



**Middletown Wastewater Treatment Plant Enhanced
Nutrient Removal (ENR) Upgrade
FY2025 MD Supplemental Budget Request**

Letters of Support From:

- 1) Congressman David J. Trone, Maryland's 6th Congressional District
- 2) Frederick County Delegation, Maryland Legislative Districts 2, 3, 4, & 5
- 3) Frederick County Executive & Frederick County Council
- 4) Middletown Volunteer Fire Company
- 5) Middletown Primary & Elementary Schools Parent-Teacher Association
- 6) Main Street Middletown, MD Inc.
- 7) Middletown Valley Athletic Association
- 8) AMVETS Valley Memorial – Post #9
- 9) Middletown Valley Community Food Bank
- 10) Middletown Recreation Council
- 11) Middletown Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
- 12) Middletown Valley People Helping People
- 13) Middletown Lions Club
- 14) Zion Lutheran Church of Middletown
- 15) The Main Cup All-American Restaurant

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December 12, 2023

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary
Maryland Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St.,
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Secretary Grady,

I write today on behalf of the Town of Middletown, regarding their \$10 Million FY25 Maryland Capital Budget Request, to fund a state-mandated, very expensive wastewater treatment systems upgrade. The \$40 million dollar project will remove an aging 1960s era sewerage lagoon, located in a 100-year floodplain, that poses significant risks to public health and the environment, if flooding and failure occurred. The town's wastewater system serves over 5,000 Maryland Residents.

Like many small communities across the country, Middletown's utility infrastructure needs to be modernized to be more environmentally friendly and it needs sustainability improvements to address the impacts of climate change. The project calls for the decommissioning of a nine-million-gallon aerated lagoon, which has the downstream effect of a complete renovation to the Town's entire wastewater treatment process.

Fortunately, the Bay Restoration Fund will subsidize the design and construction, but Middletown is left with the overwhelming debt of \$10 million dollars and the new operational expenses of owning a \$40 million dollar wastewater treatment facility. It's important to note, Middletown's total assets amount to only \$25 million. I believe that state and federal regulators should be facilitating modernization and resilient public infrastructure, and these projects shouldn't come at the cost of a small rural town's economic future.

My office is working closely with the Town of Middletown to identify federal partners and funding sources to assist the Town in finding the capital they need to complete this critical project. As my office continues to search for federal funding sources, I strongly support the FY25 Capital Budget Request submitted by the Town of Middletown and urge the Maryland Department of Budget & Management and the State Legislature to give their attached request all due consideration. If you have any questions,

please reach out to my Deputy District Director and Grants Director, Taylor Donoghue, at 301-926-0300 or Taylor.Donoghue@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Trone". The signature is stylized and cursive.

David Trone
Member of Congress

DELEGATE JESSE T. PIPPY
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SENATOR WILLIAM G. FOLDEN
DELEGATION VICE CHAIR



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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January 19th, 2023

The Honorable Helene T. Grady, Secretary
Maryland Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Middletown's FY25 Maryland Supplemental Budget Request – Sewer System Renovation

Dear Secretary Grady,

The Frederick County Delegation is formally requesting your consideration of Middletown's capital funding request for critical wastewater infrastructure updates in the Town of Middletown, which addresses state-mandated treatment systems upgrades of existing wastewater facilities and critical infrastructure necessary for future growth and economic development.

Many small rural communities, like Middletown, provide water and wastewater services for their residents, and the cost of modernization and meeting new state and federal treatment standards doesn't scale economically for these small utility systems. For Middletown, the cost of state-mandated modernization is a \$40 million complete renovation, with \$30 million to be paid by the Bay Restoration Fund. A \$10 million dollar cost-share for a centuries-old community, with numerous other capital needs to address, isn't affordable or responsible.

Running water and sewer are essential parts of our everyday lives and this project will ensure over-5,000 Frederick County Residents living in Middletown will continue to have reliable and affordable utility services. The Frederick County Delegation strongly endorses the Town's \$10 million dollar request, for inclusion in Governor Moore's FY25 Supplemental Budget, for this critical utility infrastructure project.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, please don't hesitate to reach out to either my or Senator Folden's office, should you or your staff have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Jesse T. Pippy, District 4 - Chair

Handwritten signature of William G. Folden.

