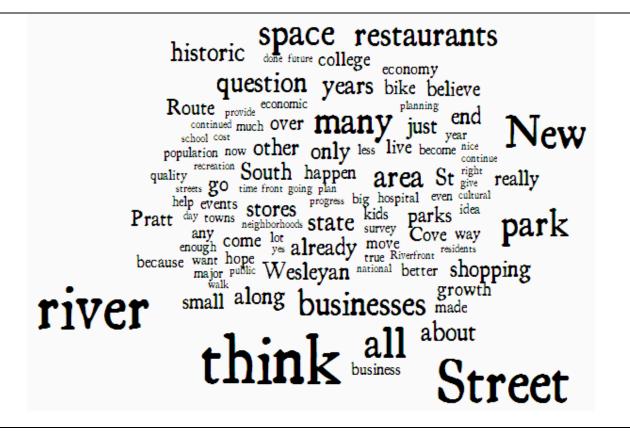
2011 Future of Middletown Survey Results



Summary

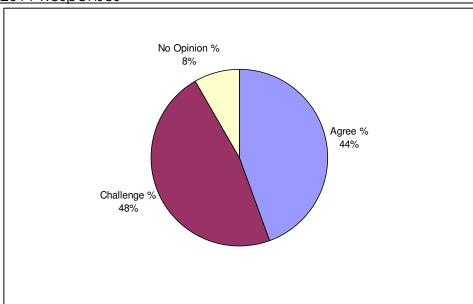
Five years, the City asked residents to respond to 7 predictions about the future of Middletown, 2 reflections on the past, as well as submitting what their dream for Middletown was. We have now asked Middletown to again help. This report contains the results of over 70 respondents. We report the results from this survey, compare them to the result from 2006, and provide a visual representation of the results with a tool called a Work Cloud. A word cloud is a visualization of word frequency in a given text as a weighted list. The larger the word the more often it was used in respondents comments. For example the work cloud featured above, shows the top 100 words from all the comments submitted. Note that River, Street and restaurant are larger than the other words. This is because they were used most often by respondents.

By 2021, Middletown will be a major cultural attraction for Connecticut with a variety of art venues, such as theater, galleries, live music, public art, festivals, etc.

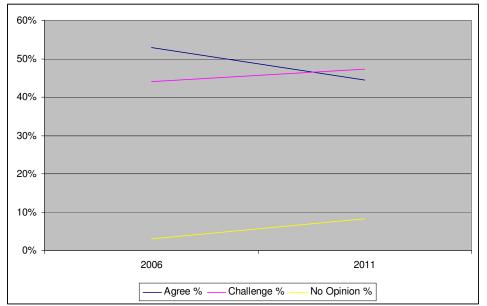
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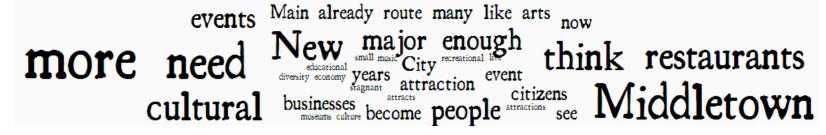
Most respondents challenged the prediction about Middletown being arts and cultural attraction by 2021, but not a majority. In 2006, the majority though Middletown would become arts mecca. Many of the institutions have compose Middletown's arts scene still exist, but there is a notion that the success of restaurants have crowded out opportunities for arts and entertainment.

2011 Responses



2011 Responses Compared to 2006





Prediction #1- Comments

Agreed with Prediction

- We are all ready making our downtown a mixed use of arts, retail and eateries which provide a backdrop for our rich cultural events, entertainment surrounded by wonderful diversity!!
- I think this is already true. Middletown is a cultural attraction for many with our live music, and gallery-art shows, ect. But the cities restaurants in part help to make this so. We need to think better and out of the box and not limit the possibilities; we can be a major cultural, educational, (think museums, and Kid City) sporting, recreational, shopping and dining attraction for citizens across the New England region.
- We need to be more than restaurants to survive they are not really surviving right now either
- Middletown already fulfills this to a significant degree.
- I believe this is just a continuation of our existing strength should be no problem.
- Need to have more downtown festivals. The car show attracts a
 lot of people at the event and it helps businesses downtown. We
 need more events like this. The New Year's Eve event should be
 good. Need to think of and do more events over the course of the
 year.

