



# HLRA Update

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Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority  
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## HLRA MEETING SCHEDULE

All HLRA Meetings are open to the public.

- 3:30 pm January 16, 2019 at the Horsham Township Library.
- Meeting dates for the full 2019 year will be proposed and approved at the January 16, 2019 meeting.



2018 Award Winner

## Hatboro Horsham School District, Horsham Township and the HLRA Receive Recognition

The Hatboro-Horsham School District, Horsham Township and the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority (“HLRA”) were recognized recently by the Montgomery County Planning Commission with a prestigious 2018 Montgomery Award presented to the new Hallowell Elementary School for excellence in community collaboration, innovative design, and sustainable practices. The annual Montgomery Awards recognize the very best in planning, design and advocacy in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The Hallowell Elementary School Montgomery Award was 1 of 6 presented on November 14, 2018, and only 1 of 209 presented in the awards 61 year history.

The site of the new Hallowell Elementary School once housed the Horsham Memorial U. S. Army Reserve Center on Easton Road in Horsham, PA. The military training center was closed as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Act (“BRAC”) of 2005 as the U.S. Department of Defense consolidated operations and closed facilities across the nation. The Horsham Memorial U.S. Army Reserve Center was one of seven U.S. Army Reserve Centers closed in the Delaware Valley. Training for reserve personnel was reassigned to other locations including a new facility located on the Horsham Air Guard Station in Horsham, PA.

The Hatboro-Horsham School District, working closely with the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority (“HLRA”) and Horsham Township, was able to obtain the federal surplus property through a no-cost Public Benefit Conveyance (“PBC”) through the U.S. Department of Education. PBC’s allow the federal government to transfer excess property to local communities for certain purposes, such as education. The school district obtained the property for \$1.00 in late 2013, allowing them to demolish the old U. S. Army facilities and constructed a new 97,900 square foot,



## HALLOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Above to the left are pictures used in the awards presentation. Above to the right (left to right), accepting the Montgomery Award are Joseph Wade and Jennifer Wilson of the Hatboro Horsham School Board, Dr. Curtis Griffin, Hatboro Horsham Superintendent of Schools, and Steve Glaize, Principal of the New Hallowell Elementary School.

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state-of-the-art educational facility to replace the former Hallowell Elementary School which was located on an adjacent parcel. The former aging and obsolete school was 44,310 square feet and was constructed in 1962 and had minimal upgrades since its' initial construction. The new school officially opened in September 2017.

The Montgomery Award recognizes the new school's innovative design and sustainable practices. The creative site design took advantage of the site's frontage on three roadways, allowing for separation of parent and bus drop-off in the front, pre-school drop-off in the rear and bus transportation traffic to the side. The building's design incorporated many sustainable elements including a ground source geothermal HVAC system, automated building control systems and low flow plumbing fixtures. The geothermal HVAC system incorporated 100 wells with 19 high-efficiency heat pumps and utilizes 16 miles of circulating conduit. Annual energy consumption is expected to be reduced significantly when compared to the smaller inefficient former school property. The school district was successful in gaining an award of a \$2 million Alternative & Clean Energy Grant to help fund some of these sustainable elements.

The school is currently undergoing design review for a LEED Gold certification.



2018 Montgomery Award

**Hallowell Elementary School**  
*Horsham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania*

In recognition of community collaboration, innovative design, and sustainable practices. This innovative redevelopment project, which transformed a brownfield into an exceptional public educational facility and an appealing, sustainable neighborhood asset, demonstrates how successful collaboration can benefit the entire community.

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**NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD  
 (RAB)  
 MEETING SCHEDULE**

***THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND***

**Meeting Schedule**

**December 12, 2018**

2 PM at the Horsham Township Library  
 435 Babylon Road, Horsham, PA 19044

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