

**Resolution No. 19-08**  
**Date: January 28, 2008**

**Army Training Facility on Freeman Road in Middletown, CT**

*Whereas*, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part of DOD Authorization Act, 1991, Public Law 101-510) as Amended by the FY 05 Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 108-375) provides for the preparation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Report, and

*Whereas*, the 2005 BRAC Report recommends the closure and realignment of military bases affecting the State of Connecticut and City of Middletown, and

*Whereas*, the Secretary of Defense recommends closure of the U.S. Army Reserve Center, Organization Maintenance Shop in Middletown; and Sgt. Libby U.S. Army Reserve Center in New Haven; and Army Reserve Area Maintenance Support Action #69 in Milford; and relocation of units to a new Armed Forces Reserve Center Organizational Maintenance Shop and Army Maintenance Support Activity ("Regional Training Center") in Middletown if the Army is able to acquire land suitable for the construction of the facilities, and

*Whereas*, the new AFRC, OMS and AMSA shall have the capability to accommodate units from the CT Army National Guard Armory in Putnam, Manchester, New Britain, and CT ARNG facility in Newington if the state decides to relocate those National Guard units in Middletown, and

*Whereas*, the City of Middletown understands that an approximately 47 acre parcel of land owned by Connecticut Light and Power Co. off Freeman Road is being considered for the 200,000 square-foot Regional Training Center, and

*Whereas*, Connecticut Light & Power and the Connecticut Dept of Environmental Protection has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding whereby the DEP has the "right-of-first-refusal" in the event land owned by Rocky River Realty and/or CL&P in the Maromas area of Middletown is under contract to be sold.

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved By the Common Council of the City of Middletown:* That it supports the military's efforts to streamline operations and realign facilities as recommended in the BRAC Report and welcomes the opportunity to house the Army Training Center in support of our military and military personnel; and

*Be it Further Resolved:* That the City of Middletown considers the Freeman Road area to be unsuitable for the Training Center because of its rural residential character, unique ecological habitat, passive recreational uses, and agricultural land. Middletown is actively pursuing the protection of agricultural land in the city, and the site has a predominance of grassland which is Connecticut's most endangered habitat type; and

*Be It Further Resolved:* That the City of Middletown requests the Department of the Army and Army Corp of Engineers to work closely and cooperatively with elected officials, community and business leaders, and its Planning, Conservation and Development Department to find other appropriate and suitable sites for this facility, in accordance with the site Selection Criteria as developed by the Planning, Conservation, and Development Department; such criteria shall be appended to the resolution; and

*Be It Further Resolved:* That we call upon State legislators and State officials to work with the Connecticut DEP to immediately exercise the Memorandum of Understanding to purchase the Maromas land for the State of Connecticut and permanently preserve this area of Middletown; and

*Be it Further Resolved:* That an executive session, if legally proper, be held to review the status of potential alternative sites to be considered by the City of Middletown for the proposed U. S. Army Reserve Training Center recommended in the BRAC Report.

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**at its meeting held on: FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

## **SITE SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Consistency with local Plan of Conservation and Development;
- Located in industrial zone;
- Industrial land unlikely to be developed by private sector (tax base);
- Limited impact on residential properties;
- Access to non-residential collector road;
- Isolated and secure site;
- Limited visibility from surrounding properties;
- Minimum 34 buildable acres (buildable = no wetlands, no floodplain, moderate slopes);
- Access to City water and sewer;
- Review natural Diversity Database.

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