Challenged Prediction

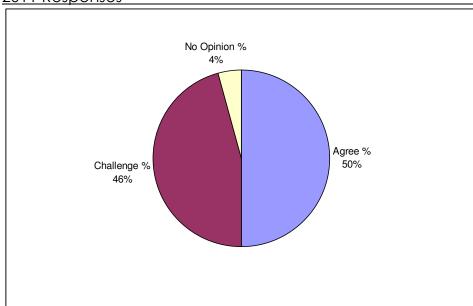
- Unfortunately, Middletown tries to squash these cultural things when they get going.
- Middletown will never be New Haven.
- So far only growth has been with restaurants and bars, more needs to be done to encourage development of the arts and culture.
- We should have started that long ago. We are definitely moving up, but too many restaurants and not enough of the other venues.
 I hate though that we are putting in these small idiotic "buy gold" or "technology outlets" on Main Street. Reminds me of turning into New York City.
- "Major" is an overstatement.
- The economy will keep people at home and developers will have trouble getting funds to build the attractions.
- Not sure there are enough people who are active in that direction and share a common vision.
- If we aren't that by now, I can't see why we would be in 10 years.
- This is not what the citizens in town would like to see Middletown become.
- Unless downtown businesses become more affordable to run this may be difficult.
- No evidence that this is growing and in fact, non-profits are stagnant.

By 2021, Middletown residents will have easy access to the Connecticut River through public facilities and private development in Middletown's Harbor Park and proposed South Cove Development.

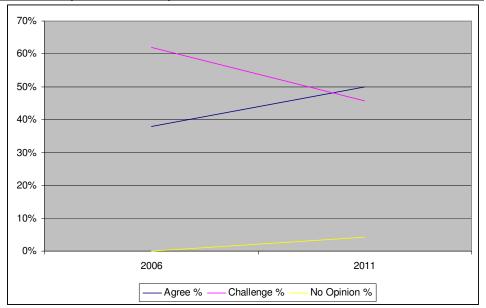
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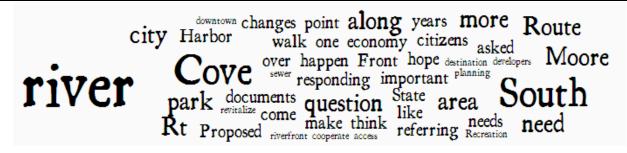
The waterfront has been a continuous priority for the residents of Middletown. Five years ago most felt creating a new waterfront was far-fetched with over 60% challenging the prediction; today 50% agree that the prediction can be attained by 2021.

2011 Responses









Prediction #2- Comments

Agree with Prediction

- Need to get the sewer plant off of River Road and then develop the area, like we have at Harbor Park, a walk way along the river. This will attract people to come to downtown to walk along the river, go to a restaurants and shop. We have one of the nicest river areas in Connecticut and we need to continue to improve it and promote it.
- Along with a Public Boat Launch we will be making use of our River Front as a point of destination for the Arts, Entertainment and Recreation!
- It would be a shame if this doesn't come true reroute the Rt. 17
 access ramp to loop over Rt. 9 and match up with the silver street
 on-ramp
- yes, movement is being made
- If the politics and legal maneuvering with harbor park is resolved
- I hope the waterfront (very valuable land) is an eyesore with a highway

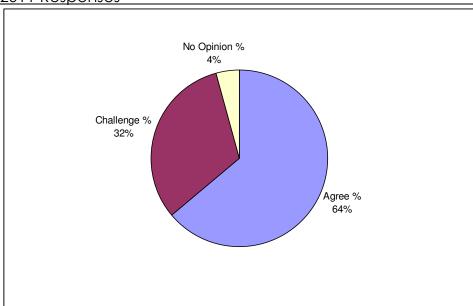
- Selling the river front was a dumb move
- Not going to happen until Route 9 is re-routed
- As a north end landlord, I've had nothing but barriers erected to attempts to revitalize that area. I hope that attitude changes and the city works not only with big developers but also small businesses to make incremental improvements.
- This has also been talked about for years but hasn't moved one single bit.
- I think the town will be moving toward development of the riverfront, but that this is a long-term project, and will not be complete by 2012. I am wondering exactly what you mean by "Proposed South Cove Development." Are you referring in a general sense to development of this area, or is the planning department referring specifically to the Moore Conceptual Design and private development of South Cove. This question is misleading, as it is not clear to me how it is being framed and could be used to point to support of the Moore plan. Furthermore this question needs to asked in context. I wonder how many citizens responding are familiar with the "proposed South Cove Development" as a general concept or as planned for in the Moore documents. Why would this question be asked without a link to ALL the South Cove Development documents, for citizens to ponder before responding?
- I am not aware of the resources available to make this happen.
- Route 9 cuts the city off from the river, and until that changes, I do
 not see how the river can be fully accessed or enjoyed. The tunnel
 is scary -- maybe pedestrian bridges over Route 9?
- implementation. Even if the economy picks up, more important issues, like better education for kids, will be more important.
- I agree this lies ahead, but it will take more than 9 years.
- Route 9 will impede development within a 10 year forecast period, in my opinion. (The wastewater treatment still has to be dismantled.)
- I hope this will be the case. My reticence in accepting this is that I
 think the City needs to push what is in its control independently of
 what is constrained by the State or others.

