

January 31, 2020

Mayor Tony Perry and Members of Middletown Committee:

At Mayor Perry's request of last spring, members of Middletown for Clean Energy have been working on an Energy Plan for Middletown based on volunteer resident input and have now produced this well-researched draft. The goals of this Energy Plan, which we envision as recommendations for an initial framework to be adopted and refined by Middletown, are to move Middletown to 100% clean energy (carbon neutral) by 2050, in conformance with the state's Global Warming Response Act and 2019 Energy Master Plan, and to achieve Sustainable Jersey's Gold Star in Energy.

This Energy Plan outlines the key actions Middletown can take to save costs, reduce energy usage and reduce carbon emissions. **The most immediately effective and cost-saving action is the adoption by Middletown of Renewable Government (Community Choice) Energy (Electricity) Aggregation (RGEA) for residents, which alone accounts for almost 40% of the total projected reduction for highest-priority actions by 2030.** A second important action is residents' adoption of EVs as passenger vehicles, along with the adoption of EVs for other purposes, including municipal fleet. This action will be spurred by NJ's recently enacted EV incentive bill.

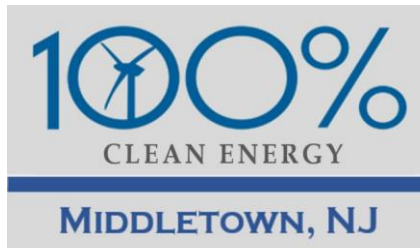
As you know, Middletown for Clean Energy's mission is to leave a legacy of a livable world for our children and grandchildren. It is important that Middletown take on a leadership role in this work, as we are already seeing the consequences of our continued fossil fuel emissions in sea level rise greater than the global average and the threat of losing large portions of our Bayshore properties to flooding over the rest of the century, if we do not dramatically lower our emissions. Also, as a leader in this initiative and the largest town in Monmouth County, we can expect other towns to follow and multiply Middletown's positive impact.

You may know that there will be a meeting on February 6 in the Mayor of Eatontown's office for officials from several towns interested in pursuing a regional RGEA. Meeting to learn about other towns' experiences would provide critical information for making the decision to go forward, and we strongly urge you to attend. Since Middletown has the experience of bidding for RGEA for municipal operations, adopting this for residents and providing all of us with the advantages of lower prices as well as preserving our livable world would be a "no-brainer." Furthermore, this could be a great opportunity to team with other towns to further lower RGEA costs through a consolidated bid.

As members of Middletown for Clean Energy, we strongly support taking the actions outlined in this plan beginning today, even before its inclusion in the Master Plan. We welcome reviewing this with you, either individually, or as a group.

Sincerely,

**Signatures of 87 Middletown residents on next page:**



Sincerely,

<i>Robert Erickson</i>	<i>Charles L Davidson</i>	<i>Jeanne Gerchberg</i>	<i>Elizabeth McDermott</i>	<i>Maggi Riordan</i>
<i>Pam Adams</i>	<i>Mary Carol Day</i>	<i>Seth Gerchberg</i>	<i>Clare McIntosh</i>	<i>Marcia Sawyer</i>
<i>Rob Adams</i>	<i>Liz Spellman Dean</i>	<i>Lois Grossman</i>	<i>Pat Miller</i>	<i>David Silben</i>
<i>Don Adler</i>	<i>Bernard Dickman</i>	<i>Jane Harran</i>	<i>Steve Miller</i>	<i>Judy Silben</i>
<i>Lee Arpin</i>	<i>John Dowens</i>	<i>Deb Hoffman</i>	<i>Nancy Milnes</i>	<i>Joel Smith</i>
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<i>Lorraine Backus</i>	<i>Helen Duthie</i>	<i>Richard Kammerer</i>	<i>Joel Morgovsky</i>	<i>Pamela Smith</i>
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<i>Vivian Breen</i>	<i>Anne Ford</i>	<i>Roxanne Judice</i>	<i>Carol Murray-Negron</i>	<i>David Sugarman</i>
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