

DESIGN MANUAL

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

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I.0 GENERAL

A. Reference

All subsequent references to the Town or Town of Middletown shall mean the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown.

B. Purpose and Objectives

This Design Manual is intended to provide the Developers and consulting engineering community with the Town of Middletown's requirements, references, standards and procedures. The Manual is intended to aid the designer during the preparation and presentation of engineering design for the Town of Middletown. The Design Manual was developed in cooperation with the Planning Commission, Burgess and Commissioners, Office of Planning and Zoning, and the Town's engineering and public works staff. It must be clearly understood that the criteria and/or requirements presented herein are considered by the Town to be minimum requirements and that additional requirements may be enforced as the Town deems appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

It is intended that the use of this Manual should help achieve the following objectives:

1. Uniformity of Approach - The Town desires its facilities to be designed with similar characteristics, configuration and features as much as is practical considering project requirements. It is hoped that this Manual will promote such uniformity.
2. Economy of Design and Schedule - By stating the Town's requirements and preferences at the outset, we hope to eliminate costly false starts and schedule slippages caused by the need to redesign.
3. Technical Quality Improvement - It is hoped that, by setting forth the Town's standards which reflect considerable experience, the overall quality of the design and construction will be improved.

4. Information - It is intended to eliminate unnecessary inefficiencies by answering designer's questions common to most designs.

C. Updates of Manual

Revisions to the Manual may be made from time to time, as the Town deems appropriate. As revisions are made, copies of the revisions, as well as the original Manual, will be available to interested parties at the Office of Planning and Zoning at a reasonable cost.