Middletown's major employers in 2011 will continue to thrive in Middletown in 2021. (Pratt & Whitney, Middlesex Hospital, Wesleyan University, etc.)

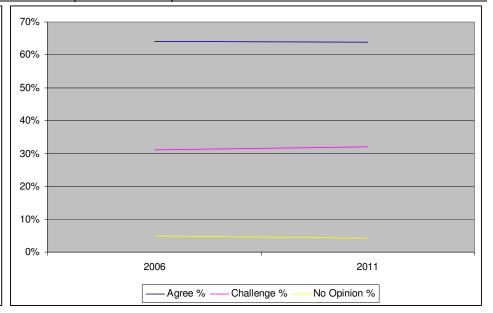
Summary of Results

The responses about the expectations of our major employers have remained virtual consistent and indicate a decade or stability. Some respondents see the potential that Pratt & Whitney decide to leave Middletown, due to the pressures of globalization.

2011 Responses



2011 Responses Compared to 2006





Prediction #3- Comments

Agree with the Prediction

- The State needs to give Pratt & Whitney more incentives to stay in Middletown so they will not more out of state to cheaper locations. They and the other employers indicated above are major employers of Middletown residents.
- Areospace, green technology, a Leader in the Health Field and Education will allow these 3 entities to see growth to the benefit of our citizens and visitors alike!
- Aetna is already gone and Pratt might be next if UTC keeps on its current trend. The hospital and Wesleyan will be fine.
- With the exception of Pratt, I don't believe that, at the drop of a hat, Pratt wouldn't send everything overseas

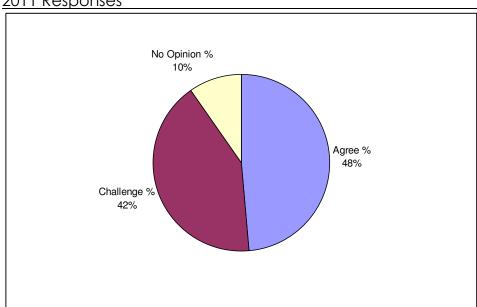
- Pratt and Whitney is already leaving
- Employment at Pratt has been steadily declining.
- Manufacturing is at risk, as is Aetna's continued presence in the city, but Wesleyan and Middlesex will continue to thrive. So this is a mixed opinion
- Pratt is too dependent on defense orders
- Pratt and Whitney has continued to downsize, unless new businesses arrive, only Middlesex hospital and Wesleyan have a chance to thrive because of the current depth of their presence
- Pratt has been trying to leave New England for years. The cost of business in CT is far to high despite what Dan Drew believes or claimed in his speeches.
- Middlesex Hospital will merger with Backus Hospital or Lawrence Memorial New London based.
- Aetna's gone, P+W will be next.

By 2021, unique small businesses and national brands will provide Middletown residents and visitors a unique shopping experience.

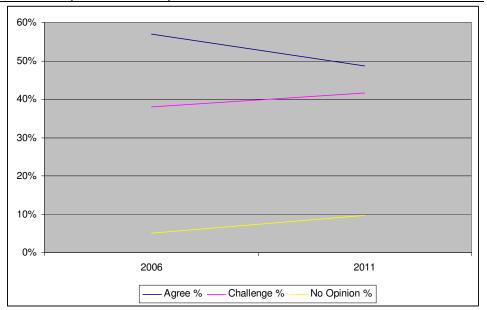
Summary of Results

Most respondents agree with prediction that Middletown will continue to have a diverse and unique shopping experience, but it is not a majority as it was in 2006. Again, as with the Arts, there is a sense that restaurant success has crowded out opportunities for retail.

