

**Redevelopment Plan and Homeless Assistance
Submission for the Development of the**

Wilkes-Barre

U.S. Army Reserve Center

1001 Highway 315 South

Plains Township, PA 18702



January 2009

Plains Township

as the Duly Recognized
Local Redevelopment Authority

Final Recommendation
of the
Plains Township
Local Redevelopment Authority
for the
Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center
Plains Township, Pennsylvania

Local Redevelopment Authority

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Executive Summary

Introduction

In May of 2006, the Plains Township Board of Commissioners was made aware that the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center, located in Plains Township, had been declared surplus and was to be disposed in accordance with appropriate federal regulations.

Prior to May of 2006, Liz Gabor, Project Director for the Office of the Secretary of Defense was working with the city of Wilkes-Barre for the surplus of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center. It was not until May of 2006 that the office of the Secretary of Defense was informed that the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center was actually located in Plains Township.

On May 25, 2006, Ronald Filippini, Chairman of the Plains Township Board of Commissioners and Rose Corcoran, Contact Person for the LRA, met with Liz Gabor, Project Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment, Office of the Secretary of the Defense, to discuss implementation of the LRA at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 50 Second Street, Plains Township.

On June 8, 2006, Plains Township passed an ordinance by which Plains Township Board of Commissioners became the LRA¹.

On July 7, 2006, Rose Corcoran, Vice-Chairperson, Plains Board of Commissioners and the LRA representative, sent a letter to Patrick J. O'Brien, Director, Office of Economic Adjustment for his review. For Mr. O'Brien's review was the resolution authorizing Plains Township Board of Commissioners act as the Local Redevelopment Authority; a letter from Ron Filippini, Chairman of the Plains Township Board of Commissioners, recognizing the formation of the Local Redevelopment Authority; and the organizational chart for the Local Redevelopment Authority².

If the request is approved by the Secretary of Defense, information would be published in the Federal Register³.

Subsequent to the creation of the Plains Township LRA, the Plains Township LRA became recognized as the proper recommending agency by the Office of Economic Adjustment, Office of the Secretary of Defense⁴. The LRA established a processing time frame⁵ and, as part of the time frame, developed a screening period for interested parties filing use applications of the property. This screening period extended from July 10, 2006, to October 10, 2006.

Plains Township, a First Class Township under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, created an LRA for the purposes of reviewing the site of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center, located in Plains Township. The duties of the Plains Township LRA include the receiving of necessary public input, supplying information about this site to interested parties, holding public hearings and making a final recommendation concerning the reuse of the property. The Board of Commissioners of Plains Township took this action by Resolution No: 20-2006.

¹ Resolution by Board of Commissioners to be the LRA

² Letter requesting recognition of Plains Township LRA

³ Copy of Federal Register Vol.71 No. 131,138

⁴ Approval for Plains Township as the LRA

⁵ Time Frame

Pursuant to this resolution, the following residents of Plains Township were appointed to the LRA. Appointed were the elected members of the Plains Township Board of Commissioners:

Brigid Murray O'Connor,
Ronald Filippini,
Joseph Spagnuolo,
Joseph Hoinski, and
Rose P. Corcoran, Point of Contact

An advisory committee was appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Plains Township. The members, all residents of Plains Township, are:

Melissa Szafran-Jones,
Joseph McGuire,
Clarence Ozgo,
Karen Rubasky,
Thomas Salus,
Walter Shubilla and
Joseph Lavix

Clarence Ozgo and Thomas Salus are members of the Plains Township Parks and Recreation Board; Karen Rubasky is a member of the Plains Township Zoning Board.

On July 19, 2006, the LRA began correspondence with Garry Gontz, Project Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment, Office of the Secretary of Defense. Mr. Gontz remained as the Project Manager for the Plains Township LRA.

Public Notice of Availability of Surplus Property

As part of the public notice which appeared in the Citizens' Voice on Wednesday, August 16, 2006⁶, the LRA held a public tour and workshop on Thursday, September 14, 2006, to inform the homeless providers and the general public of the opportunity to become familiar with the property in question and to answer any questions from the general public⁸.

Letters of Interest

The following individuals and organizations sent letters of interest concerning acquisition of Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center⁷.

Ron Filippini, Chairman
Plains Township Board of Commissioners
126 North Main Street
Plains, PA 18705

⁶ Public Notice, Wednesday, August 16, 2006

⁷ Response letters from Homeless Providers

⁸ Sign-In Sheet & Handouts, September 14 2006 Workshop

Anthony J. Lupas, Esquire
Wilkes-Barre Area School District
65 West Jackson Street
Sharon Harry, Executive Director
Wyoming Valley Children's Association
71 North Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Jim Smith, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Bear Creek Community Charter School
2000 Bear Creek Boulevard
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Samuel T. Guesto Jr.
Luzerne County Manager / Chief Clerk
200 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Nancy Verespy, National Executive Director
Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition
International Headquarters
805 South Township Boulevard
Pittston, PA 18640

Scott Williams, President / COO
Jack Williams Tire Company, Inc.
P O Box 3655
Scranton, PA 18505

Mr. Russ Reggie
Fox Ridge Court
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Two Letters of Interest were submitted within their Notice of Interest Submissions:

Mr. Thom Greco
Wilkes-Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc.
P.O. Box #2 Phoenix Plaza
20-22 East Union Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Mr. Michael J. Kwashnick
Business Manager
Local 163
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
1269 Sans Souci Parkway
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706-5229

Representatives of organizations responded by telephone to attend the tour and workshop:

Msgr. Joseph Kelly, Catholic Social Services,
James Davis, Luzerne / Wyoming Counties Mental Health / Mental Retardation,
Bill Jones, Volunteers of America,
Christine Elias, Housing Development Corporation,
Carlie Wetzell, Luzerne County Human Services,
Stephanie Wolownik, Reach of Saint Stephen's,
Beth Hollinger, Community Counseling Services.

