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WAC 4 “STREAMWALK VOLUNTEERS”

The “Streamwalk Volunteers” listed below made an invaluable contribution to this plan. Together, these volunteers assessed more than 30 miles of stream in the WAC 4 study area. Their accomplishments have been well recognized. The United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service presented them with both regional and national “group” awards for their outstanding volunteerism as part of its Earth Team Volunteers Program. Wallace Irwin, who organized the volunteers, also earned regional and national “individual” awards for his efforts. The Westchester County Committee on Nonpoint Source Pollution and Soil and Water Conservation District also awarded the “Streamwalk Volunteers” and Mr. Irwin with plaques, recognizing them for their “outstanding” efforts. On October 4, 1998, the Westchester County Board of Legislators further honored the WAC 4 “Streamwalk Volunteers” with a proclamation, thanking them “for all they did to help protect our environment.”.

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PREFACE

This nonpoint source pollution control plan is published in accordance with the “Report and Recommendations” (1993) of the Citizens Committee on Nonpoint Source Pollution in Long Island Sound. Its preparation is made possible by a state grant through the Environmental Protection Fund administered by the New York Department of State. The plan is divided into two sections.

The first section contains recommendations specific to the Watershed Advisory Committee 4 (WAC 4) study area, which is comprised of the watersheds of the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake rivers and Mamaroneck Harbor. These tributaries drain into the western end of Long Island Sound. Section I also provides a broad understanding of watershed planning for the Long Island Sound watershed. But, most importantly, it makes specific recommendations for controlling nonpoint source pollution in each municipality in the study area. This section describes characteristics of the study area, such as land use, streams and wetlands, and includes the results of watershed analyses and recommendations to reduce the volume of nonpoint source pollution entering Long Island Sound in Westchester County. Section I is specific to the WAC 4 study area and is “action-oriented.”

The second section is an appendix containing supplemental information and recommendations supporting the recommendations made in the first section. Section II highlights threats to water resources, identifies pollutants impacting water quality, and discusses management strategies and practices to protect, preserve and restore natural features that are essential to ensuring good water quality in the watersheds that make up the WAC 4 study area. This section is intended to be an educational tool to introduce the public and municipal officials to watershed planning, nonpoint source pollution control, and the various ways to reduce the threat of nonpoint source pollution. Section II also explains important federal stormwater regulations that will impact all municipalities in the study area.

The two sections complement each other and provide all the necessary components of a comprehensive watershed management plan. The plan is intended to improve water quality throughout the WAC 4 study area and ultimately to assist in the restoration of one of the region’s most valuable natural resources - Long Island Sound.

The municipalities that comprise the WAC 4 study area have endorsed the principles of this plan. Resolutions endorsing the plan were adopted by the Town/Village of Harrison on _____, the Town of Mamaroneck on _____, the Village of Mamaroneck on _____, the City of New Rochelle on _____, the Village of Scarsdale on _____ and the City of White Plains on _____ (copies of resolutions in Appendix).