2011 Responses



2011 Responses Compared to 2006





Prediction #4- Comments

Agree with the Prediction

- Need to continue the efforts to get more business to come to downtown, north end of Main Street.
- The Main Street Ext Corridor and segway to the river front will provide the space for these types of businesses to be attracted to our City of Middletown!
- I hate to see small businesses move out and don't want that, but we really need to get with the times and put some big stores in Middletown (Target, Kohl's, etc).
- This is already happening in Middletown, although food seems to trump retail, at least for the time being.
- This has to happen! How can a city the size of Middletown have no retail shopping. We've let the retail center die and never lured in the big guys. It's a shame that I have to drive miles just to pick up every day items.
- It's already true: Klekolo's, Pedal Power, and Iguana's
- We need to give up on the mom and pop fantasy and get real stores here!
- I hope this would continue constrained by the global change to online retail, but bolstered by the boomers' move to live, work shop and play in town.

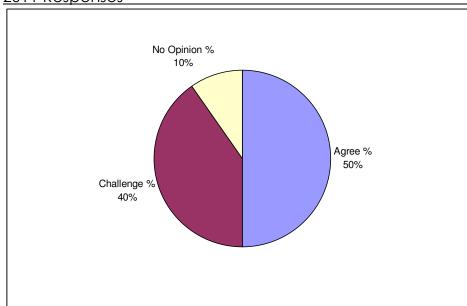
- I don't see retail in our future. Maybe a few boutiques, that's it.
- Yes and no, as new retail and entrepreneurial concepts develop this could become a unique development opportunity but i think
 the future is more about living/working lifestyle and quality of life
 issues. i believe the next generation will be moving towards a more
 self-employed entrepreneurial career track and will require smaller
 work spaces and greater emphasis on quality of lifestyle if you will.
- I thought National Brands were being discouraged (except for grocery stores).
- In this economy, and the world of internet shopping, I think this is too hard to predict.
- Main Street will probably continue to be restaurants, which have greatly enhanced downtown but turn over too often to have a long term impact.
- There was a time when you could go shopping in downtown Middletown, and I did. Now it's just a collection of mediocre restaurants.
- Small business will probably never recover from this recession.
- I don't see "shopping" per se as being real big in Middletown
- Small businesses are the future. National brands will not be a factor.
- Shopping has already all but disappeared
- With the taxes increasing, why would that be attractive to businesses
- Need to get rid of the food court we call Main Street for this to happen
- Middletown needs to open Main Street and surrounding areas (Washington and S. Main) to national retail.

By 2021, Middletown parks, green space, and preserved open space will more than meet the needs for outdoor recreation.

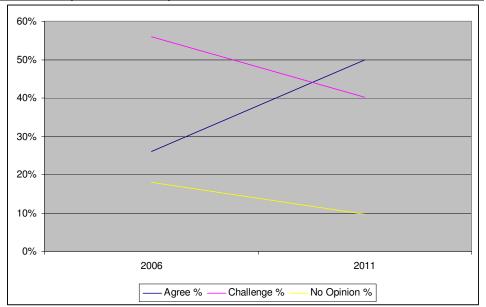
Summary of Results

In 2006, respondents were particularly negative about the quality or access to parks and open space. Now respondents have greatly changed their opinion with 50% expecting adequate access to green space. Many respondents cite proposed projects, such as the waterfront, the kayak launch, and the bike path, which indicate that the believe that these are worthwhile and we are now on track.

2011 Responses



2011 Responses Compared to 2006





Prediction #5- Comments

Agree with the Prediction

- We also need to continue to preserve more open space from being developed
- Only if the parks are developed to provide access, facilities and activities that span the whole age spectrum.
- Absolutely direct from the previous Mayors, Council and Planning
 Office past record of open space lands in Middletown and all their
 Commitment to the preservation of open space council
- We have plenty of green space, better use of it could be made.
 Riverfront development could be spurred by providing easier pedestrian access by means of a foot bridge over Route 9 in the north end
- We have a treasure in Wadsworth State Park and the city parks. I think the Parks and Recreation Department could do a better job of publicizing itself and its services.
- We're pretty much there now
- We are on the way to realizing this vision.
- Plenty of space.

