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- STATEMENT -

BYSIEWICZ PRAISES U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT LISTING CUCIA PARK AS PREFERRED SITE FOR MIDDLETOWN TRAINING FACILITY

SECRETARY OF THE STATE: ARMY HAS LISTENED TO LOCAL CONCERNS AND MADE
AN INFORMED ASSESSMENT THAT INCORPORATES PRINCIPLES OF SMART GROWTH

HARTFORD: Connecticut Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz is praising the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers draft environmental assessment listing Cucia Park as the preferred site for the Armed Forces Reserve Center to be built in Middletown. Secretary Bysiewicz, who grew up and resides in Middletown, issued the following statement:

“I congratulate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for taking its responsibility seriously and listening to the concerns of residents and leaders in Middletown – clearly, Cucia Park is the right place to site the Armed Forces Reserve Center. As a site, Cucia Park fits what the community, the state, and the Defense Department all need. Developing the training facility on Cucia Park presents a significant opportunity to re-use a former industrial site in a way that will benefit our community and our national security, especially for the Army Reserve and National Guard units who will train there. By selecting Cucia Park, we can also avoid more destruction of precious, pristine farmland and the disruption caused to adjoining neighborhoods. While we welcome further public comments on the selection of a site for the Middletown Armed Forces Reserve Center, Cucia Park is the natural choice for a facility whose development incorporates the principles of smart growth and benefits all stakeholders.”