The LRA received a letter dated July 19, 2006, from Arlene Specter, United States Senate. The Honorable Specter encouraged the LRA to support the efforts of the Bear Creek Community Charter School⁸.

The tour and workshop was held on Thursday, September 14, 2006. A sign-in sheet and handouts were provided for those in attendance⁹.

Mr. Doug Trumboweiz, Architect for the Volunteers of America, requested to review the floor plan of the WBARC. There was no further contact following his review.

Representatives of the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. and The Veterans Coalition International Headquarters were unable to attend the tour and workshop although a Notice of Interest⁷ was received October 10, 2006 at the LRA, 126 North Main Street, Plains Township, Pennsylvania, 18705. A separate tour and informal workshop was held at the WBARC on Monday, December 11, 2006.

The tour was conducted by Salvatore J. Zangari, Facility Management Specialist, DARIM Region 2-2, Wilson-Kramer USARC, 2940 Airport Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017-2166. Several correspondences have been made by this organization conveying their continued interest in the WBARC.

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at the Plains Township Municipal Building at 50 Second Street.¹⁵ Comments were voiced by the Veterans of the Vietnam War for the proposal of a Beacon House for transitional veterans. The LRA recommended use of the Center as an Emergency Services Center for Plains Township. The entire transcript is included within this submission.¹⁷

A third tour was conducted on Monday, November 19, 2007¹⁰.

In October 2008, the LRA commissioned Quad3 Group to assist them in preparing the final Redevelopment Plan.

A second public hearing was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2009.²⁴ There were no public comments at this hearing. The entire transcript is included within this submission.²⁵ On Thursday, February 4, 2009, the LRA met to review the submissions and confirmed their decision to recommend the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center as an Emergency Services Center for Plains Township.²⁶

⁸ Letter from Arlen Specter

⁹ September 14, 2006 Workshop Sign-In sheet and Handouts

¹⁰ November 19, 2007 Workshop Sign-In Sheet & Handouts

¹⁵ Notice of Public Hearing of Tuesday, July 10, 2007

¹⁷ Minutes of Public Hearing of Tuesday, July 10, 2007

²⁴ Notice of Public Hearing of Tuesday, February 2, 2009

²⁵ Minutes of Public Hearing of Tuesday, February 2, 2009

²⁶ Final Letter of Recommendation from the LRA

Plains Township

Plains Township, located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, is in the greater metropolitan area of the city of Wilkes-Barre. Plains Township was formed on November 10, 1851. On December 7, 1899 it became a First Class Township.

A five-member Board of Commissioners governs Plains Township. The Commissioners serve as liaisons between the people of Plains Township and the County, State and Federal Governments. Some of their responsibilities include making appropriations, adopting a budget, levying taxes and adopting ordinances and resolutions to make rules and regulations. The commissioners also supervise the appointment, suspension or removal of all Township employees.

The Plains Municipal Building, located at 126 North Main Street, houses the Administrative and Zoning Office, the Tax Office, Police and Fire Departments and the Plains Branch of the Osterhout Free Library. The second Municipal Building is located at 50 Second Street in the Fox Hill section of Plains. This building is utilized for public meetings and is occupied by additional Police and Fire Personnel and Fire apparatus; the Department of Public Works; the Sewer Authority of Plains Township and the Luzerne County Bureau of Aging which operates a Senior Citizen Center in this building.

According to the 2000 United States Census Bureau report, Plains Township's population is 10,906. The Township has a total area of 13.6 miles, 13.3 of it is land and 0.3 miles is water. As of the 2000 census, there were 4,556 households and 2,870 families residing in the Township. The racial makeup was 98.33% White, 0.48% African American, 0.03% Native American, 0.80% Asian, 0.09% from other races, and 0.28% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 0.51% of the population.

There were 4,556 households out of which 23.5% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 48.4% were married couples living together, 10.5% had female householder with no husband present, and 37.0% were non-families. A 33.1% of all households were made of individuals and 16.1% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.26 and the average family size was 2.89.

In Plains Township, the population was spread out with 17.6% under the age of 18; 6.4% from 18 to 24, 26.0% from 25 to 44, 25.6% from 45 to 64, and 24.4% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 45 years. For every 100 families there were 93.8 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 90.1 males.

The median income for a household in the township was \$36,603, and the median income for a family was \$46,549. Males had a median income of \$34,076 versus \$25,880 for females. The per capita income for the township was \$19,712. About 6.9% of families and 8.3% of the population were below the poverty line, including 11.1% of those under 18 and 9.5% of those age 65 or older.

During the course of the Homeless Outreach process the LRA established that Plains Township has no identifiable homeless population as defined in the McKinney-Vento Act. Plains Township falls within the Luzerne County Coalition for the Homeless for its local Continuum of Care¹¹.

