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**** P R E S S R E L E A S E ****

Village of Mamaroneck to Hold Public Workshop on the Update of its Local Water Front Revitalization Program on February 15, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Court Room at 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue

The Village of Mamaroneck will hold the first of two public workshops on the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) update on Tuesday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Court Room at 169 Mount Pleasant Avenue. The workshop is intended to educate the public about the LWRP update process and gather input on the initial proposed waterfront projects and alternatives. All interested residents, business owners, stakeholders and municipal officials are encouraged to attend.

In 1984, the Village of Mamaroneck set a standard as the first municipality in New York State to adopt a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). Since the preparation of the current LWRP, the Village has grown and experienced new infill development in the central business district and along major commercial corridors such as the Post Road and Mamaroneck Avenue. The previous LWRP promoted a balance between economic development and environmental conservation, addressing riverine flooding, sewage overflow, harbor sedimentation, natural resources and open space, coastal land use and density and long-term harbor management. While many of these policies remain relevant today, several of the LWRP's recommendations have now been implemented, such as amending the Village's zoning to create marine districts and setting up the review board that is now the Harbor and Coastal Zone Management Commission.

In order to ensure that the Village of Mamaroneck continues to lead the way in New York State, an update to the LWRP is needed to reflect existing conditions and current Long Island Sound planning policies, and outline policies that will guide future waterfront planning.

This planning effort, which is being funded by an Environmental Protection Fund (EFF) Local Waterfront Revitalization grant from the Department of State, will cover the entire Village and will include an analysis of waterfront opportunities and constraints, historic resources and public recreational access points. The LWRP update process is being spearheaded by an advisory committee composed of representatives from each of the Village's land use boards and the Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee, assisted by Village staff, Mamaroneck's planning consultants, BFJ Planning and Charles McCaffery, the former director of the Bureau of Local and Regional Coastal Programs at the New York State Department of State. In preparation for the public workshop, draft versions of each LWRP chapter submitted to and discussed by the update committee will be posted on the Village's website.