

Middletown Youth Soccer: Turning a Dream into Reality

A presentation to the
Connecticut Junior Soccer
Association

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Outline of Presentation



- A brief history of Middletown Youth Soccer
- Why is Middletown perfect for a premier CJSA facility?
- Facilities proposed
- Conclusion



A brief history of Middletown Youth Soccer (MYS)



- Started in 1975
- Founding members still active
- Grown from 150 kids to over 1,100
- Fund raising efforts





City of Middletown and Youth
Soccer make a perfect
partnership!



Won't you join us ?



Why Middletown for a CJSA Premier facility ?

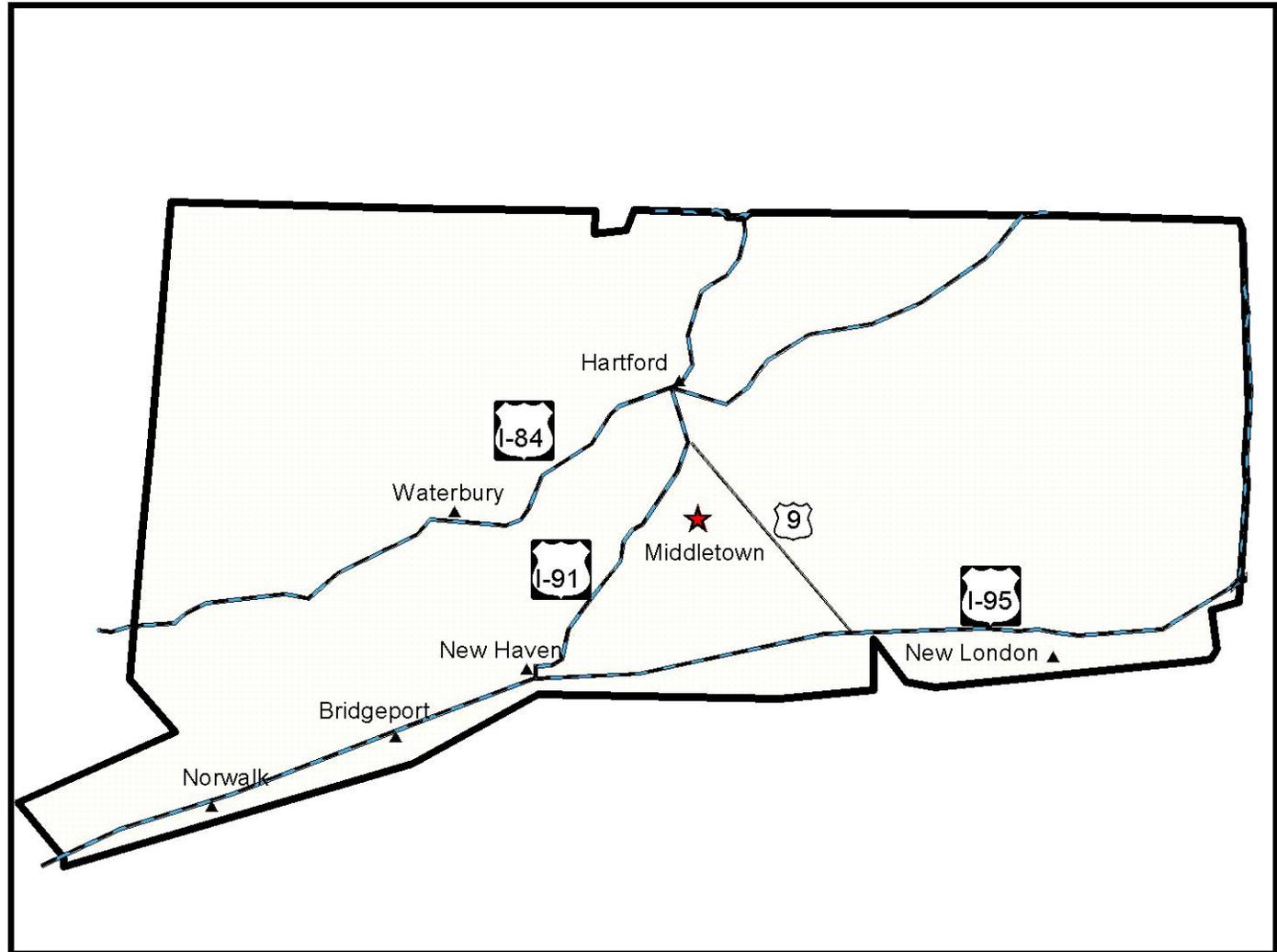


Location, Location, Location !