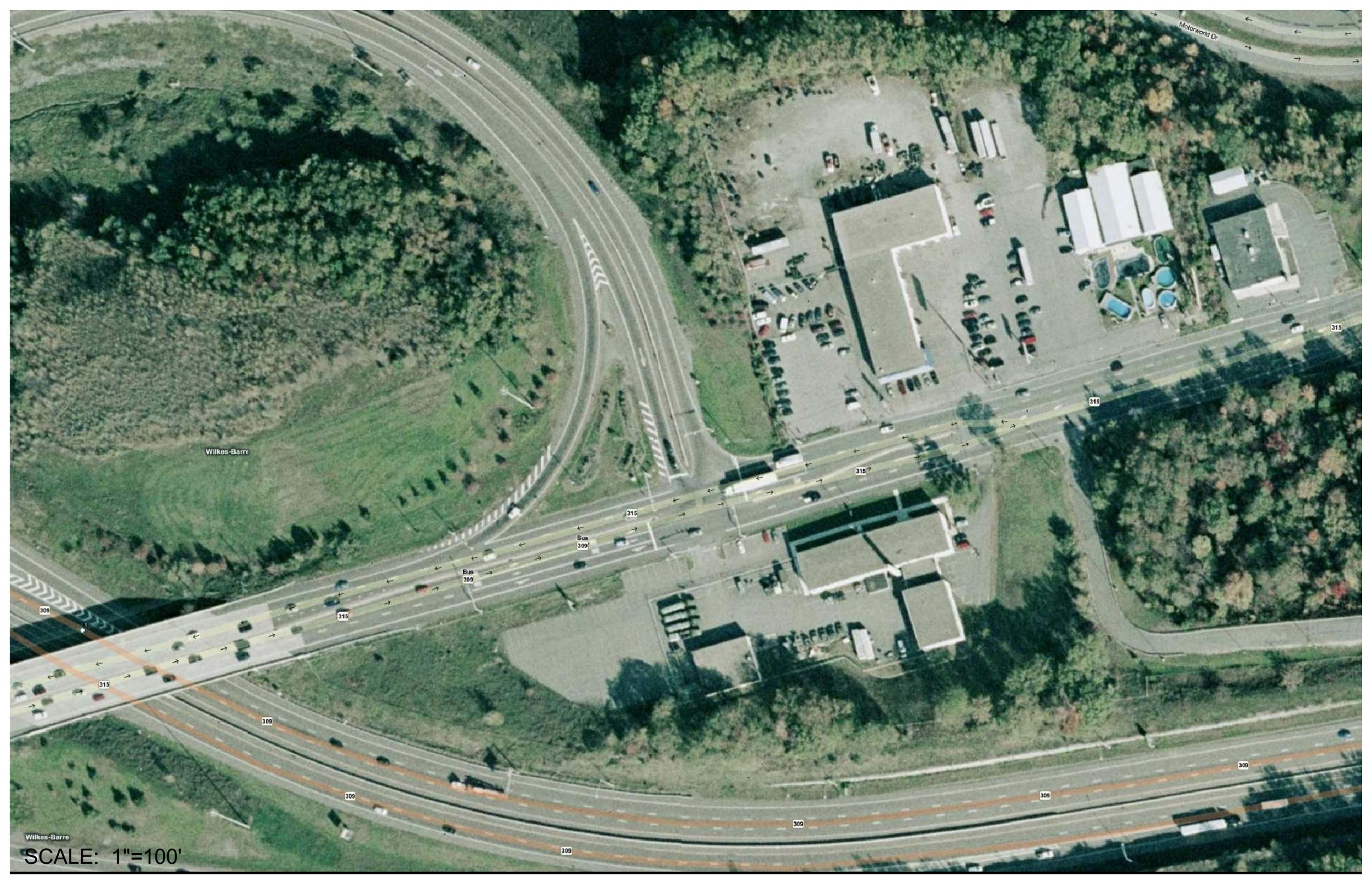
¹¹ Continuum Care of Luzerne County

Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center Property Description

The WBARC is located on 4.0 acres of land located at 1001 Highway 315 South, Plains Township, PA 18701-6926. The WBARC facility consists of a two-story concrete-block constructed building with a stucco finish and OMS building built in 1955. The current tenants of the WBARC are 828th QMCO, 380th BN(SC) 3rd BDE and 229th MP DEP (CID). The surrounding area is commercially developed. Overall condition of the facility complex is very good. Current tenants of the WBARC are: 828th QMCO, 380th BN (SC) 3rd BDE, and 220th MP DET (CID).

The IFS Data: training building is 21,503 sq. ft., OMS is 3,905 sq. ft., POV pavement is 1,950 sq. yd., MEP pavement is 1,675 sq. yd., sidewalk is 281 sq. yd., fence line is 418 lin. ft. Outgrant DACA-31-5-93-079, 1.40 AC, Department of Highways Right of Way, End Date is 18-Dec-2039. The WBARC is serviced by local electric and gas companies. Water distribution, sanitary sewer and storm sewer are maintained through local utility companies. The electric power distribution is 563 LF, the gas pipeline is 0, the sanitary sewer is 2,550 LF, the water distribution is 601 LF, and the storm sewer is 0.

On the following pages, photographs of the existing facility are attached for your reference.



Wilkes-Barre

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SCALE: 1"=100'

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Navigation controls including a compass, 2D/3D view toggles, and map style options: Road, Aerial, Bird's eye, Labels, Traffic.

Inset map showing the current location on a regional map with labels for Motorworld Dr, 315, and 309.



