

**Westfield Residents Association supports local, state, and federal officials in their efforts to stop a Military Base on Boardman Lane**

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The Westfield Residents Association has expressed its strong support for Federal, State, and Middletown elected officials in their efforts to reverse the decision by the Army Corps of Engineers to build a base on Boardman Lane in Middletown. The Army Corps of Engineers has disregarded its own site selection criteria, Federal EPA legislation, State sustainable building guidelines, and the expressed intent of the City of Middletown. Construction of a 35 acre military base at this location would cause unacceptable harm to a property with significant environmental, historic and economic value to the City of Middletown.

The Westfield Resident Association strongly supports a “yes” vote by The Common Council on a strongly worded resolution to oppose the Boardman Lane site as a suitable location for the proposed Army facility at the upcoming August 4th Council Meeting. We urge all concerned Middletown residents to demonstrate their support for a strong resolution by attending the Council meeting on August 4th at 7pm at City Hall.

The WRA appreciates the efforts of Congresswoman DeLauro and Secretary of State Bysiewicz to redirect the Army's intent to build on Boardman Lane. We call on our city officials to support them in every way possible.

We attach further background information about the Army training facility and Boardman Lane, for more information go to <http://wramiddletown.org>

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**About the Westfield Residents Association, Inc.**

The WRA is an explicitly non-partisan organization that has worked on behalf of the 16,430 citizens living in the Westfield section of Middletown to make our city better. The WRA was incorporated in 1981, as a dues paying organization. We monitor any activity or legislation that impacts the residents of Westfield. We have worked with developers, industry, environmental groups, and a variety of city agencies. A representative of the WRA is present at most Planning and Zoning meetings, most Inland Wetlands Commission meetings, and most Common Council meetings. The WRA publishes a quarterly newsletter, and organizes quarterly meetings that are open to the public. The goal of the WRA is to keep Middletown the great city that it is, by promoting responsible development.