



FOR COMMUNITY. FOR GENERATIONS.
NEWPORT COUNTY YMCA
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Middletown Planning Board
350 E Main Road
Middletown, RI 02842

Dear Chairman Croce and members of the Middletown Planning Board,

As you are aware, the Newport County YMCA has been conducting a capital campaign over the past two years to raise funds for a major renovation and expansion project of our aging facility. Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, the Newport County YMCA stands ready to move forward with the expansion and begin major construction this summer. To ensure that all communities in Newport County are engaged in this process, we would like to formally request a meeting with you to discuss the next steps in our project.

With active members from five communities in Newport County, it is important to our organization that the interests of every municipality are heard, and their feedback considered. As representatives of these communities, we hope that you will assist us in getting this project right for your constituents, especially those who benefit most from the YMCA's programs and services.

Additionally, the Newport County YMCA is actively exploring federal grant opportunities to contribute to the project to augment the private funds already raised. We are in contact with the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation about the possibilities available to an organization like ours, and we are encouraged by their initial receptiveness. As with any other potential use of public dollars, we acknowledge the need for the project to truly serve a public purpose for all citizens of every background across Newport County. We feel that engagement with municipal leaders like yourself will help the Newport County YMCA maximize the benefit of any potential public money for the citizens of our region.

We look forward to hopefully meeting with you soon and beginning an active dialogue as the project moves forward. Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to reach out with any questions at any time.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller

CEO, Newport County YMCA