2D 3D Road Aerial Bird's eye Labels Traffic



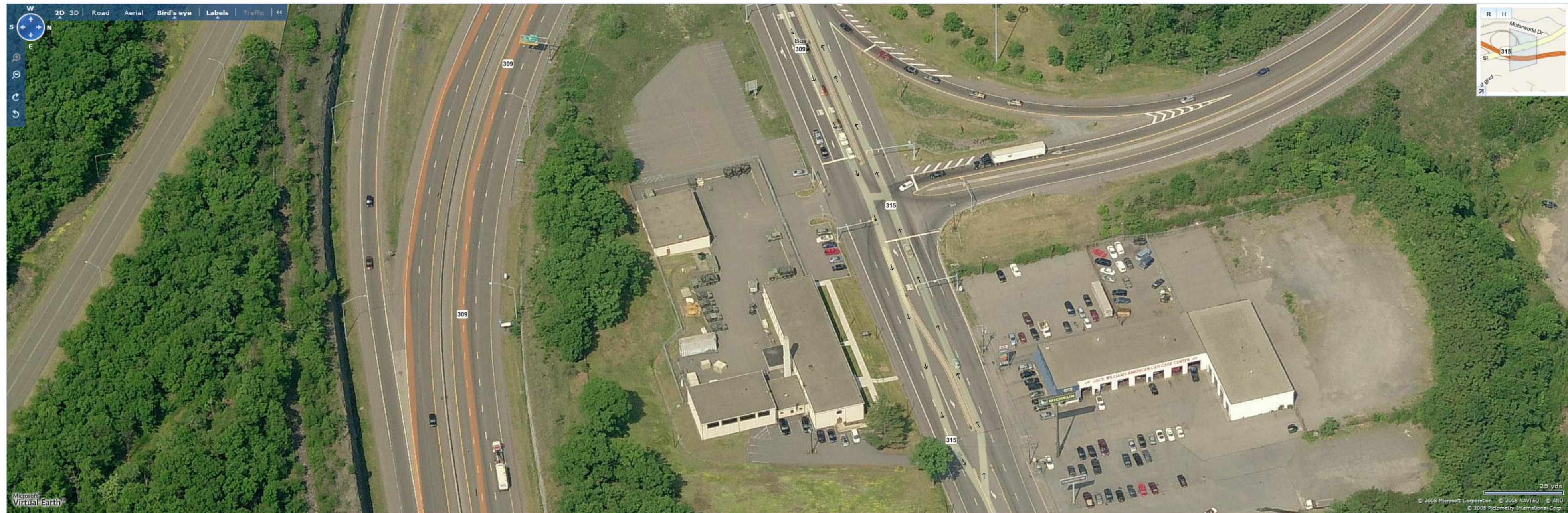
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Inset map showing the current location on a regional map with labels for Motorworld Dr, 315, and other roads.



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Inset map showing the current location on a regional map with labels for Motorworld Dr and 315.



Recommendation by the Local Redevelopment Authority:

Four Notices of Interest were submitted for the reuse of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center and one withdrawal.

Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition – National United Veterans Beacon House and Veterans Training Center

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc & The Veterans Coalition submitted a brief Notice of Interest Letter on October 8, 2006 and another NOI with attachments dated February 15th, 2007, to utilize the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center as a National United Veterans Beacon House and Veterans Training Center. According to their proposal, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, faith-based organizations, and local homeless coalitions, they would provide temporary housing, transitioning back to their communities, and training for homeless veterans from Northeastern Pennsylvania and other localities throughout the United States. The Veterans submitted over 1,230 signed petitions from the northeastern Pennsylvania region, 730 from Plains Township and 500 from other regions, in support of their proposal. The complete proposal is provided in the tabbed references of this submission.²⁰

Phone discussions with Richard Wren, Director of the Luzerne County Veterans Affairs Office, indicated that this veteran's organization was active and legitimate and that Veterans Affairs would provide their verbal support if their proposal was accepted; however, Veterans Affairs is in the process of applying for similar accommodations at the Luzerne County Valley Crest Nursing Home, a facility already significantly equipped to handle the special needs of a transitional veteran, and in very close proximity to the Veterans Hospital where it is expected, a large number of the homeless veterans would originate.

The LRA notes the following:

- Plains Township currently has no identified need for a homeless shelter.¹¹
- The proposed veteran's homeless shelter would accommodate veterans from any community and not exclusively from Plains Township.
- The proposal included a substantial bakery business that may conflict with the original intent of the service requested and may compete with local commerce.
- On November 17, 2008, the Commission on Economic Opportunity and the Veterans Administration announced the dedication of the William Cherkes Residence, a six-apartment veterans homeless shelter on the campus of the Veteran's Administration Medical Center.¹⁴
- The LRA feels that this proposal does not present the best use for this facility.

²⁰ Notice of Interest from Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition

¹¹ Continuum of Care of Luzerne County – Report and Letter on Homeless for Plains Township

¹⁴ Articles on Housing Complex to Aid Homeless Veterans

The Wilkes-Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. – A Mr. Peanut Museum

The Wilkes-Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. provided a proposal, dated February 18, 2008, to utilize the Reserve Center as a Mr. Peanut museum to promote tourism, provide a display of Planters Peanut memorabilia and history, and provide a boost to the local economy. The complete proposal is provided in the tabbed references of this submission.²¹

The LRA notes the following:

- The Army Reserve Center is substantially larger than the anticipated requirements of the Mr. Peanut Museum as indicated in the proposal to share the facility with Plains Township Emergency Services.
- Lack of prior experience with such an entity and concern of the ability of the organization represented to carry out the requirements of their program.
- The LRA feels that this proposal does not present the best use for this facility.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Training Center

This Notice of Interest was submitted late in the process on August 27, 2008, but is included within this submission for consideration and review.²²

The LRA notes the following:

- While the intent is commendable, this NOI submission did not meet the requirements of the Public Notice to provide a description of the buildings and property necessary to carry out the program, a description of the financial plan, qualifications of the organization to carry out the program and time frame to commence work.
- For these reasons the LRA feels that this proposal does not present sufficient evidence for the best use of this facility.

Withdrawal from Bear Creek Community Charter School

The LRA received a notification from Jim Smith, chief Operating Officer, Bear Creek Community Charter School, dated September 21, 2006, withdrawing their Notice of their Interest in the WBARC¹⁸.

²¹ Notice of Interest from the Wilkes-Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. – Mr. Peanut Museum

²² Notice of Interest from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Training Center

¹⁸ Withdrawal Letter from Bear Creek Community Charter School

Plains Township – An Emergency Services Center for Fire and Police

It is recognized by the LRA that the basic requirements of a military installation and fire and police departments are not dissimilar. Both place priorities on workplace safety, efficiency, structural integrity, and controlled and monitored access by the general public and other visiting entities. Workspaces, storage areas, and maintenance of sensitive materials must all be regulated with careful consideration to the daily operational security of both military installations and a fire and police department.

The design, construction and location of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center readily lends itself to the redevelopment of the facility as an emergency service center. As indicated in the attached NOI and accompanying space analysis, the fit of this facility to the needs of the Plains Township police and fire departments is nearly perfect and would create a significant improvement to the workplace and efficiency of operations.

