

SECTION VIII
LOCAL COMMITMENT

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A Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) is a partnership effort which requires firm local commitment. This section of the LWRP details the Village of Sag Harbor's commitment to its LWRP.

To ensure that the needs and desires of the community continue to be reflected in the amended local program, the *Harbor Committee* played a key role in collecting information, reviewing written products, and coordinating various tasks through completion. The *Harbor Committee* is the "charge" behind ensuring the Village's waterfront area is managed in an appropriate manner. The *Harbor Committee* reviewed the objectives of the original LWRP (1986) and revised them to more accurately address current conditions.

At the start of the amendment process, Frank Gerecke chaired the *Harbor Committee* and voluntarily gave many hours to organizing the content of the amended LWRP. He also selected, with the *Harbor Committee*, individuals to write specific components of the amended LWRP. Some of these are listed, below. Credit is due to:

- Alison Cornish, who composed the "Historic Resources and Visual Quality" portion of the document.
- Chris Pickerell, Suffolk County Cooperative Extension, conducted research and pulled together information regarding locally important fish and wildlife habitats. The results of his research appears in the "Fish and Wildlife" portion of the document. Also in cooperation with the Suffolk County Cooperative Extension, the *Harbor Committee* measured the tidal fluctuations of the waters surrounding Sag Harbor, and gathered scientific information relating to water quality.
- Karen Blumer, Ecology Consultant, was selected by the *Harbor Committee* to identify and document the Village's wetlands. Her services resulted in the *Village of Sag Harbor Wetlands Map (1994)*, and recommendations for changes in wetland policy and law for the Village. Section II includes the material that she developed.

The *Harbor Committee* was an active participant throughout the amendment process toward gathering accurate information for the Village's updated LWRP. The *Harbor Committee's* level of involvement has included:

- ▶ Hardened Shoreline -- video-tape the shoreline, from the water, to determine the current number of bulkheads in the Sag Harbor/Bay Cove Complex;
- ▶ Recreation -- field-check locations and conditions of public and private recreation facilities; and
- ▶ Draft LWRP -- review and provide input on the draft LWRP.

The *Harbor Committee* held many meetings with State representatives present, and devoted the majority of their own meetings to the concerns of the LWRP. These meetings were open to the public and were usually attended by Village residents who offered input on the contents of the

draft LWRP (Section VII). Public meetings were also held in the Village Hall, usually in conjunction with Village Board meetings.

Community members were aware that the LWRP was being updated, to reflect current conditions, at a very early stage in the amendment process. The *Harbor Committee* utilized the special abilities and interests of members of the community. Interest and expertise were drawn from Sag Harbor's businessmen and residents into the preparation of this amended Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Citizen input improved the data base, verified program information, evaluated various alternatives and expressed the values and concerns of the community.

The Village has recognized the need to continue public and private involvement in and commitment to the implementation of the LWRP. The Mayor and Village Board of Trustees will continue to be responsible for overall management and coordination of the LWRP. The Village Clerk-Treasurer will continue to serve as staff to the Mayor and Village Board on LWRP matters. These entities will continue to have specific duties, powers and responsibilities in furthering waterfront policies, projects and other program activities (see Section V).

The duties and responsibilities of the *Harbor Committee* will continue to include (as per *Chapter 21*):

- (1) Monitoring all activities and reviewing all appropriate applications and proposals which may affect local waters to make an early identification of any which might have and adverse impact on water quality and to ensure conformance with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP).
- (2) Maintaining liaison with other appropriate government and civic bodies so that full advantage may be taken of the efforts of others and cooperation may be extended for the mutual advantage of all concerned.
- (3) Being alert for funding programs which may make monies available for water quality -related activities and/or for implementation of other *Committee* recommendations.
- (4) Making timely and appropriate comments and recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Trustees and other village boards so that they may take timely and effective action to preserve and protect local waters.
- (5) Taking maximum practical advantage of opportunities to make the general public more fully aware of steps they can take to help preserve and protect local waters.
- (6) Making recommendations to the Board of Trustees with respect to revising and updating the LWRP.