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### **FedEx Ground Files Application to Build at Aetna Site**

I am pleased to announce that, after months of working together, FedEx Ground today filed an inland wetlands application to build a northeast regional distribution center at the former Aetna site in the Westfield section of Middletown.

I want to be clear that this is only the first of many steps that must be satisfactorily completed before we can consider this project a sure thing. The company must obtain inland wetlands and zoning approvals. Additionally, FedEx, like any other major corporation, must make a final cost-benefit analysis prior to any final commitment.

Middletown has been long committed to responsible and robust growth in our business sector. Our goal is to attract strong and reputable companies that will add value to our community, create jobs, and work to provide an important service while being good members of our community.

We are pleased to be working with FedEx Ground – a world-renowned transportation and logistics company known for excellence in every facet of its operation.

If it comes to fruition, the distribution center would sort thousands of packages a day and route packages to different distribution facilities across the country for final delivery from those local facilities to business or residential customers,

It is my understanding that it is FedEx's corporate policy not to confirm that they are committed to a site until all land-use and regulatory approvals are made and the associated real estate transaction has closed. We are pleased to be working with them through that process. In addition to site visits they've made to Middletown, and meetings we have held with them to extoll the virtues of our community, we recently held a consultative pre-application meeting with their engineers to make the application process as easy as possible.

I look forward to a positive and productive application process and the tremendous benefits awaiting our community should this project conclude successfully.

Mayor Daniel T. Drew

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel T. Drew", written over a horizontal line.