

**To: the Town of Middlebury Selectboard, Design Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, and residents and organizations of Middlebury**  
**Re: Design of Triangle Park and Printer's Alley Public Process**

Collectively, the Better Middlebury Partnership, the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, the Town Hall Theater and Middlebury Underground believe that the design of the Triangle Park and Printer's Alley spaces should prioritize the current and future civic, social and economic interests of our community.

While we support the concept that the immediate work will lay the groundwork for future improvements to the park, we are advocating for design that can easily be expanded upon for a comprehensive, community-oriented and transparent phase of park development in the future. The flat, central location of Triangle Park provides unlimited potential for pop-ups, food trucks, events, markets, performances, town decor and other programming that could generate much-needed economic and community development opportunities.

To that end, our stakeholder organizations are collectively requesting that the design chosen by the Town of Middlebury and financed by the State of Vermont not only represent the current needs and desires of the community, but those potential needs and desires of the future. To us, this means:

- **The design of Triangle Park as a single, fully accessible space with power and water hookups that would support a variety of public events all year in all seasons, while also offering a comfortable everyday space for individuals and small groups – including young families.**
- **The design of Triangle Park as part of a comprehensive park system with interminable connection to the Town Green space.**
- **The design of Triangle Park to maximize multi-use, durable, year-round space via patio or plaza style hardscaping in place of grass.**
- **The design of Printer's Alley that orients public spaces to face Main Street and includes opportunities for bike parkets and/or racks, informational kiosks and connections for power and water.**
- **Design of 90 degree or angled parking alongside the edge of the park to gain the most number of parking spots possible**

A transparent public process is critical to the investment and engagement of Middlebury's citizens into the future of our downtown and the community at large. Although we understand the boundaries limiting the scope of this project at this point in time, we strongly believe that the Town of Middlebury, our businesses, organizations and citizens deserve a true public process that allows for proper time and consideration given to the exchange of ideas around these central downtown spaces.

Thank you,

The Better Middlebury Partnership  
The Addison County Chamber of Commerce  
Town Hall Theater  
Middlebury Underground