While certain upgrades to the existing building will be required to meet both function and current building codes, Plains Township is positioned to accomplish this both expeditiously and financially.

The LRA notes the following:

- The Plains Township space needs assessment fit the space available at the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center.
- Functionality of this Reserve Center and police and fire departments are similar.
- The Reserve Center location provides a significant improvement on emergency response times to major area facilities of nearly 30% or approximately 2 minutes.
- Renovation of this facility for an Emergency Services Center is a substantially less cost than the acquisition of land and the construction of a new facility.

Final Recommendation

On June 11, 2007, the Plains Township Local Redevelopment Authority met and made their final recommendation that the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center be transferred to Plains Township for redevelopment as a permanent facility for the Plains Township Fire and Police Departments.²³

²³ Notice of Interest from Plains Township for an Emergency Services Center

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Reference #1

Copy of

**Resolution by the Board of Commissioners
to be the Local Redevelopment Authority**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLAINS CREATING A LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LRA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MILITARY BASE REUSE ACT AS ADOPTED AND AMENDED AND APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LRA.

WHEREAS, the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center is located entirely within the Township of Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center has been declared surplus and is to be developed in accordance with appropriate federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the future reuse of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center in its entirety will have a substantial impact on the Township of Plains and the immediate area surrounding the facility; and

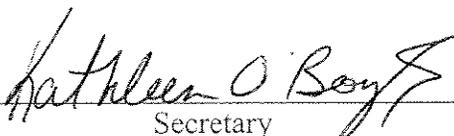
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Plains believe that it is in the best interest of the Township of Plains to become involved in the redevelopment of this particular piece of property; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Plains is and can be recognized by the Secretary of Defense through its Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), as an entity responsible for developing the reuse plan and for directly implementing the reuse plan.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners at a public meeting held on this date appointed the following named individuals to the LRA: Ronald Filippini, Commissioner; Rose Corcoran, Commissioner; Brigid O'Connor, Commissioner; Joseph Spagnuolo Jr., Commissioner; and Joseph Hoiniski, Commissioner; and further directed that the above named individuals undertake the duties and responsibilities of the Local Redevelopment Authority in accordance with applicable federal regulations and prepare and submit the appropriate reuse plan after public hearing and public input.

Adopted this eighth day of June, 2006, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Plains.

BY: 
Chairman

Attest: 
Secretary

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Reference #2

Copy of

**Letter Requesting Recognition of
Plains Township as the LRA**

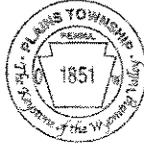
Township of Plains

Municipal Building • 126 North Main Street • Plains, Pennsylvania 18705

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Board of Commissioners

Ronald Filippini, Chairperson
Rose Corcoran, Vice-Chairperson
Joseph Hoinski
Brigid Murray O'Connor
Joseph Spagnuolo Sr.



Stephen A. Menn, Solicitor
Kathleen O'Boyle, Secretary
Patricia Sluhocki, Assistant Secretary

July 7, 2006

Mr. Patrick O'Brien
Director, Office of Economic Adjustment
400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200
Arlington, Virginia 22202-4704

Re: Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Enclosed are three items for your review: the resolution authorizing the Plains Township Board of Commissioners to act as the Local Redevelopment Authority; a letter from Ronald Filippini, Chairman of the Plains Township Board of Commissioners, recognizing the formation of the Local Redevelopment Authority; and the organizational chart for the Local Redevelopment Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Corcoran
Commissioner

Township of Plains

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July 6, 2006

Mr. Patrick O'Brien
Director, Office of Economic Adjustment
400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200
Arlington, Virginia 22202-4704

RE: Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center
Local Redevelopment Authority of Plains Township

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

By resolution dated June 8, 2006, the Board of Commissioners of Plains Township, Ronald Filippini, Chairperson, established the Plains Township Redevelopment Authority for the purpose of developing a reuse plan for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center under the Department of Defense Realignment and Closure Act. The Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center is fully located in Plains Township.

Attached is a copy of the Resolution and a list of the Authority members including contact for the LRA representative, Rose Corcoran.

We request the Secretary of Defense recognize the Plains Township LRA as the entity responsible of developing a reuse plan for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center.

Our community of Plains Township and the LRA look forward to a productive collaboration with the Department of Defense for the redevelopment of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center, Plains Township.

With grateful appreciation for your cooperation,

Chairperson, Ronald Filippini

RF/RC

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Reference #3

Copy of

Federal Register Announcement

approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to complete either the paper or the online survey. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, respond to the survey, and submit it to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: Individuals who work at firms that file more than six patent applications a year use the Customer Panel Quality Survey to provide the USPTO with their perceptions of examination quality. The USPTO uses the feedback gathered from the survey to assist them in targeting key areas for examination quality improvement and to identify important areas for examiner training.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Susan.Brown@uspto.gov. Include "0651-00xx Customer Panel Quality Survey copy request" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before August 9, 2006 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 30, 2006.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DoD-2006-OS-0073]

Base Closure and Realignment

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is provided pursuant to section 2905(b)(7)(B)(ii) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990. It provides a partial list of military installations closing or realigning pursuant to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Report. It also provides a corresponding listing of the Local Redevelopment Authorities (LRAs) recognized by the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), as well as the points of contact, addresses, and telephone numbers for the LRAs for those installations. Representatives of state and local governments, homeless providers, and other parties interested in the redevelopment of an installation should contact the person or organization listed. The following information will also be published simultaneously in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of each installation. There will be additional Notices providing this same information about LRAs for other closing or realigning installations where surplus government property is available as those LRAs are recognized by the OEA.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 10, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Office of Economic Adjustment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-4704, (703) 604-6020.

Local Redevelopment Authorities (LRAs) for Closing and Realigning Military Installations

Alabama

Installation Name: AMSA 51.

LRA Name: City of Tuscaloosa.