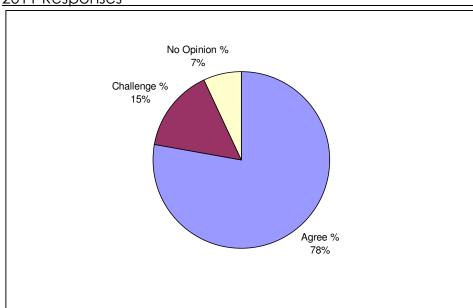
- Not if you keep selling City Parks.
- I think development will challenge open space.
- I'm not seeing much open space any longer with all the housing being built. I really don't believe this will happen.
- I do not think the local taxes will support the investment into City owned parks.
- There is increased need for open space as Middletown's population increases. But funds to buy more open space and maintain what we have will be in short supply for several years to come.
- This will not happen unless there is a revamping of the city's park and recreation dept. I walk several of the parks each week in Middletown. Trash is everywhere, I've seen needles, condoms, beer and liquor bottles, smashed glass etc in every park in the city. I've witnessed during the summer when they have extra staff on (because all of the city workers hire on their kids for the summer)trash in the same place day after day, week after week. If it's not in the can they don't pick it up. At Crystal Lake you have 8 10 lifeguards on and they do nothing except for the summer camp. When those "few" kids (the camp is severely underused)go home @ noon the guards do nothing for the balance of the day, they don't even pick up the trash that the campers leave. Do something about the geese there also it is disgusting. Crystal Lake could be a showplace for Middletown residents but it is slowly becoming a cesspool.
- Need more open & green space.
- HA! Economic necessities will prevent the common council from doing anything.
- There are so many types of outdoor recreation and the Parks Dept is strictly focused on children's activities. Since that population is declining that Dept needs to reconsider how money is spent. Conservation land should not necessarily be set aside only for recreation.

By 2021, Middletown will continue to retain its character as a historic New England college town on the banks of the Connecticut River.

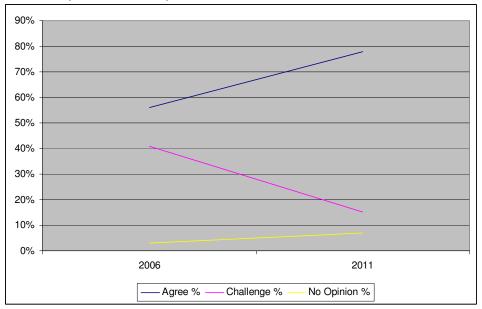
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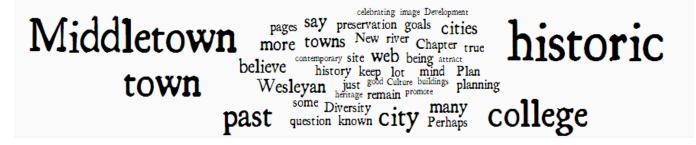
The responses to this prediction have been the most surprising. Five years ago a small majority agreed with the description of Middletown character, now it is an overwhelming majority at 78%. This prediction also received the fewest comments.

2011 Responses









Prediction #6- Comments

Agree with the Prediction

- Due to a heritage, Culture, Diversity and commitment from our City Government & Chamber of Commerce and in partnership with our residents.
- Wesleyan and carefully P&Z planning will keep Middletown from degenerating into "just another town"
- Its known for being a junior ivy league school set in a suburban area vs. a city
- What else are we going to be?

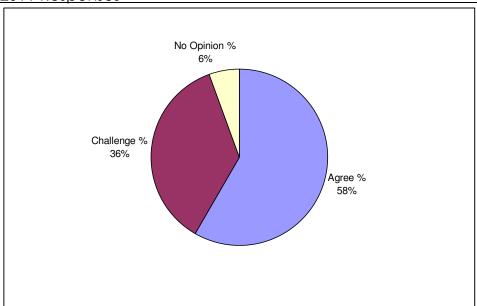
- I hope not.
- Less on historic than contemporary
- Not sure. Maybe in some areas. Not in most. Too many places being updated and built new.
- Middletown has been cut off from the river and Wesleyan just happens to be in Middletown.
- Seems Middletown is a lot in the news with goings on at CVH. The city is more known for its state hospital.
- Middletown needs to foster that image
- What "banks" the waterfront is a highway and state hospital

By 2021, Downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods will be a walkable and bikeable community with employers, entertainment, and services easily accessible to where people live.

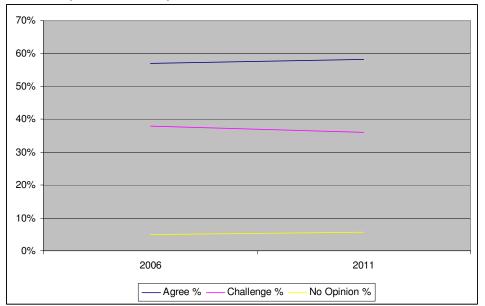
Summary of Results

The responses for this prediction reflected the responses received five years ago. However, this has become not just a prediction of access snd a livable community, but now the comments reflect a concern for safety.

