

Step 2 - Involve the Public

The Patchogue Village community participated in the planning process for this plan step. The public was involved through newspaper notices, attendance at public meetings and providing comments. A draft of this plan was made available to the public at the Village Hall and the Patchogue Library. A summary of all public and committee meetings and other key activities of this plan step are summarized in Table 2-1.

2.A - Public Meetings

A public meeting was held to inform interested people about the plan. The date of this meeting was originally scheduled for February 28, 2005. The purpose of this meeting was to summarize for the community the current status, future planning activities and the process of developing the plan for future hazard mitigation projects. A severe winter storm prevented the meeting planned for February 28 and it was rescheduled to March 14. The minutes from this meeting are included in Vol. 2. A copy of the draft plan is available on the Village Web Site at <http://www.patchoguevillage.org>. On April 18, 2006, the Village advertised that a second public meeting would be held on April 24, 2006 at the Village Hall, regarding the Village's All Hazard Mitigation Plan. This advertisement was placed in the Long Island Advance. The purpose of this meeting was to review the plan in its entirety, invite the public to offer comments on the plan, and to obtain approval from the Village Board of Trustees to adopt this plan as the final to be sent to FEMA for final approval. The advertisement also reminded the public that the entire draft plan was available on the Village's website. The advertisement, the resolution to adopt the plan, and the minutes from this meeting are included in Vol. 2 of the plan.

2.B Public Information Activities

An article was published in the Long Island Advance, which is the official newspaper of the Village. Members of the community have been encouraged to attend public meetings

and to report on notable floodplain and hazards issues. This publication reaches the entire community and is widely read. Many of the written responses to notices have come as replies to specific public notices by this paper. An example of an article and notice from the Long Island Advance is attached in Volume 2 of this plan. A notice and meeting summary was put on the Village Web Page at <http://www.patchoguevillage.org>. A portion of the meeting's transcript related to the presentation of the All Hazards Mitigation plan is also in Volume 2.

2.C Public Input.

The public was invited to provide information by letter and by participation and response to questions at public meetings. Community members present at the March 14, 2005 meeting had no specific questions or comments on the plan. All comments received during the meetings mentioned in Section 2.A have been incorporated into the plan. Community members present at the April 24, 2006 meeting had no specific questions or comments on the plan.

2.D Input from Steering Committee

The Steering Committee (Figure 1-4) has been very active and involved in the plan development and their questions and viewpoints regarding hazards of concern and mitigation needs have been solicited through individual conversations and formal meetings. The Committee has met once a month to discuss the progress of the plan and to provide input into the process (see Table 2-1). They have been especially helpful in focusing on the issues that are of greatest importance to the safety of Village property and residents. They have played a large part in shaping the goals, objectives and proposed activities given in this plan. The participants on this committee are discussed above in Step 1.B and listed in Table 1-1. They are a diverse group representing different parts of the community.

Table 2-1 Key Meetings and Other Milestones.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Village Representative</u>	<u>Steering Committee</u>	<u>Consultant Representative</u>
9/30/04	Kickoff Meeting with Village Representatives		V. Biscardi, J. Dean		W. Seevers, J. Brower, S. Uccellini
10/27/04	Conference with SEMO (M. Basile) Schedule Review		V. Biscardi		W. Seevers, J. Brower, S. Uccellini
11/23/04	1 st Steering Committee Meeting. Briefing on Hazards Assessment.		V. Biscardi, J. Dean	All *	W. Seevers, J. Brower
12/14/04	2nd Steering Committee Meeting – Review of Prevalent Hazards		V. Biscardi, J. Dean	J. Perry, J. Lund	S. Uccellini, J. Brower
01/11/05	3rd Steering Committee Meeting		V. Biscardi, J. Dean	R. DeChance, J. Perry, J. Lund, J. Rocco, B. Ward	W. Seevers, J. Brower, S. Uccellini
02/08/05	4 th Steering Committee Meeting		V. Biscardi	J. Lund	W. Seevers, J. Brower, S. Uccellini
03/14/05	1 st Public meeting, Village Board Meeting – Presentation of Hazards Mitigation Process and Plan	Open	V. Biscardi, J. Dean, J. Perry		J. Brower
03/31/05	5 th Steering Committee Meeting		V. Biscardi	J. Rocco, J. Lund, P. Sarich	J. Brower, S. Uccellini
04/19/05	6 th Steering Committee Meeting		V. Biscardi		J. Brower
05/09/05	Review meeting with Mayor		V. Biscardi, J. Dean,		J. Brower, S. Uccellini, A. Zalak

* See Table 1-1.