Point of Contact: Evelyn K. Young, AICP, Associate Director, Community Planning & Development Department, City of Tuscaloosa.

Address: P.O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

Phone: (205) 349-0160.

Installation Name: Finnell AFRC.

LRA Name: City of Tuscaloosa.

Point of Contact: Evelyn K. Young, AICP, Associate Director, Community Planning & Development Department, City of Tuscaloosa.

Address: P.O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

Phone: (205) 349-0160.

Installation Name: Cleveland Leight Abbott USARC.

LRA Name: Tuskegee Local Redevelopment Authority.

Point of Contact: Alfred J. Davis, City Manager, City of Tuskegee.

Address: 101 Fonville Street, Tuskegee, AL 36083.

Phone: (334) 727-833.

Michigan

Installation Name: George Dolliver USARC/AMSA 135.

LRA Name: Battle Creek Local Redevelopment Authority.

Point of Contact: Michael J. Buckley, Planning and Community Development Director, City of Battle Creek.

Address: P.O. Box 1717, Battle Creek, MI 49016-1717.

Phone: (269) 966-3320.

Missouri

Installation Name: Marine Corps Support Activity Kansas City.

LRA Name: City of Kansas City.

Point of Contact: Edgar Jordan, Division Head, Property & Relocation Services, City Planning & Development Department, City of Kansas City.

Address: 16th Floor, City Hall, Kansas City, MO 64106.

Phone: (816) 513-2894.

Oregon

Installation Name: 2LT Alfred Sharff USARC.

LRA Name: Portland Development Commission.

Point of Contact: Ryan Moore, Project Coordinator/Housing Department, Portland Development Commission.

Address: 222 NW., Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97209-3859.

Phone: (503) 823-3278.

Installation Name: SGT Jerome Sears USARC.

LRA Name: Portland Development Commission.

Point of Contact: Ryan Moore, Project Coordinator/Housing Department, Portland Development Commission.

Address: 222 NW. Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97209-3859.

Phone: (503) 823-3278.

Pennsylvania

Installation Name: Wilkes-Barre USARC.

LRA Name: Township of Plains.

Point of Contact: Rose Corcoran, Commissioner, Plains Township Board of Commissioners.

Address: Plains Township Municipal Building, 126 Main Street, Plains, PA 18705.

Phone: (570) 829-3439.

Washington

Installation Name: 2LT Robert R. Leisy USARC/AMSA 79.

LRA Name: City of Seattle.

Point of Contact: Linda Cannon.

Address: Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Seattle, 600 4th Avenue, FL 5, P.O. Box 94746, Seattle, WA 98124-4746.

Phone: (206) 684-8263.

Installation Name: CPT James R. Harvey USARC.

LRA Name: City of Seattle.

Point of Contact: Linda Cannon.

Address: Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Seattle, 600 4th Avenue, FL 5, P.O. Box 94746, Seattle, WA 98124-4746.

Phone: (206) 684-8263.

Installation Name: Fort Lawton USAR Complex.

Corrections

Federal Register

Vol. 71, No. 138

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains editorial corrections of previously published Presidential, Rule, Proposed Rule, and Notice documents. These corrections are prepared by the Office of the Federal Register. Agency prepared corrections are issued as signed documents and appear in the appropriate document categories elsewhere in the issue.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DoD-2006-OS-0073]

Base Closure and Realignment

Corrections

In notice document 06-6078 beginning on page 38865 in the issue of

Monday, July 10, 2006, make the following corrections:

1. On page 38865, in the second column, in the last line, "(334) 727-833" should read "(334) 727-3833".

2. On the same page, in the third column, under the heading *Pennsylvania*, in the first line, "Wilkes-Varre" should read "Wilkes-Barre".

[FR Doc. C6-6078 Filed 7-18-06; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Request Revision from the Office of Management and Budget of a Currently Approved Information Collection Activity, Request for Comments; Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products

Correction

In notice document 06-5749 appearing on page 36868 in the issue of Wednesday, June 28, 2006, make the following correction:

In the second column, under the heading *Abstract*, in the fifth line, "Collection" should read "Certificates".

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Reference #4

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**Approval for Plains Township
as the LRA**



ACQUISITION,
TECHNOLOGY
AND LOGISTICS

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

3000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-3000

JUN 29 2006

Honorable Ronald Filippini
Chairman
Plains Township Board of Commissioners
Plains, PA 18705

Dear Chairman Filippini:

This is in response to your request that the Township of Plains be recognized as the Local Redevelopment Authority for planning the redevelopment of Wilkes-Barre USARC, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, including outreach to homeless providers and other interested parties. On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, the request is approved. The following information will be published in the Federal Register and a newspaper of general circulation in the local area.

Point of Contact: Rose Corcoran
Commissioner
Plains Township Board of Commissioners

Address: Plains Township Municipal Building
126 North Main Street
Plains, PA 18705

Phone: (570) 829-3439

Questions pertaining to this recognition or requests for assistance to guide your organizational and planning activity may be directed to Garry Gontz, your Office of Economic Adjustment Project Manager, at (703) 604-5142.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. O'Brien
Director
Office of Economic Adjustment

cc:
DASA (I&H)
DAS HUD (Special Needs Program)



5

Reference #5

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Schedule

Time Frame

SCHEDULE

Time Frame for LRA Processing of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center

