



Hotel, restaurants proposed for Middletown shopping center

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A shopping center which will include a hotel, restaurants, and a grocery store could be coming to Middletown, according to developer Jim Nardo, a principal in the family owned development company Abbco Real Properties Corp.

Nardo brought his plans to Middletown Borough Council Tuesday night. The new Westporte shopping center would combine the vacant A.P. Green warehouse site on Ann Street with the former Middletown Plaza. Several businesses already there would remain. Hardees and the Wachovia Bank would rebuild, Nardo said.

Nardo said the family developed the plans "in anticipation of the train station if it comes to be."

PennDOT is looking at two possibilities for relocating the existing Amtrak train station, the one on Ann Street and another on land just east of Harrisburg International Airport. At public meetings, most people attending said they favor the A.P. Green site on Ann Street.

Emaus Street would extend into the new shopping center, connecting it to the downtown area.

Councilwoman Diana McGlone said the center would be "a tremendous asset to the borough" by creating jobs. Council president Robert Louer called it "a good step forward for Middletown."

Nardo said he did not know when the developers would begin construction because of the down economy.

Aabco Real Properties is also developing Linden Centre on Route 230 in Lower Swatara Twp.

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