

SECTION VIII
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From the inception of the LWRP, it was recognized that involvement and commitment by both local officials and citizens was essential to the development of an effective program and to carrying out the various tasks to achieve its implementation. The program to achieve local commitment is described below:

A. WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The first action taken following approval of the LWRP preparation grant was to invite interested citizens and members of local boards to participate in the program. The appointment of a Town Waterfront Advisory Committee was made from this group. The Committee included two members of the North Greenbush Town Board, a representative of the RPI Technical Park, and members of other local boards, business, civic, planning and environmental groups.

The Committee was assigned major responsibility for guiding and developing the program. During the initial planning period the Committee met at least once a month. Subcommittees were formed to discuss policy, consider alternative approaches and recommend specific actions.

B. PUBLIC MEETINGS

The general public has been informed of the planning process through periodic releases and through participation in two public meetings in the initial stages of the program. The first meeting was held soon after the start of the program to determine public concerns, to explain the purpose of the program and its potential benefits and to set forth the schedule and procedures to be followed. The second meeting was held at a point when the policies had been established and a program determined, but when modifications were still possible based on public response. A final public hearing was held prior to approval by the Town Board.

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