

## **Section VIII. Obtaining Local Commitment**

In order to achieve local commitment to the LWRP, the Village of Ocean Beach has engaged in a public participation process. A public meeting was conducted on July 7, 2001 to introduce the LWRP and seek initial input regarding key community goals and objectives.

Subsequent to the initial public meeting, a special committee was established by the Village Board of Trustees to provide guidance for the preparation of the LWRP. This LWRP Advisory Committee included the Village Mayor and Board of Trustees, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Environmental Commission, Village Administrator, Village Water/Sewage Department, Village Recreation Department, Village Police Department, Village Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services, Ocean Beach Association, Ocean Beach Chamber of Commerce, Ocean Beach Community Fund, and School Board.

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on October 27, 2001 to review the purpose and benefits of an LWRP, and to discuss key issues facing the Village based on a preliminary list of issues that was developed for the Committee's consideration and use. A follow-up meeting of the Committee was conducted on December 1, 2001 to complete the discussion of the list of key issues. Written minutes were prepared for both of these meetings and distributed to Committee members for their review and acceptance.

Subsequent to the December 1, 2001 Advisory Committee meeting, a preliminary draft version of Sections 1 through 5 of the LWRP was prepared. This document was distributed to Committee members in July 2002. The Committee was reconvened on August 24, 2002 to discuss the preliminary draft LWRP and to provide the opportunity for the members of the Committee to comment upon the document before it was to be released for public review. The current version of the LWRP addresses the input received during the August 24, 2002 Advisory Committee meeting.

Because most Village of Ocean Beach residents are absent from the community during the fall and winter months, logistical considerations dictated that release of the LWRP to the public be delayed until early 2003. This scheduling lag was necessary to ensure that the 60-day review period and public hearing would occur at a time when the majority of residents are normally present, so that meaningful public participation could be assured.

Upon completion of the 60-day review period, the LWRP was further amended to address substantive comments that were received from the public and involved agencies, and other interested parties.