- Geographic center of Connecticut is located in Middletown
- The center of the State is less than 1 mile from the proposed Country Club Road facility
- Central location puts Middletown an equal distance from all corners of the state
- I-91 and CT Rt. 9 connect Middletown to I-84 and I-95;
- Country Club Road site is only a half mile from an I-91 interchange.

Location, Location, Location



Middletown is a healthy, growing community focused on families!



- Middletown grew by 8 % between 1990 and 2000;
- Middletown continues to grow by approximately 100 homes per year;
- Homes are relatively affordable;
- The public school system is excellent;
- Other schools include Mercy and Xavier High Schools, Vinal Technical High School, Middlesex Community College and Wesleyan University.





Middletown invests in its Kids !



- As recreation and education budgets are cut in surrounding communities. These budgets in Middletown have increased steadily.
- Middletown is in the process of building a new \$85 million state of the art high school.



Middletown invests in its quality of life !

- Our city's forty-two square miles include rural, suburban and urban settings, an historic downtown and numerous parks and open spaces;
- In last 15 years Middletown has spent over \$10 million buying over 1,800 acres of land for open space and recreation;
- Middletown has created a vibrant and healthy downtown, including a new hotel numerous arts and entertainment venues and over 40 restaurants offering every type of cuisine.



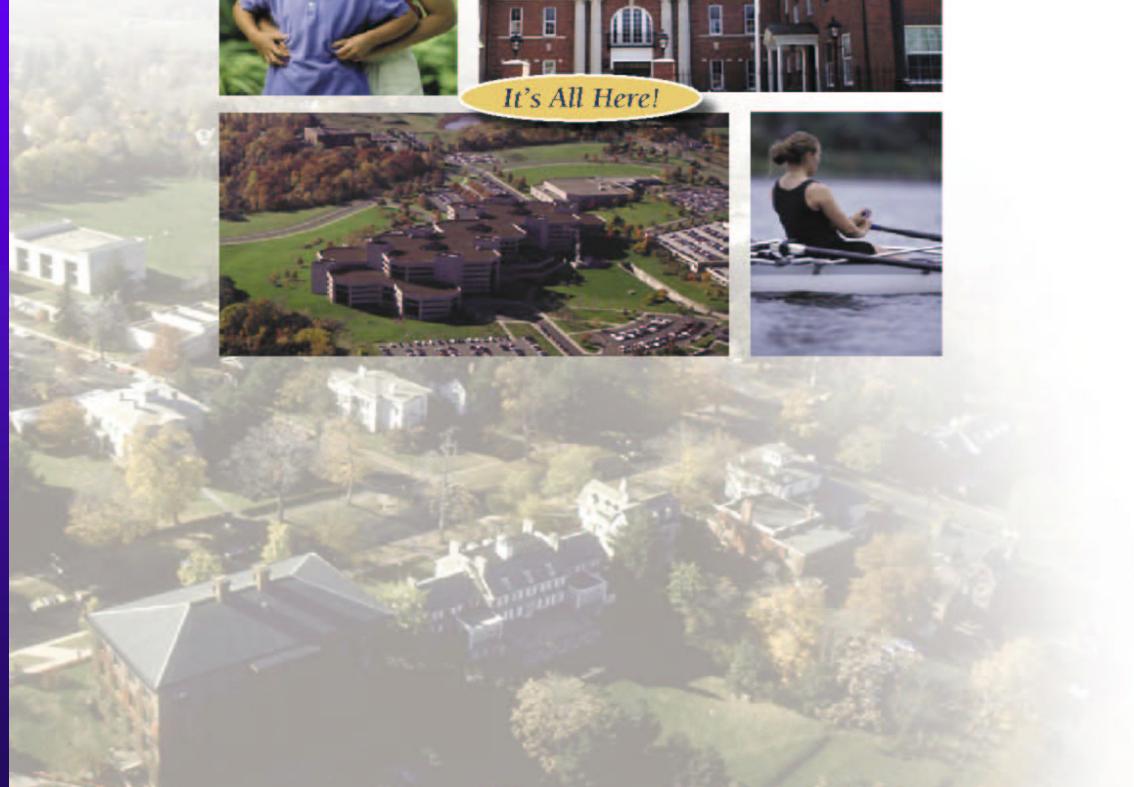


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It's All Here!



Middletown invests in Middletown Youth Soccer



- Gave MYS a \$30,000 grant from its Economic Development fund for initial feasibility study and engineering costs;
- Entered into a land swap with a developer to secure 35 acres of land dedicated to a future soccer facility;
- Acquired a 26 acre parcel for \$950,000 dedicated for a soccer facility in south end of town;
- Gave MYS a \$400,000 grant for the construction of 2 soccer complexes.





Middletown Supports MYS !

