

## City of Middletown

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John C. Hall The Jonah Center for Earth and Art 555 Main Street Portland, CT 06480 September 7, 2011

RE: COLLECTIVE IMPACT PROJECT – MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

Dear John:

The Middletown Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) is very excited about your proposed Collective Impact Project. As you described in your grant application, many environmental issues in the greater Middletown area could be addressed more successfully if groups with common goals worked together. This project will also increase communication and bring partners together on a regular basis.

The UFC has a successful track record working with agencies such as the US Forest Service, CT DEEP, America the Beautiful, Arbor Day Foundation and many local businesses and organizations. Our members and staff are dedicated to working with others to foster an environment in Middlesex County where sensible economic growth and development can be achieved while at the same time environmental protection is not compromised.

The UFC and staff hope you receive funding and look forward to participating in this project as a major stakeholder and partner. We have technical and political experience and contacts to offer to the group and look forward to improving the quality of life to residents in the greater Middletown area.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact James Sipperly, staff to the UFC at 860-343-8085 ext 147.

Very truly yours,

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Vice Chairman, Middletown UFC