

## **Chapter 9 CONCLUSION**

The Town of Middletown is committed to fiscally, socially and environmentally responsible land use development. Sustainable development integrates the needs of the Town and its residents in the present generation without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their needs by balancing the economy, society and the environment in the process. In looking towards the future, the Town of Middletown will strive towards sustainable living and planning.

The Middletown Comprehensive Plan will be judged in the future on the progress made on specific recommendations contained in the Plan. This conclusion identifies priority actions which should be addressed for Middletown to be able to accommodate a municipal population of 5,092 persons by 2030. The actions are in four main categories: Transportation, Land Use, Natural Features, and Community Facilities.

### Transportation

1. New developments will be required to dedicate lands and potentially partially construct portions of Middletown Parkway.
2. Middletown will incorporate procedures to establish a greenways system.
3. Needed sidewalk connections will be identified and constructed.
4. Upgrade existing streets.

### Land Use

1. Annexation shall be phased to coordinate development activities with needed improvements per the Town's commercial and residential growth policies.
2. The Town shall conduct periodic comprehensive reviews of zoning policies and ordinances.
3. The Town Planning Commission shall promote sustainable development practices thru its development review process.

### Natural Features

1. The Town shall identify priority areas for reforestation under the reforestation ordinance along steep sloped stream banks and other areas as determined by the Town.
2. The zoning ordinance shall require appropriate setbacks along all perennial and intermittent streams.

Community Facilities

1. The Town shall continue the studies necessary to evaluate the preferred methods of upgrading the Water & Sewer Facilities.
2. The Town shall continue to ensure that community facilities are adequate to meet the Town's needs.