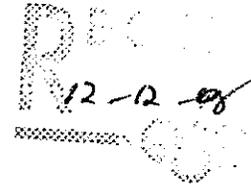
1. 5/25/2006 Meeting with Liz Gabor, Project Manager , Office of Economic Adjustment, Office of the Secretary of the Defense; at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 50 Second Street, Plains Township, PA to discuss implementation of the LRA.
2. 6/08/2006 Adoption of the resolution by the Commissioners of Plains Township creating and appointing members to the LRA.
3. 7/10/2006 Initial meeting of the members of the LRA with LTC Paul Burnham, Regional Engineer, Harold Miller, Consultant, TCT Innovations for the Future, John Yando, Department of the Army, Unit Administrator, and Salvatore Zangari, Facility Management Specialist at the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center, Plains Township, PA at 9:00 AM.
4. 7/10/2006 Recognition of the LRA in the Federal Register. Incorrect spelling of Wilkes-Barre (Wilkes-Varre).
7/16/2006 Recognition of the LRA in the Federal Register with the correct spelling of Wilkes-Barre.
5. 8/10/2006 Correspondences by telephone and e-mails with Garry Gontz, Project Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment, Office of the Secretary of the Defense.
6. 8/10/2006 Time frame notice submitted to The Citizens' Voice for publication on August 16, 2006.
7. 9/14/2006 Tour and workshop of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center at 3:00 PM.
8. 10/10/2006 Deadline for interested parties to submit correspondence for the Notice of Interest.
9. 3/05/2007 Application sent to United States Department of Homeland Security.
10. 6/11/2007 The LRA reviewed the Redevelopment Plan.
11. 7/10/2007 A public meeting was held at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 50 Second Street, 6:30 PM.
12. 11/19/2007 Tour and workshop of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center at 3:00 PM.
13. 11/04/2008 Meeting with Gary Gontz Project Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment, Office of the Secretary of the Defense; Rose Corcoran, Plains Township Commissioner; and John Cowder, AIA, Quad3 Group to review the requirements of the Redevelopment Plan Submission.
14. 12/05/2008 Received an extension of time from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for completion of the Redevelopment Plan no later than February 13, 2009.
15. 01/16/2009 Issued a Notice of a Public Hearing at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 50 Second Street, for February 2, 2009, 6:30 PM.
16. 01/20/2009 Final Draft of the Redevelopment Plan on display at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 126 North Main Street, Plains Township, PA.
17. 02/02/2009 A public meeting was held at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 50 Second Street, 6:30 PM.
18. 02/13/2009 Deadline for Final Submission of the Redevelopment Plan for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center.



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3000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
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Ms. Rose Corcoran
Chairperson, Plains Township LRA
Plains Township Municipal Building
126 North Main Street
Plains, PA 18705

Dear Ms. Corcoran:

This is in response to a request that the Department of Defense extend the time period for the Township of Plains, as the recognized Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), to complete its redevelopment plan and homeless submission as required for property at the Wilkes-Barre USARC, Plains, Pennsylvania.

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended, provides that an LRA must submit the redevelopment plan not later than 9 months after the date specified for receipt of notices of interest. Section 176.20(c)(5) of the implementing regulation further explains this requirement as 270 days.

Because the LRA deadline for receipt of notices of interest was February 19, 2008, the redevelopment plan and homeless submission deadline was November 15, 2008. Section 2905(b)(7)(N) of the BRAC Act authorizes the Department to extend this deadline after consultation with the local redevelopment authority and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), if it determines that such an extension is in the best interest of the community affected by the closure or realignment.

Based upon the information contained in your letter, and subsequent consultation with LRA staff, HUD, and Department of Army personnel, I have determined that an extension is in the best interest of the community. I am therefore granting the Township of Plains the extension. All required actions and finalization of a redevelopment plan and homeless submission for the Wilkes-Barre USARC must be completed no later than February 13, 2009.



Questions pertaining to this extension may be directed to Garry Gontz, at
(703) 604-5142, or via email at garry.gontz@wso.whs.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick J. O'Brien". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Patrick J. O'Brien
Director
Office of Economic Adjustment

cc:
DASA (I&H)
DAS, HUD (Special Needs)

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Reference #6

Copy of

Public Notices

**AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO STATE
AND LOCAL ELIGIBLE PARTIES,
INCLUDING HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS
TOWNSHIP OF PLAINS,
THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**TOWNSHIP OF PLAINS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
126 NORTH MAIN STREET, PLAINS, PENNSYLVANIA 18705**

As required by the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994, as amended (the Redevelopment Act) and its implementing regulation, the Township of Plains, the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center, 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township, Pennsylvania, is seeking notices of interest (NOIs) for surplus property at the installation.

State and local governments, homeless service providers and other interested parties may submit NOIs no later than 4 p.m. on Oct. 10, 2006. A listing of surplus property at the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center was published by the Department of the Army in the *Federal Register* on July 10, 2006. The complete listing can be obtained by calling the LRA contact person, Rose Corcoran, Commissioner; 126 North Main Street, Plains, PA; or by phone at 570-829-3439.

NOIs for homeless assistance may be submitted by any State or local government agency or private nonprofit organization that provides or proposes to provide services to homeless persons and/or families residing in the Township of Plains.

A tour and workshop will be held at the Army Reserve Center, 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township Pennsylvania, on Thursday, September 14, at 3 p.m. Information will include an overview of the base redevelopment planning process, a tour of the installation, information on any land use constraints known at the time, and information on the NOI process. To register for this workshop, please call the LRA contact person by October 7. Attendance at this workshop is not required to submit an NOI, but is highly encouraged.

NOIs from homeless services providers must include: (i) a description of the homeless assistance program that the homeless service provider proposes to carry out at 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township, Pennsylvania (ii) a description of the need for the program; (iii) a description of the extent to which the program is or will be coordinated with other homeless assistance programs in the communities in the vicinity of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center; (iv) information about the physical requirements necessary to carry out the program, including a description of the buildings and property at the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center that are necessary in order to carry out the program; (v) a description of the financial plan, the organizational structure and capacity, prior experience, and qualifications of the organization to carry out the program; and (vi) an assessment of the time required to commence carrying out the program.

