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Old MHS to receive solar panel

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MIDDLETOWN – A city task force devoted to clean energy has chosen a location for a new solar panel.

After reviewing rooftops Thursday, the committee chose the existing Middletown High School roof as a place to hoist the gift, said Ron Klattenberg, councilman and chairman of the Clean Energy Task Force.

The solar panel will come

thanks to local residents who have signed up for the Connecticut Clean Energy Options program.

Residents agreed to pay a little extra on their Connecticut Light and Power bill to have a portion of their energy come from “clean” supplies – such as the sun, wind, or landfill gases.

As a reward for overwhelming participation, the third highest in the state, Middletown will receive a free solar panel.

The solar panel will help the city reach its goal of using 20 percent clean energy by the year 2010.

This topic will be discussed tonight at an environmental forum, Smart Energy, Smart Choices, held at Wesleyan University tonight.

The event starts at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on the second floor of the Davenport Campus Center on Church Street.