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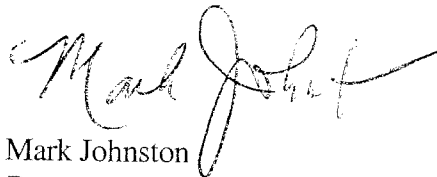
Dear Mr. McGee:

I am pleased to inform you of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's final determination that the Reuse Plan for the Horsham Memorial U.S. Army Reserve Center (USARC) (the Plan), dated July 2, 2007, with supplemental information dated August 30, 2007, complies with the requirements of the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994, as amended, and its implementing regulations found at 24 CFR Part 586. The Horsham Local Redevelopment Authority (HLRA) may move forward with implementing the reuse plan, including pursuing acquiring the surplus property for use as school bus parking and repair with the balance of the property being used by Hallowell Elementary School. The basis for HUD's determination is discussed below.

HUD determined that the Plan appropriately balanced the needs of the communities in the vicinity of the installation for economic redevelopment and other development with the needs of the homeless in the community. The basis for that determination was the fact that despite the HLRA having carried out the required outreach to homeless assistance providers, no notices of interest to obtain property for use to assist the homeless were submitted. The Horsham Memorial USARC is located in a semi-rural suburb of Philadelphia and has a population of 25,000. Under the Act, the purpose of HUD's review of base closure plans is to make certain enumerated determinations "with respect to the expressed interest and requests of representatives of the homeless" 10 U.S.C. 2687 note (b)(7)(H)(i). Where representatives of the homeless do not express interest in obtaining base property for use to assist the homeless and where HUD is satisfied that the LRA's outreach to the representatives of the homeless was in the manner dictated by the Act and regulations, HUD will conclude that a base reuse plan balances in an appropriate manner the needs of the community for economic and other redevelopment with the needs of the homeless in the community.

Congratulations on your success in effectively carrying out the military base reuse planning process. I wish you continued success in implementing the reuse plan for the Horsham Memorial USARC. HUD stands ready to assist you in your efforts. If the Department can provide any further service please contact Mr. Nadab Bynum, Community Planning and Development Director, in HUD's Philadelphia field office, at 100 Penn Square, East, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Mr. Bynum can be reached at (215) 861-7652.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Johnston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark Johnston
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Special Needs

cc:

Mr. David Reed, DASA (I&H)

Mr. Patrick O'Brien, OEA