitment to the LWRP and the coastal policies established therein is essential to ensure the program's implementation. Because the LWRP also represents a partnership between public and private initiatives, coordination with and commitment of local business interests is important, too. This section describes the procedures and methods used or to be used by the town and village to foster public participation in development of the LWRP and commitment for its ultimate implementation.

Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) - An advisory committee (formed early in 1983 and expanded to 18 members during the winter of 1984-85) provided a continuing means of garnering public participation and cooperation between the public and private sectors. Membership in the committee included town and village officials, local businessmen, representatives of the Morristown Foundation and the newly organized Chamber of Commerce, and other citizens of the two communities. The WAC met 6 to 10 times per year during 1984, 1985 and 1986.

Village Planning Board - Input from the Village Planning Board was obtained during 1985 and 1986 as the WAC addressed Sections IV and V of the program. Planning Board members assisted in determining future land and water uses, waterfront projects and regulatory means for implementing the coastal policies of Section III.

Other Public Participation - The views and plans of private landowners and local business entrepreneurs were solicited to ensure coordination and cooperation as the LWRP was developed. Specific input was obtained from the Morristown Foundation and the Greater Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition to the WAC meetings being open to the general public, a public information meeting was held to invite input on the drafted materials for Sections I-V.

Local Initiatives - Commitment to the LWRP has been demonstrated by a number of early local initiatives pertaining to projects or management activities proposed during the preparation of the draft program. Such initiatives are listed below.

1. Pursuit of funding for wastewater collection and treatment facilities. (village)
2. Design of wastewater collection system to accommodate future development of the harbor area in concert with LWRP proposed land and water uses. (village)
3. Removal of the old ferry dock and installation of new floating docks according to Phase 1 plans for the shoreline park. (village)

4. Drafting of regulations to implement the LWRP. (Village)
5. Construction work for the cottage road improvements. (Town)

Draft LWRP - Following completion of the draft program, the WAC formally approved the draft and, by resolution, forward it to the Village and Town Boards. Following approval by the Village and Town Boards, the draft document was submitted to the NYS Department of State for approval.

**APPENDIX A**

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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**Guidelines for Notification and Review of State Agency Actions Where Local Waterfront  
Revitalization Programs are in Effect**