2011 Responses



2011 Responses Compared to 2006





Prediction #7- Comments

Agree with the Prediction

- The new bike path project will be good for the City
- Along with various kinds of intermodal transportation opportunities for our residents and visitors to enjoy traveling throughout our community!
- I hope so. We really need to work more on this although I do see it happening. Really need to work more on the North End! Don't give up! I think we are headed there but need to get rid of the riff-raff and stop aiding and abetting people who don't want to go out and work!
- It would be nice if other areas, not just downtown, were walkable and bikeable. Just having sidewalks for safely walking would be a boon to our quality of living. Adults would benefit from the exercise and it would be safer for school kids.
- Middletown is already working on bike paths, but there is some resistance in Wesleyan Hills (too bad). More sidewalks would help chart the course.
- This is easily achievable, and the will and leadership seem to be emerging.
- The world has to move in this direction we should lead the way!

- Great and old idea that already failed.
- I think a lot needs to be done with the north end far before this statement can become a reality.
- There needs to be a focus on making Middletown safe, so that people can walk and bike in the area and not feel uneasy about doing so.
- My discussions with zoning of increasing population density in the downtown area have not been supported. Urban living is the way forward, especially if you want to achieve this goal.
- The connection of the Westfield Trolley Trail to downtown has been "planned" for years. I don't hold hope that it will be complete while I'm still young enough to commute by bicycle.
- I challenge this prediction because the statement is too limiting. The question should be, By 2012 will Middletown be a walkable, bikeable, transit oriented community, where parents feel safe to have kids walking and biking to school, and where citizens of all ages, feel they can bike, walk or transit to and from work, school, social events, shopping, and entertainment venues, for recreation, pleasure, and for those who have chosen or must live a car free life. I think we can get there, but not in 10 years, this will be a 20 year project to complete, but I do believe there are simple steps that can be taken to get us 60% of the way there in the next 10 years.
- Need more police in the neighborhoods off of main street, before that happens. What about the rest of Middletown's neighborhoods - where are our sidewalks!!!
- Look at what was done to High Street. Driving is dangerous biking is impossible.
- Middletown seems paralyzed as far as bike routes and safety.
- The town needs to accomplish all of the above over more than a 5 year period - otherwise the taxes needed to pay for all this will drive residents out.
- This is a pipe dream. Citizens in town will not use a bike path. its a
 good idea but very limited use will come for the 47000 plus
 population, we will total build out the city before using anything
 like the above statement

Reflection #1

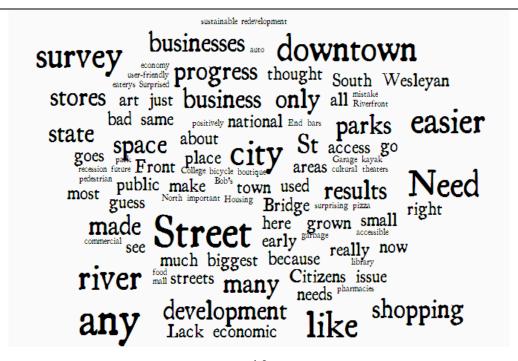
Looking back how has the progress Middletown has made fallen short. Think back to your views in 2006. Where have your expectations not been met.

Summary of Results

Here is a summary of how respondents felt Middletown has fallen short on expectations since 2006:

•	Lack of Retail-	8
•	Lack of Access to the River-	5
•	Lack of Quality Parks or Open Space-	4
•	Route 9 Problems-	2
•	Lack of Progress in North End-	1
•	Lack of Quality Education -	1
•	Impact of Local Government Politics-	1
•	Lack of Downtown Housing-	1
•	Lack of Arts and Entertainment-	1
•	Lack of Bicycle Infrastructure-	1
•	Other-	1

