

A. LOCAL COMMITMENT**INTRODUCTION**

The procedures and methods outlined here have been and will be used to obtain local support, consensus, and commitment for the Village of Patchogue's LWRP and HMP among local organizations, public agencies, and the general public, and to ensure adequate and timely public participation in the LWRP/HMP. Given the nature and impact of the program and the importance of local consensus and commitment, a substantial effort has been made and will be made to ensure active participation in the LWRP/HMP. The Incorporated Village of Patchogue has and will continue to provide the opportunity for Village residents to become involved in a process of discussing and deciding upon the Village's future growth, priorities, and resources to be protected.

In 2006, the Village received an Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant from the New York Department of State (DOS) Division of Coastal Resources for the purposes of preparing an LWRP for its coastal area. The LWRP also includes as a component an HMP. The Village and DOS have worked closely together to produce an LWRP/HMP that will encourage the preservation and enhancement of the Village's waterfront areas. On July 26, 2007, the first public meeting was held on the Draft LWRP/HMP. The informational meeting presented to the public the purpose of the LWRP/HMP and also gave the public the opportunity to provide their concerns and visions for the Village's waterfront areas. Subsequently, the draft LWRP/HMP was formulated and in September 2008, a public meeting was held on the LWRP/HMP and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Village established an Advisory Committee to provide guidance for preparation of the LWRP/HMP. The Advisory Committee included members of the Village Board of Trustees, Village Community Development Agency, DOS Coastal Resources, Long Island South Shore Estuary Reserve, and other community stakeholders.

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on May 17, 2007 to review the purpose and benefits of an LWRP/HMP, and to discuss issues facing the Village based on a preliminary list that was developed for the Committee's consideration and use. Subsequent to the first meeting, drafts of Sections I and II of the LWRP/HMP were sent to the Committee for their review and comment. A follow-up meeting of the Committee was conducted on April 29, 2008 to complete the discussion of the list of key issues, discuss recommendations for the program, and review the draft sections. Written minutes were prepared for both meetings and distributed to Committee members for their review and acceptance. The Committee reconvened in August 2008, to discuss the agenda for the second public informational meeting and to discuss and review the remaining draft sections of the LWRP/HMP, which included Section III: "Waterfront

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Revitalization Policies;” Section IV: “Proposed Uses and Projects;” Section V: “Local Implementation Techniques;” and Section VI: “Federal and State Actions and Programs Likely to Affect Implementation of the LWRP/HMP.”

Upon approval by the Village Board, the draft LWRP/HMP, including the DGEIS, will be submitted to DOS for distribution to federal and State agencies for a 60-day review period, as required by Executive Law, Article 42. At the same time, the draft documents will be filed and distributed as required by the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). As a result of this process, it is expected that comments will be received, resulting in further revisions and refinements to the LWRP/HMP. These revisions will be incorporated into the final document, which will be resubmitted to the Village Board for adoption and then to the New York State Secretary of State for approval.

CONSULTATION MECHANISMS

The Village has used and will continue to use the following consultation mechanisms during the process of preparing the LWRP/HMP, in order to gain support for and commitment to the draft program:

- Advisory Committee;
- Public informational meetings/presentations;
- Public meetings;
- Informal contact with affected local organizations and groups; and
- Formal contact with involved federal, State, and regional agencies, and the Town of Brookhaven.

INFORMATION TECHNIQUES

The following techniques have been and are proposed to be used to provide information to affected organizations, groups, and the general public on the draft LWRP/HMP. Additional techniques may be identified after preparation of the draft LWRP/HMP. The mechanisms include the following:

- Advisory Committee meetings;
- Central depository for all reports, maps, and plan documents at Village Hall;
- Public informational meetings/presentations;
- Media releases/coverage;
- Informational mailings;
- Advertising; and
- Public service announcements by media and other entities.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

In addition to any scheduled Village Board meetings on the LWRP/HMP, a minimum of one public informational meeting was held on the draft LWRP/HMP. Meetings were publicized according to New York State Village Law. Adequate advance notice was given to ensure good attendance and productive discussions at the meetings. If additional public meetings are determined to be necessary following adoption of the LWRP/HMP, the Village Board will take the necessary steps to ensure that such meetings are held.

As noted above, upon completion of the 60-day review period, the LWRP/HMP will be further amended to address substantive comments that are received from the public and involved agencies, and other interested parties.

B. LOCAL CONSULTATION

CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

The Village of Patchogue LWRP/HMP will affect and be affected by the actions of the Town of Brookhaven and County, regional, State, and federal agencies. This section describes the efforts by the Village to inform and involve other agencies in development of the Village of Patchogue LWRP/HMP.

DOS has been intimately involved in the formulation of the LWRP/HMP. DOS developed the work program under which preparation of the LWRP/HMP has primarily been guided. Preliminary versions of Sections I through VII of the LWRP/HMP were submitted to DOS for its consideration before the document was assembled into the final draft version that was circulated for public review.

During preparation of this LWRP/HMP, various organizations and agencies were consulted. This listing, however, does not reflect the extensive research that went into the LWRP/HMP, nor does it indicate the full range of agencies whose work is represented or discussed in the document. The list only includes organizations and agencies that were directly contacted in order to discuss issues of policy or to check facts. Sources for all other research are indicated in Section VIII, "Bibliography."

FEDERAL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National Park Service Fire Island National Seashore

STATE

New York State Department of State
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
New York State Department of Transportation

REGIONAL

Suffolk County Planning Department
Suffolk County Department of Health Services
Suffolk County Department of Public Works
Suffolk County Water Authority

LOCAL

Village of Patchogue Planning Board

Village of Patchogue LWRP/HMP

Village of Patchogue Board of Trustees

Village of Patchogue Zoning Board of Appeals

Village of Patchogue Community Development Agency

Village of Patchogue Parks and Recreation Department

The Village has not received any correspondence or had any discussion with affected agencies that would suggest real, potential, or imagined conflicts with the LWRP/HMP. Should any conflicts arise, the Village will interact with the respective agency to seek an appropriate resolution.

The LWRP/HMP will be reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the SEQRA. Since the implementation measures for the LWRP/HMP largely comprise a continuation and enhancement of the Village's existing programs to maintain and protect important resources, and will not include any action that entails potentially significant environmental impacts, it is not anticipated that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be necessary. Accordingly, it is expected that a Generic EIS issued by the Village of Patchogue as lead agency will satisfy the requirements of SEQRA in regard to the adoption of the LWRP/HMP.

The LWRP/HMP will be distributed by DOS to all involved and affected federal, State, and local agencies to elicit their comments. A public meeting will be conducted for involved and interested agencies and the public. All written and oral comments received with respect to the draft LWRP/HMP will be addressed in the final version of the document, prior to the State's approval of the program. *