Senator William Folden, District 4 – Vice Chair

Jessica Fitzwater
County Executive



Brad W. Young
County Council President

FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

February 5, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary, Maryland Department of Budget and Management
45 Calvert Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-1907

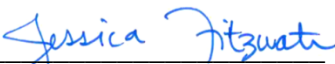
Dear Secretary Grady,

We are writing to express our support for the Town of Middletown's FY25 Capital Budget Request in the amount of \$12,000,000 for a \$40,000,000 project to renovate the Town's wastewater treatment infrastructure. Middletown's treatment systems urgently need upgrades to modernize their facilities and keep pace with state-mandated performance permit requirements.

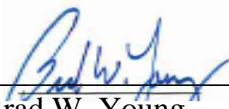
Running water and sewer are essential parts of our everyday lives, and this project will ensure over 5,000 Frederick County constituents will continue to have reliable and environmentally responsible wastewater services. Of particular importance, is the removal of a 1960's era treatment lagoon, located in a flood zone, which represents a significant hazard to public health, our local environment, and an insurmountable expense for this small, rural town.

We are in support of this meaningful and much needed project, and we encourage your office to support it as well. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jessica Fitzwater
County Executive



Brad W. Young
County Council President

Middletown Volunteer Fire Company

Station Phone: 301-371-6907
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P.O. Box 322, Middletown, MD 21769

January 9, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: Middletown's FY25 Maryland Capital Budget Request for Wastewater Infrastructure Upgrades

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of the Middletown Volunteer Fire Company (MVFC), I'm writing to express support for Middletown's FY 2025 Maryland Capital Budget Request. Many of the Town's utility systems are beyond their useful lives and/or present possible health risks to the residents we both serve. As first responders in our community for fire-related and/or life-threatening emergencies, reliable and safe utility infrastructure is critical and expensive.

The Town can't afford the lifecycle and safety upgrades needed to responsibly own and maintain the many utility systems and municipal facilities that we rely on, in our daily lives, while also addressing \$40 million dollar sewer treatment process mandates from State and Federal Regulatory Agencies.

Please accept this letter as the Middletown Volunteer Fire Company's endorsement of Middletown's \$12 Million Capital Budget Request. Thank you for your consideration, your service, and everything you do for Marylanders!

Sincerely,

Brenton W. Harne



Fire Chief

Middletown Volunteer Fire Company #7



Middletown Primary & Elementary Schools PTA

201 East Green Street | Middletown, MD 21769
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January 16, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: Middletown's FY25 Maryland Capital Budget Request for Wastewater Infrastructure Upgrades

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of the Middletown Primary and Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, I'm writing to express our support for Middletown's FY 2025 State Capital Budget Request. Safe, reliable, and affordable wastewater utility services are essential for residents and the students of the Middletown Primary and Elementary Schools.

We support the Town's efforts to seek funding assistance for a \$40 million state-mandated wastewater facility renovation, remove an open-air sewerage lagoon from a floodplain, and ensure Middletown has safe and affordable utility services for generations to come.

The Middletown Primary and Elementary PTSA strongly supports the Town's \$12 Million Capital Budget Request. Thanks for your consideration and everything you do!

Sincerely,

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Gwendolyn McQueeney, President
Middletown Primary & Elementary Parent Teacher Student Association

MAIN STREET MIDDLETOWN

19 West Main Street, Middletown, Maryland 21769

January 5, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: FY25 Maryland Capital Budget Request – Middletown, MD

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of Main Street Middletown, MD Inc., I'm writing to endorse and express our support for Middletown's FY2025 Maryland Capital Budget Request and the Town's \$40 million wastewater treatment project. As a nonprofit organization that supports and promotes the local economy and our local businesses, we understand the absolute critical need for reliable, affordable, and environmentally friendly wastewater utility services.

Main Street Middletown supports the Town's request for funding to further subsidize a \$40M state-mandated wastewater infrastructure renovation; particularly to remove the Town's 1967 sewerage lagoon from a floodplain, which poses significant threats to public health, our local environment, and will ensure that utility services continue to be affordable for the local economy.

Main Street Middletown strongly supports the Town's \$12 Million MD Capital Budget Request. Thank you for your time and interest in our request and projects.

With kind regards,



Becky Axilbund, Executive Director
Main Street Middletown, MD Inc.

