



Waterfront Advisory Committee



Membership and Responsibilities

A waterfront advisory committee (WAC) is required if the community has been awarded an EPF LWRP grant for development of an LWRP or LWRP amendment. A WAC is also recommended for communities undertaking development of an LWRP without awarded funding. The WAC should be appointed early in the process to oversee and coordinate development of the LWRP. An optimum size for the committee is ten to fifteen members.

Suggested Members

- Local government- elected officials; municipal staff; planning, zoning, and other boards
- State and county representatives with jurisdiction over project activities or the project area
- Neighborhood and community organizations, local and regional non-profit organizations
- Property owners from waterfront neighborhoods
- The business community, particularly those whose livelihood depends on the community's waterfront, such as tour boat operators, marina owners, commercial and recreational fisherman, boat suppliers and outfitters; chambers of commerce; merchant's organizations; and business improvement districts
- Tourism and promotion groups
- The academic community

Responsibilities

- Assisting with consultant selection (if appropriate to local procurement procedures)
- Managing the planning process or advising municipal staff and consultants on the process
- Providing valuable input on waterfront issues and existing conditions
- Holding regular WAC meetings and targeted focus group meetings, design charrettes, visioning and action planning workshops and public hearings
- Informing others in the community about the process and how they can be involved
- Reviewing reports, designs, and other documents
- Keeping elected officials and municipal officials informed about the planning process (if needed)
- Working with municipal staff, consultants, State agency staff, and others to complete tasks related to the development of the LWRP, such as reading and commenting on draft sections of the LWRP

When developing a Joint Municipal LWRP, the communities involved should include representatives of each of their municipalities on the waterfront advisory committee. The sponsoring municipality for the Joint Municipal LWRP should also look at a wide geographic base to involve all appropriate organizations.