

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND EDUCATION

In order for the WHPP to be successful, everyone within the community and especially those who live and conduct their businesses within the Wellhead Protection Area need to be included in the planning process and continuing development and implementation of the Plan. The program developed to be implemented for the City has involved, and will continue to involve, public participation. Public education and awareness is a key element of the City's WHPP.

The Wellhead Protection Team members represent a broad cross-section of the community. As a result, the Wellhead Protection Team will be relied upon to inform and educate area residents regarding the WHPP and groundwater awareness. Specific public education items are referenced in Section IV.C.1 of this report.

The City's WHPP will continue to encourage a program to maximize a "community effort" and a two-way communication with the public to foster community understanding of wellhead protection, and to identify and support the community leaders and volunteers in the implementation of the program.