Word Cloud



Reflection #1- Comments

- Educational progress at the grammar and high school levels haven't improved to be competitive with world levels. Too much in-fighting by the politicians; too little accountability for teaching results; too little focus on the 3R's; too much financial commitment to sports while too little goes to science, math.
- Would like to have nicer & easier access to the river. Perhaps a pedestrian bridge would be easier to keep clean that the recessed urinal.
 Enlarge the park to include barbeque picnic areas.
- River front opening removing lights on 9
- Lack of retail stores poor access to parks.
- I think we are on a good track. It's appearing that it is sustainable, too. Given the recession. And, our downtown is not overrun with gangs like what was happening in the early to mid 1990s.
- Middletown needs more stores and fewer restaurants. As a local who lives one block away from Main Street, I rarely bother with it because the only thing there is restaurants.
- Need more retail stores...Children, Men and Women
- Housing on Main Street. New Parking Garage. Need for small retail businesses to join the art, eateries along our Main Street and growth towards our River Front!
- No, while the economic downturn has slowed progress, my expectations are being met.
- Too much of the downtown development has been bars and restaurants. Where are the art galleries, performing theaters, and other cultural venues?
- I think Middletown is going in the right direction, just not as fast as it should be. I think we need to look at other types of businesses whether large or small that will make a difference in our town. Not the same old thing: pizza restaurants (or any restaurants), gas stations, etc. I know we tend to jump on the bandwagon when a business shows interest in Middletown or any empty space, but we really need to think deeper how that business will positively affect our citizens.
- I'd like to see more bicycle transportation options.
- No increase in quality, quantity or use of parks.
- Surprised that boutique type stores have not flourished.
- No garbage receptacles near library or on any residential/business side streets. ONE recycling can downtown.
- I thought more redevelopment in the North End would have occurred. The issue with Bridge & Portland St would have been resolved. The South cove development would have been underway.
- Middletown has not grown in retail locations. only restaurants have grown. for one retail location that goes in one goes out
- I didn't grow up here and I never thought that when I started shopping at Bob's Surplus back in the early 70's because it was the only place to buy "dungarees" that I would eventually move here but Middletown has been my home for more than 25 years now. I love this city. There has been many changes, most of them good ones. But the lack of basic retail establishments in the city is our biggest downfall.
- We do not have any really good parks where there is interesting play equipment and a good public track.
- Too many average businesses like national chain auto repair, pharmacies, ect and not enough unique Middletown-invested business owners
- The post office on South Main should be made more easily accessible and easier to find. The one-way streets are not immediately user-friendly.
- Believe the progress that Middletown has made since 1983 is unrivaled in most of the country, in my opinion.
- Open space
- Where is the kayak launch?
- Main Street. Its all a food court and no retail worth talking about. Citizens go to Walmart or the mall for all their needs.
- Make something happen with the property at Hamlin St and College St to help expand "downtown" away from just main street.

Reflection #2

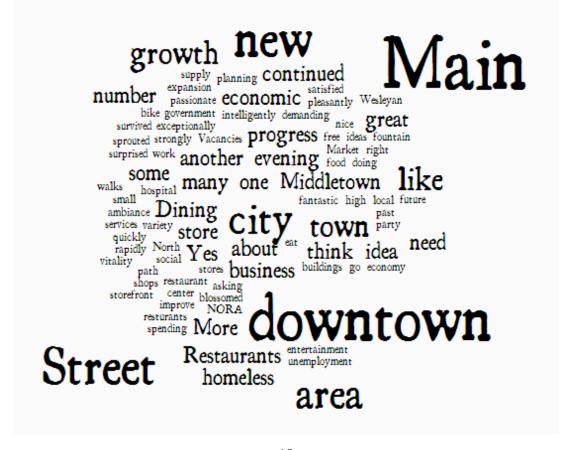
Looking back how has the progress Middletown has made, happened more quickly than you anticipated.

Summary of Results

Here is a summary of how respondents felt Middletown has exceeded expectations since 2006:

•	Downtown Restaurants-	7
•	Main Street-	6
•	Downtown Businesses-	3
•	Downtown Entertainment-	1
•	Spear Park Improvements-	1
•	Other -	5

Word Cloud



Reflection #2- Comments

- The number of Restaurants that have survived in downtown area.
- Food court on main and all the free services for the homeless. The homeless and Connecticut Valley Hospital is taking over the town
- Main street
- Very satisfied with the progress. Remember planning intelligently has been the key, which takes time!
- A lot of great little shops on Main Street, not just in the Market anymore.
- As a dining and evening entertainment center, Middletown has blossomed very rapidly.
- I think NORA is a fantastic idea in the North End-business expansion by small biz owners who are passionate about the city
- I like the new fountain area very nice. How about putting some attention to the arteries that feed into downtown many of them need cleanup especially going out past the hospital!
- I'm pleasantly surprised that there are as many new restaurants downtown as have cropped up. The proposed new bike path from Wesleyan hills area to downtown is a great idea
- Main Street is doing well.
- Dining downtown.
- It hasn't. It's moving but very slowly. There's nothing worse than seeing an empty storefront except for having someone move in that won't improve our town in any way. We need to look at some other ideas such as a party supply store, a gift store, and as I mentioned above, big box stores.
- When one restaurant leaves another is right on its heels to take its place. Vacancies don't last long even in a down economy.
- The variety and number of restaurants in the area has exploded. I know my colleagues from out of town often go downtown Middletown to eat in the evening.
- Social service agencies and local government responding strongly
- Has not. Am I too demanding?
- Our continued economic growth, slightly lower unemployment rates and continued growth of our Grand List are the stepping stones to our future economic growth and city vitality
- More quickly...just like a seed it sprouted up...
- I think our Main Street has revived exceptionally fast. And, it seems to be grass roots -- one new business building on another.
- Taxes are high, no control on Board of Ed spending. Is that progress?
- main st
- I like what the city has done with the Main Street cross walks. New buildings appear to work with the surrounding ambiance.
- Good progress on bringing businesses to the area.

