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## SECTION 7: LOCAL COMMITMENT AND CONSULTATION

### 7.1 LOCAL COMMITMENT

The Village of Union Springs initiated their efforts to prepare a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program in 2015, when they contracted with the Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development to submit an application for grant funding from the NYS Department of State through the Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (EPF LWRP). Cayuga County was awarded funds to prepare the LWRP on behalf of the village. In 2016, an Advisory Committee was established to oversee and guide the preparation of the program. The Advisory Committee was comprised of representatives from the Village Board of Trustees, Village Planning Board, and local residents.

This committee met twelve times during the planning process (July 27, November 2, and December 14, 2016; January 4, February 15, March 1, March 22, May 24, July 13, September 27, and October 18, 2017; and February 7, 2018) for the preparation of the draft LWRP.

A community survey was conducted in the fall of 2016. Staff from the Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development conducted a survey during two days of the Bass Master Elite Fishing Tournament and Fish Cayuga Festival in June 2016; and an online and paper survey was prepared, conducted, and evaluated with assistance from a Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs student in the Community Link Program. A total of 184 persons completed the survey. In addition to a legal notice in the local newspaper, postcard notices were mailed to each property owner within the waterfront area, flyers were posted around the community, and notices were posted on the project website and Facebook page to encourage members of the public to complete the survey.

To strengthen local commitment for the village's planning efforts, the Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development and the Advisory Committee held five public informational meetings to provide local citizens an opportunity to comment on significant issues and opportunities in the waterfront area. In addition to a legal notice in the local newspaper, postcard notices were mailed to each property owner within the waterfront area, flyers were posted around the community, and notices were posted on the project website and Facebook page to encourage members of the public to attend each meeting. Each of the meetings listed below were held at the Union Springs High School, either in the cafeteria or in the auditorium.

- The first meeting, a Community Kick-Off Meeting, was held on June 17, 2016 to launch the project and garner initial interest in the project from the public. Attendees of this meeting filled out applications to participate on the Advisory Committee; membership of which was ultimately determined by the Village Board of Trustees at a Board Meeting on July 11, 2016. This meeting was attended by 40 people.
- The second public meeting, a Community Visioning Meeting, was held on February 1, 2017 to solicit public input on the draft vision for the plan and to review Sections 1 & 2 of the plan. The Advisory Committee developed a draft vision for this meeting from the results of a public survey that was conducted in the fall of 2016. This meeting was also attended by 40 people.
- The third public meeting was held on June 16, 2017 to present and solicit public input on the draft program policies, proposed land and water uses, and proposed projects. This meeting was attended by 22 people.

- The fourth public meeting was held on November 15, 2017 to present and solicit public input on the draft plans and graphics prepared by Clark Patterson Lee for some of the proposed projects; and to review the proposed implementation program for the LWRP. This meeting was attended by 50 people.
- The fifth public meeting, was a public hearing to review the complete draft plan and draft waterfront consistency law was held at the on February 27, 2018. A total of 65 persons attended. This meeting was also held in the Union Springs High School Auditorium.

The information gathered at these meetings was utilized to shape the LWRP policies, as well as the proposed projects and implementation measures outlined in the program.

## 7.2 CONSULTATION

The draft LWRP was reviewed and accepted as ready by the Village of Union Springs Board of Trustees for legal review by NYS DOS, at a Village Board Meeting on March 20, 2019. The board passed a resolution to submit the draft LWRP to the New York State Department of State for the formal 60-day legal review. On April 24, 2019, the Department of State initiated the 60-day review period for the draft LWRP, pursuant to the Waterfront Revitalization of Coastal Areas and Inland Waterways Act and the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Potentially affected State and federal agencies; Cayuga County; and the adjacent Towns of Aurelius, Ledyard, Scipio, and Springport were informed of the review period of the draft LWRP. Comments received on the draft LWRP were reviewed and addressed by the village and the Department of State. The draft LWRP was revised to address the comments received from local, regional, state, and federal agencies.

### A. Local Consultation

Consultation has consisted of maintaining a close relationship among village entities whose actions and/or functions may be affected by the LWRP. These include the Village Board of Trustees, Village Planning Board, Village Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Code Enforcement Officer.

The other local governments likely to be affected by the Village of Union Springs LWRP are the other municipalities along Cayuga Lake adjacent to the Village of Union Springs which include the Town of Aurelius, Town of Ledyard, Town of Scipio, and Town of Springport. These towns were notified of the initiation of the 60-day review period of the draft LWRP. No Towns submitted comments.

### B. Regional Consultation

The Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development (CCPED), as part of their contract with the Village of Union Springs, was responsible for conducting all of the research, mapping, and analysis that informed the development of the draft LWRP. CCPED staff was also the primary facilitator for all committee and public meetings; and was tasked with producing all elements of the draft LWRP with the exception of the graphics and related cost estimates in Section 4 that were subcontracted for and prepared by Clark Patterson Lee. CCPED staff maintained regular contact and solicited feedback from several county and regional agencies and organizations throughout the development of the draft LWRP including:

- Cayuga County Economic Development Agency
- Cayuga County Office of Tourism
- Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Cayuga Lake Watershed Network

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- Finger Lakes Institute
  - Finger Lakes Land Trust
  - The Nature Conservancy

All of the above listed agencies and organizations; along with the Cayuga County Department of Health and the Cayuga County Highway Department were notified of the initiation of the 60-day review period of the draft LWRP. No agencies or organizations submitted comments.

### **C. State Agency Consultation**

Consultation with the Department of State has taken place throughout the preparation of the Draft LWRP. Telephone conversations and emails have focused on LWRP preparation, methods of implementation, legal and programmatic concerns. CCPED staff held monthly status update conference calls with staff from the Department of State to review plan sections as they were developed, review results of committee and public meetings, and to address issues and concerns. Representatives from the regional offices of the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Office of General Services, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the Department of Transportation were also involved. Main and regional offices of state agencies were notified about the initiation of the 60-day review period of the draft LWRP. Four state agencies submitted a comment letter: the NYS Department of Transportation; the NYS Office of General Services; the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets; and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation NYS Historic Preservation Office. The comments from the agencies were generally in regards to future coordination and review of some of the projects listed in Section IV. Related projects in Section IV were updated to include this information, as well as Section 5.2. The Village will continue to coordinate with all state agencies as necessary for all future projects in the WRA.