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Local residents and business owners are invited to an important event to help make Middletown's Main Street a safer, more attractive, and more pedestrian friendly place.

Middletown, DE – Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) is holding a Walkable Community Workshop, sponsored by Middletown Main Street. Making Middletown's Main Street more pedestrian friendly is the focus of a three hour workshop scheduled for Wednesday, September 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Middletown Town Hall, 19 W. Green Street, Middletown, Delaware.

Tracy Skrobot, program director of Middletown Main Street said, "Creating a safer, more pedestrian friendly commercial district, particularly near the Everett Theater, is a high priority. Giving the district a safer pedestrian atmosphere will attract more residents and make it easier for them to enjoy all that Main Street has to offer."

Middletown's Main Street has many pedestrian amenities; however there is still room for improvement. Getting across Main Street can be difficult and the pedestrian connections to West Main Street are poor. During the workshop, participants will brainstorm solutions to these and other important safety issues.

The workshop is free and open to the public. A Walkable Communities Workshop is an event for elected officials, local residents, and professionals in the fields of planning, engineering, law enforcement, public health, and education. It will provide participants with information on how to make Middletown a more pedestrian-friendly place. The workshop will consist of a presentation on elements of a walkable community, a walkability audit, and a follow-up mapping session where participants put pen to paper and brainstorm options for improvements.

The Walkable Community Workshop concentrates on identifying real-world problems and hands-on solutions for Middletown. The workshop is free and open to anyone. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tracy Skrobot, Middletown Main Street at (302) 378-2977, or email <u>tskrobot@middletownde.org</u>. To learn more about WILMAPCO's Walkable Community Workshop program, visit <u>www.wilmapco.org/walkable</u>.

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WILMAPCO is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for New Castle County, Delaware, and Cecil County, Maryland that is responsible for coordinating transportation planning in the region and involving the public to ensure that transportation projects will meet its needs. For more information about WILMAPCO visit www.wilmapco.org, call 302-737-6205, or call toll-free from Cecil County at 1-888-808-7088.

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