

# *CITY OF MIDDLETOWN*

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RE: Notes from November 28, 2006 Maromas Open Space Workshop

Attendees: Carl Bolz, Planning and Zoning Commission Members  
James Fortuna, Planning and Zoning Commission Member  
Dave O'Brien, Conservation Commission  
Joan Liska, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Member  
David Bauer, Councilman  
Richard Bengtson,  
Steven Ladd, Conservation Commission  
Katchen Coley, Conservation Commission  
Linda Bowers,  
Ellen Lukens, Conservation Commission  
George Frick,  
Ronald Klattenberg, Councilman  
Earle Roberts, Councilman  
Les Adams, Planning and Zoning Commission Members

Comments related to future use:

- City needs to establish a timetable for hay existing fields and short-term contracts with local farmers should be established.
- Traditional farm and watershed should be preserved.
- Victory Gardens should be established.
- Existing houses on open space land should be sold to benefit State Open Space program. Seek permission from State.
- The City is under-utilizing its existing open space. Cultural events and an outdoor amphitheater should be considered. Use Rocky Hill as a model.
- Keep links to agricultural heritage.
- As many different uses for the public to benefit from the land should be explored.
- This land provides an opportunity for new baseball fields.
- Create a looped Blue Trail.
- The City should end lease agreements with Millane Nurseries.

Comments for information that is needed:

- Need list of abutting property owners.
- Need information on existing easements and restrictions on the land.
- Collect information existing users and existing contracts for use of this land
  - Model Airplane Field
  - Millane's Nursery
  - Farmers that hay the fields
- Create an Environmental Review Team.