

Consistency with Growth Principles

In accordance with State Statutes, the Middletown Plan of Conservation and Development has been evaluated for consistency and compliance with the state's growth management principles.

Principle 1 – Redevelop and revitalize regional centers and areas of mixed-land uses with existing or planned physical infrastructure.

Over the years, Middletown has undergone an extensive revitalization of its downtown area. The additions to this mixed-use area have turned the downtown area into a busy and appealing place to work, shop, and live.

Middletown's downtown is a regional center on the State Plan of Conservation and Development and this plan update is completely consistent with this principal.

Principle 2 – Expand housing opportunities and design choices to accommodate a variety of household types and needs.

From homeless shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing, affordable housing and market rate apartments, condos and single-family homes, Middletown has and will always provide the full range of housing opportunities. Truly anyone can live in Middletown and this plan update is completely consistent with this principal.

Principle 3 - Concentrate development around transportation nodes and along major transportation corridors to support the viability of transportation options and land reuse.

Historically commercial and mixed-use development has been concentrated along major transportation corridors. This plan continues this concept but also encourages a higher density of development and a greater mix of uses including residential. Therefore this plan update is completely consistent with this principal.

Principle 4 – Conserve and restore the natural environment, cultural, and historic resources, and traditional rural lands.

The Plan addresses this principle in chapters 7 and 9, which detail how to protect natural resources and preserve Middletown's rural character. These plans include:

- The continued acquisition of open space, with a total protected open space goal of 30%
- Conservation of farmland and Middletown's rural character
- Investment in the City's park system to create more recreational areas
- Conservation of open space and rural character in the Maromas section of Middletown

This plan update is completely consistent with this principal.

Principle 5 – Protect environmental assets critical to public health and safety.

The plan contains sections regarding the protection of water and air quality, open spaces, farmland and historic resources and therefore this plan update is completely consistent with this principal.

Principle 6 – Integrate planning across all levels of government to address issues on a local, regional, and statewide basis.

The 1990 Plan of Conservation and Development, which will remain in effect, begins with a section discussing the need for consistency among state, regional and local planning efforts. This plan update is completely consistent with this principal.