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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Planning and Zoning Dept.

TO: Common Council

DATE: December, 1978

RE: Information for decisions about the future of Middletown

This is for your information

Sound decisions on Middletown's future are based on quantifiable information. A primary function of the Middletown Planning Department is to provide systematic data on past activity, current conditions, and future trends.

The wide variety of data analyzed and maintained by the Planning Department is made accessible to decision-makers through the Department's many publications. This Research Guide is intended to assist those requiring data in finding the appropriate document. This Research Guide has the Table of Contents and Index of all Planning Department documents. Thus, it conveniently details data found in each publication.

All publications are available from the Planning Dept. The Planning staff is also available for further consultation. In many instances other City planning data can be adopted to meet specific information needs.

This Research Guide brings together in one source descriptions of publications prepared by the Planning Department. Descriptions consist of the Table of Contents and an Index of every Planning Department document. Also described are maps regularly used in planning for Middletown.

Information is the essential requirement of responsive and responsible city planning. There must be adequate information about existing urban conditions, information on problems requiring planned solutions, information on proposed solutions, and information on the relative desirability of different solutions or plans. One goal of Middletown's Planning Department is to provide this information so that decision-makers can make the best choices for the City's future.

This document is for all those who require information about Middletown: elected and appointed officials, developers, business men, students, industrialists, realtors, community groups, long time residents, persons who have just moved to Middletown or are considering moving here, and state and federal officials interested in learning about Middletown.

Many of these publications are updated regularly (Basic Information, Community Facilities Plan). Others are revised only occasionally (Zoning Code, Plan of Development). Still others are final documents (Housing Survey, Glossary).

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The Annual Report is an opportunity for the Commission to reflect on the events of the previous year. This process helps to clarify goals and programs for the coming years.

Annual Reports have data about committee meetings, decisions, and issues about planning and zoning. Annual Reports are on file in the Planning and Zoning Department.

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MAPS

Maps are an important planning tool. Graphics effectively illustrate complex community features. The Planning and Zoning Department has available the following maps:

LAND USE MAP This map shows Middletown in several broad land use categories. These are farmlands; residential (low, medium and high density); manufacturing; transportation; communication and utilities; trade; services; cultural, entertainment, and recreation; resource production and extraction; and undeveloped. The maps also shows 1970 census tract boundaries; flood plain lines; major housing projects, open space areas; and flood hazard areas. Map scale is 1" = 1200 sq.ft.

ZONING MAP This map is a part of Middletown's Zoning Code. It shows the division of Middletown into residential business and industrial uses.

STREET MAP The street map has only one type of information, Middletown streets. It is used frequently by individuals to plot their own data, such as sales areas.

MISCELLANEOUS MAPS The Planning and Zoning Department has on file other maps which are available for use at the office. These maps are detailed zoning maps, a streambelt map, a map showing local subdivisions and a map of fire districts for construction materials.

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