As other towns have heated debates about sports fields -

MYS has enjoyed :

- Four (4) unanimous votes by the Common Council allocating over \$1.38 million;
- Four (4) unanimous votes by the P&Z Commission (including a vote to light the fields);
- Consistent unanimous votes from the Park and Rec. Commission;
- A unanimous vote by the Inland Wetlands Agency.





What is Proposed ?

- Two (2) soccer complexes;
- One in the Westfield Section of the City and one in the South Farms section;
- One (1) on Long Hill Road and one (1) on Country Club Road;
- Both parcels are owned by the City and MYS;



Long Hill Road Complex



- Status - Fully designed & seeking wetlands permit
- Twenty six (26) acres of land
- Four (4) fields
- 199 parking spaces
- Walking track
- Close proximity to Wesleyan University and downtown



Long Hill Road Complex





Country Club Road Complex

- Adjacent to Moody School and Smith Park (additional parking and fields);
- One-half mile from Exit 20 off Interstate 91;
- Two miles to the Downtown, numerous restaurants and entertainment;
- Within 3 miles of 600 hotel rooms.

Country Club Road Complex



- Status - Fully approved
- Thirty five (35) acres of land;
- Four (4) fields, including one 24/7 field;
- 193 parking spaces;
- Abundant spectator seating;
- Magnificent views to the Hartford skyline

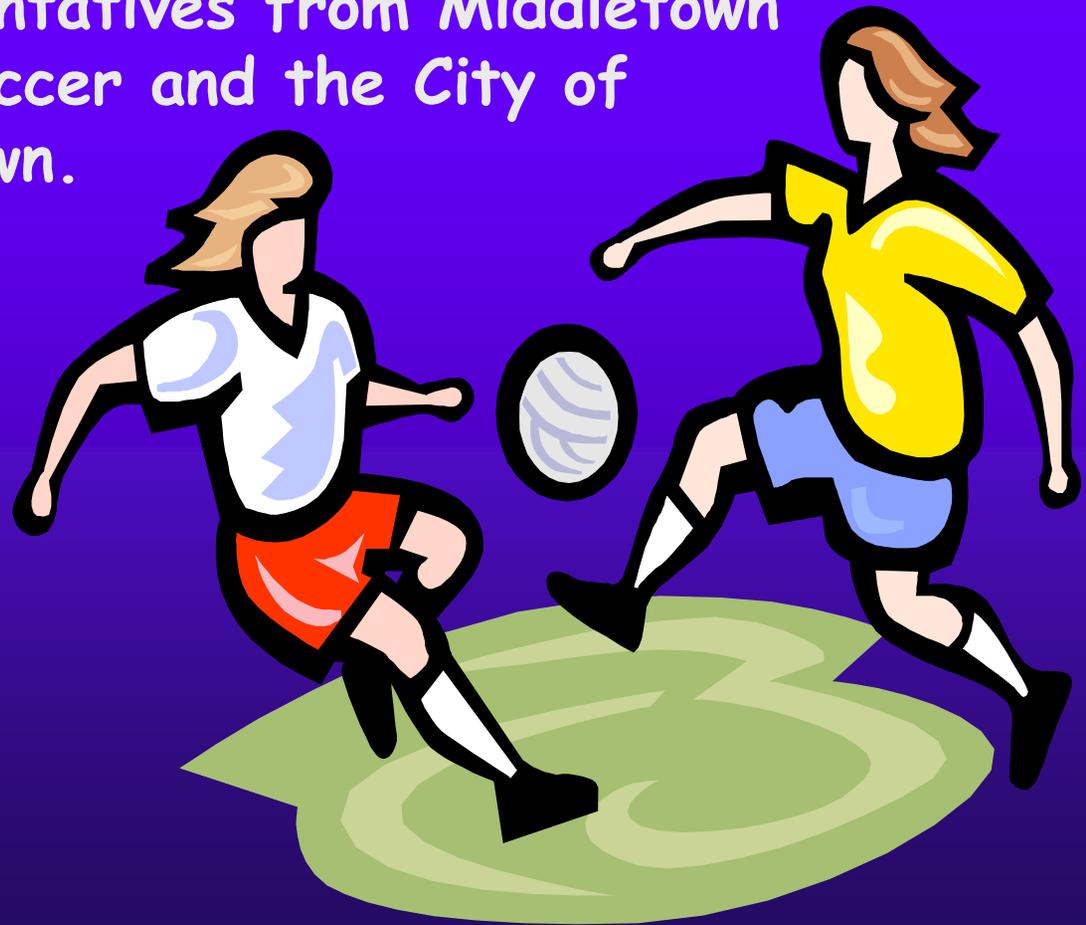


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Concluding Remarks

- Representatives from Middletown Youth Soccer and the City of Middletown.



Question and Answer period

