

14. Can we compromise, with some mix of development and public green space at the old middle school site?

Theoretically, yes. However, what do people mean by “development” at the old middle school site? High-density houses? Apartments? “Interesting” retail? Restaurants? More impervious surfaces such as parking lots and roads? While there is broad interest in having additional unique restaurants and retail shops, few Red Bank citizens want to see more high-density housing, especially along Dayton Boulevard. Yet, high-density housing is precisely what developers have shown they want to build on the People’s old middle school property.

Fragmenting the People’s land into developed areas and tiny pieces of green space will result in two unsatisfactory results – undesired development plus dysfunctional green space. There is no good reason to settle for dissatisfaction when larger overall excellence is within reach!