January 28, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: Middletown's FY25 Maryland Supplemental Budget Request for Wastewater Infrastructure Upgrades

Dear Secretary Grady,

The Middletown Valley Athletic Association (MVAA) is a non-profit community organization, offering local youth the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of sports and athletics, and enjoy participation and competition in organized leagues. Serving the community and our patrons are core principles of the MVAA. Thank you for your service to the State of Maryland and communities like ours!

On behalf of the MVAA, I'm writing to express support for Middletown's FY25 State Supplemental Budget Request. After working with the Town for several years to provide youth sports services to the community, we understand the high cost of owning and operating water and wastewater utility systems, and all the other municipal facilities we rely on every day. We're happy to hear our small, rural town will receive funding support through the Bay Restoration Fund, but the very high cost of the project (\$40 Million) requires more than the typical 70% subsidy.

Thank you for your consideration and everything you do for Marylanders! Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Scott Farrow, President
Middletown Valley Athletic Association

CC via email:

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Budget and Taxation Committee Chair, Maryland State Senate
The Honorable Benjamin S. Barnes, Appropriations Committee Chair, Maryland House of Delegates



AMVETS #9
409 West Green Street
P.O. Box 275
Middletown, MD 21769
301-371-5115

Date: January 29, 2024

To: The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St.
Annapolis, MD 21401-1907

Regarding: Middletown's FY25 Maryland Capital Budget Request for Wastewater Treatment Renovation Project

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of the Middletown AMVETS Valley Memorial Post 9, I'm writing to register our support for Middletown's FY 2025 Maryland Capital Budget Request. The Middletown AMVETS Organization is a member of the Middletown Community, along with all 855 Members (458 Veterans, 230 Sons, 159 Auxiliary, and 8 At Large), we use the Town's water and wastewater utilities. Reliable and affordable utility services are critical for our members and the larger community. Small rural communities, like Middletown, who own and operate our utility systems can't afford \$40 million state-mandated utility infrastructure projects.

Please accept this letter as the Middletown AMVETS support for the Town's \$12 Million MD Capital Budget Request. We appreciate your support and public service. Thanks very much!

Sincerely,

Merhle E. Moser (Ed)
Commander, AMVETS Valley Memorial Post 9
P.O. Box 275
409 West Green Street
Middletown, Maryland 21769

January 4, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: FY25 Maryland Capital Budget Request – Middletown Wastewater Project

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of the Middletown Valley Food Bank, I'm writing to express our support for Middletown's FY2025 Maryland Capital Budget Request. As an organization who represents and supports our needy residents and low-income households, we understand the importance of reliable and affordable utility services.

We support our town's request for wastewater infrastructure upgrades; particularly to remove the town of Middletown's 1967 sewerage lagoon from a flood zone. The current location poses significant threats to public health and our local environment. Our local government needs to ensure that utility services continue to be affordable for all our residents.

The Middletown Valley Food Bank supports the Town's \$12 Million MD Capital Budget Request. Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Pond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Pond, Manager
Middletown Valley Food Bank

January 8, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

**RE: Middletown's FY25 Maryland Capital Budget Request
for Wastewater Infrastructure Funding**

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of the Middletown Recreation Council, this letter is to express our support for Middletown's FY 2025 State Capital Budget Request. Reliable, affordable, and environmentally friendly wastewater utility services are critical for small, rural communities, like Middletown, and the residents our organizations serve.

We wholeheartedly support their request for wastewater infrastructure upgrades and to remove the Town's 1976 sewer lagoon from a flood zone, which poses threats to public health and our local environment and must be addressed. The Town operates water and wastewater utility distribution, collection, and treatment for over 5,000 Marylanders.

The Middletown Recreation Council strongly endorses the Town's \$12 Million MD Capital Budget Request. Middletown is a great community and a great investment! Thanks very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,



Pam Dietrick, President
Middletown Recreation Council

January 28, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: Middletown's FY2025 Maryland Supplemental Budget Request – Wastewater Project

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of the Middletown Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc., this letter is to express the Chamber's support for the Town of Middletown's FY 2025 Capital Budget Request. Reliable and affordable utility services are essential for the Middletown Valley's residents, businesses, and overall local economy.

The Chamber supports the Town's funding request to upgrade the wastewater treatment facilities that serve many of our local business partners. Utility systems are, in many ways, the backbone of the local economy and the Chamber strongly endorses the Town's \$12 Million MD Capital Budget Request.

Thank you for your consideration and everything you do!

