



City of Middletown

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John Hall
Executive Director
The Jonah Center for Earth and Art
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Dear Mr. Hall,

The Middletown Conservation Commission was excited to learn about The Jonah Center's proposed Collective Impact initiative for the City of Middletown at our August meeting. There was a great deal of enthusiasm expressed by members for the project.

In Middletown the environmental community is not well organized. Groups are often unaware of other's projects that may be of interest to them, and find themselves in a reactive mode when concerns arise. By promoting communication and collaboration, a network such as proposed would result in a stronger voice for the environmental community, and an increased ability to take a more active role in protecting Middletown's environment. Further, involvement of the business community would result in a better working relationship between groups time and again seen at odds with each other.

The Conservation Commission wholeheartedly supports this proposed Collective Impact project, and is excited about the prospect of working with others in the community to protect and improve Middletown's environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sheila Stoane".

Sheila Stoane
Vice-Chair