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VIII. LOCAL COMMITMENT

The program to achieve local commitment is described below:

A. Waterfront Advisory Committee

Following approval of the LWRP planning grant, a Village Waterfront Advisory Committee was appointed. The Committee included a member of the Village Planning Board, the Deputy Director of the County Planning Department, several people with waterfront businesses and a commercial fisherman.

The Committee was assigned major responsibility for guiding and developing the program. During the planning period the Committee met at least once a month. The entire Committee endorsed the program developed herein and recommended it to the Village Board.

B. Public Meetings

The general public was informed of the planning process through periodic releases and through participation in two public information meetings. The first meeting was held at 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 Village Board, to consider the LWRP and the proposed local laws to implement the LWRP.

C. Briefings

The Mayor and several Village Board members followed the activities of the Waterfront Committee and the preparation of the LWRP throughout the planning period and attended committee meetings.

D. Questionnaire

A questionnaire was distributed to residents throughout the Village to determine their opinion on a variety of issues. The results from 135 responses are discussed in Exhibit II-A.