Sincerely,



Sean O'Keefe, Esq., President
Middletown Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

CC via email:

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Budget and Taxation Committee Chair, Maryland State Senate
The Honorable Benjamin S. Barnes, Appropriations Committee Chair, Maryland House of Delegates

January 28, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: FY25 Maryland Supplemental Budget Request – Middletown Wastewater Project

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of the Middletown Valley People Helping People Organization, I'm writing to express our support for Middletown's FY2025 Maryland Supplemental Budget Request. As an organization who represents and supports members of our community who are in need, we understand the importance of affordable utility services and cost of living.

We support their request for wastewater infrastructure upgrades and the removal of the Town's 1976 sewer lagoon from a 100-year floodplain, to the mitigate the significant threats to public health, our local environment, and to ensure that utility services will continue to be affordable for all households in Town.

Middletown Valley People Helping People fully supports the Town's FY25 State Supplemental Budget Request. Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,



CC via email:

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Budget and Taxation Committee Chair, Maryland State Senate

The Honorable Benjamin S. Barnes, Appropriations Committee Chair, Maryland House of Delegates

January 28, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: Middletown's FY25 Maryland Supplemental Budget Request – Wastewater Renovation Project

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of the Middletown Lions Club, this letter is to express our support for Middletown's FY 2025 Supplemental Budget Request. Reliable, affordable, and environmentally friendly wastewater utility services are essential for the Middletown community and the residents we serve.

We support their request for wastewater infrastructure upgrades; particularly to remove the Town's 1967 sewerage lagoon from a flood zone, which poses significant threats to public health and our local environment.

The Middletown Lions Club strongly endorses the Town's \$12 Million MD Supplemental Budget Request. Thanks very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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Pam Riner, President
Middletown Lions Club

CC via email:

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Budget and Taxation Committee Chair, Maryland State Senate
The Honorable Benjamin S. Barnes, Appropriations Committee Chair, Maryland House of Delegates

January 5, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
Department of Budget & Management
45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: Middletown's FY25 Maryland Capital Budget Request – Wastewater Project

Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of the Middletown Zion Lutheran Church, I'm writing to express support for Middletown's FY2025 State Capital Budget Request. Our congregation and the surrounding community depend on reliable and affordable utility services.

Zion Lutheran Church fully supports the Town's funding request to upgrade the wastewater treatment facilities. Thanks very much for your consideration and everything you do!

Sincerely,

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Bob Rockwell, Council President
Zion Lutheran Church

EAN Enterprises/The Main Cup
Main's Properties
Robert and Kimberly Brenengen
14 West Main Street
Middletown, MD 21769

January 8, 2024

The Honorable Helene T. Grady
Secretary of Budget & Management
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45 Calvert St., Annapolis, MD 21401 – 1907

RE: Middletown's FY25 Maryland Capital Budget Request for Wastewater Infrastructure Upgrades

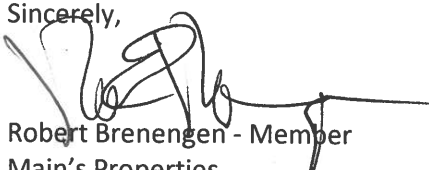
Dear Secretary Grady,

On behalf of The Main Cup All-American Restaurant, we're writing to show support for the Town of Middletown's FY 2025 State Capital Budget Request. As the small business owners of a well-liked restaurant, and a popular meeting place for community groups, we've made an investment in the local economy and the Town's future.

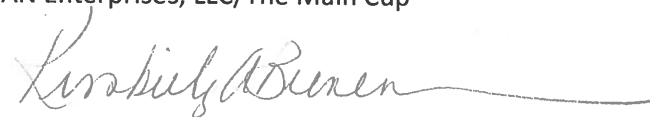
Along with our loyal patrons, we depend on the reliable and affordable utility services provided by the Town. Middletown's done a great job managing growth and development, capital improvements, and infrastructure upgrades. Now, the Town's faced with a \$40 million-dollar, state-mandated wastewater treatment project, that will inevitably happen at the expense of customers and the Town's economic future.

We enthusiastically support the Town's \$12 Million MD Capital Budget Request. Middletown is a great community and a great investment! Thanks very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,



Robert Brenengen - Member
Main's Properties
EAN Enterprises, LLC/The Main Cup



Kimberly Brenengen – Member
Main's Properties
EAN Enterprises, LLC/The Main Cup