Open Question

In 10 years what is the dream that you hope to see fulfilled in Middletown.

<u>Summary of Results</u>

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 Waterfront- 	12
 Walkable and Bikeable Community- 	6
 Reduce Crime- 	6
 More Retail- 	5
 Improve Parks and Trails- 	5
 Improve the North End- 	4
 Create Downtown Housing- 	3
 Improve Employment or Economy- 	3
 Better Education- 	3
 Better Local Government- 	3
 Boat Launch- 	2
• Other-	5

Word Cloud



Respondents Dream for Middletown-Comments

- A vibrant, active community with more social interaction from all parts of the city. Investment in rehabilitation of the North End to upgrade the living conditions of our poorer residents. Elimination of illegal drug trading within our community.
- Development of the river along River Road, Fix up the North end to attract more restaurants and stores so more people will come downtown and have more main street events though out the year.
- Transparency and accountability in all municipal segments. More retail stores.
- A nice south cove development. a safer route 9 ramp, and no stop lights on the highway.
- Linear trail and more park land in general. Access to the river at many points.
- Riverfront beautification, utilization, destination
- Safer, cleaner neighborhoods surrounding the downtown. And, less borderline neighborhoods such as the one around the East Main St. area. I would also like to see linear trails along the river with a public boat launch.
- A town you can be proud of. This Christmas the streets are dressed up and more people on them...
- River Front Growth, Opportunities for our Active Adults, intertwined with our continued economic growth along with a Healthy, Safe & Clean City!
- More housing closer to downtown. More quality mixed use development, live/work space, city is on the right track!!
- I would like to see Middletown grow as a fully integrated town where people live in the same are where they shop and work. A true walkable town with everything one needs in walking distance and everything else accessible by mass transit.
- In 10 years, I would like to see more upper middle class professional families stay in Middletown and raise their families instead of fleeing to Glastonbury or Wethersfield to send their kids to public schools. I would like to see even more events made available and MORE OPEN SPACES! We love Middletown!
- A safe, fun place to live and go to. Middletown should be a town that we would never have to leave for anything. We definitely should have access to the river and have public boat launching. We should look more into cleaning up our North End and stop looking at low-income housing, etc. Give them tax incentives or other benefits of being in Middletown. If we keep focusing on low-income families, many more businesses and families will move out of Middletown I guarantee it will happen.
- I would like to see the river become a vibrant part of the city again.
- High quality schools Middletown will always fall short because of its school system and dependent population
- National retail outlets worth shopping at. give us a reason to frequent main street
- Retail, Street Fairs, more sidewalks throughout the city, Retail outside of the downtown area, Street Fairs, more positive activity north of Washington St., Retail, Street Fairs, Sidewalks....I think you get the idea!
- Improving the intersection of Routes 9 and 66, resulting in the elimination of the traffic lights on Route 9 (which I don't even use myself).
- Better education for our children
- A thriving waterfront. Walking, biking paths and quality businesses on the Middlesex Hospital end of Main Street
- Better facilities for kayaking and bicycling, bike-friendly streets, more water-related events like the regatta.
- I think that a farmer's market would be a great thing for Middletown. Maybe not weekly or monthly, but at least annually.
- Bicycle lanes on major roads.
- Less populated with less homeless and soap kitchens and have the other area towns take their fair share to this problem. Most of these people come for other towns and city knowing we have support for them.
- Not only have Middletown be seen as a destination but also a place that is attractive to live in. I am worried that Middletown will become a place where people want to go because there are a lot of jobs or they want to go to eat at a restaurant but then leave as fast as possible.
- South Cove is alive and vibrant with shops, music, dining and walkway along the river
- Harbor Park development can put Middletown on the map and also connect Hartford and New London with a Railroad.
- Mixed use higher density downtown