Entities interested in obtaining property through a public benefit conveyance (PBC), other than a homeless assistance conveyance, are invited to contact the following Federal agency offices to find out more about each agency's PBC program and to discuss with the agency the entity's potential for qualifying for a conveyance of property:

For Park and Recreation Uses:

National Park Service-Intermountain Regional Office
12795 W. Alameda Parkway
Denver, CO 80225-0287

For Educational Uses:

U.S. Department of Education
Federal Real Property Assistance Program,
400 Maryland Avenue, SW, 2E115
Washington, DC 20202-4553

For Self-help Housing:

US Department of Housing and Urban
Development
Attn: Janet Golrick, Housing,
451 Seventh St., SE
Washington, DC 20410

For Health Care:

The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
Division of Property Management/PSC,
Parklawn Building, Room 5B-41,
5600 Fishers Lane,
Rockville, MD 20857

For Prisons & Law Enforcement:

Bureau of Justice Assistance,
810 Seventh Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531

For Emergency Management:

Facilities Management & Services Division,
FEMA,
500 C Street, SW #505,
Washington, DC 20472

NOIs for PBCs must include: (i) a description of the eligibility for the proposed transfer, (ii) the proposed use of the property, including a description of the buildings and property necessary to carry out such proposed use, (iii) time frame for occupation, and (iv) the benefit to the community from such proposed use, including the number of jobs the use would generate.

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National Center for Recreation & Conservation
Federal Lands to Parks Program
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

For Educational Uses:

U.S. Department of Education
Federal Real Property Group,
33 Arch St., Suite 1140
Boston, MA 02110

For Self-help Housing:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh St., SW, Room 6110
Washington, DC 20410

Port Facility:

US Department of Transportation
Maritime Administration
400 Seventh St., SW, Room 7206
Washington, DC 20590

Public Airport:

Contact the Regional Federal Aviation Administration Point of Contact.
Visit: www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters/arp/regional_offices/
to identify the appropriate regional office.

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5600 Fishers Lane,
Rockville, MD 20857

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Washington, DC 20531

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Facilities Management & Services Division,
FEMA,
500 C Street, SW, Room 505,
Washington, DC 20472

Historic Monument:

Contact the Military Department
(Disposal Agency)

Wildlife Conservation (Only States May Apply):

Contact the Military Department
(Disposal Agency)

Notice of Public Hearing

The Plains Township Local Redevelopment Authority for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center will hold a public hearing at Plains Township Municipal Building, 50 Second Street, Plains, Pennsylvania at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit from the public, comments and input concerning the disposal of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center located at 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township, Pennsylvania. The draft copy will be on display for public review at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 125 North Main Street, Plains, Pennsylvania from June 27th to July 10th, 2007. The office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. On Wednesday, the office is open until 6:30 P.M. The office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day.

**BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE
NOTIFICATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

The following listed property is surplus to the needs of the United States based upon the approved recommendations of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission and completion of screening with Federal and Department of Defense components. Surplus property may be available for conveyance to State and local governments and other eligible entities for public benefit purposes. Notices of interest from representatives of the homeless shall include the information required by 32 CFR Part 176.20(c)(2)(ii). Notices of interest must be submitted to the Army point of contact listed below within 90 days from the date of this notice.

FACILITY TITLE	ADDRESS	CITY	ACRES	SQ FT.	# BLDGS	YR BUILT
WILKES-BARRE USARC	1001 HIGHWAY 315 SOUTH	WILKES BARRE	4	25303	3	1955

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Base Transition Coordinator at:

**Commander 99th Regional Readiness Command
ATTN: Base Transition Coordinator
99 Soldiers Lane
Corapolis, PA 15109-2550
Telephone: 412-604-8159**

ESTATE NOTICE

① THE CITIZENS' VOICE

75 N. WASHINGTON ST., WILKES-BARRE, PA 18711

BUSINESS OFFICE 821-2005
ADVERTISING DISPLAY 821-2030

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED 821-2020
GENERAL INFORMATION 821-2000

9 ADVERTISER/CLIENT

7 BILLED/ACCOUNT NO.

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2 BILLED ACCOUNT

PLAINS TOWNSHIP
126 N MAIN ST
PLAINS PA 18705

6 TERMS OF PAYMENT

SEE OTHER SIDE

BILLING PERIOD

1/16/09 1/16/09

3 INVOICE NO. 4 BILLING DATE

1/16/09

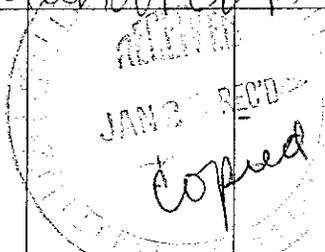
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<p>THE CITIZENS' VOICE (UNDER ACT P.L. 877 NO. 160, JULY 9, 1976) COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF LUZERNE</p> <p>JILLANNE MAHOVICH BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT SHE IS ACCOUNTING CLERK FOR THE CITIZENS' VOICE, OWNER AND PUBLISHER OF THE CITIZENS' VOICE, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, ESTABLISHED IN 1978, PUBLISHED IN THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE, COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, AND THAT THE PRINTED NOTICE OR PUBLICATION HERETO ATTACHED IS EXACTLY AS PRINTED IN THE REGULAR EDITIONS OF THE SAID NEWSPAPER ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, 1/16/09 VIZ.: ELOPMENT</p> <p>AFFIANT FURTHER DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT NEITHER THE AFFIANT NOR THE CITIZENS' VOICE IS INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AFORESAID NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT AND THAT ALL ALLEGATIONS IN THE FOREGOING STATEMENT AS TIME, PLACE AND CHARACTER OF PUBLICATION ARE TRUE</p> <p>SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS 16 DAY OF JAN. A.D., 2009.</p> <p><i>Irene Williams</i> (NOTARY PUBLIC) COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p>NOTARIAL SEAL IRENE WILLIAMS NOTARY PUBLIC CITY OF WILKES-BARRE LUZERNE COUNTY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 01. 2012</p>								

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A copy of the draft redevelopment plan will be on display for public review at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 126 North Main Street, Plains, Pennsylvania from January 20 to January 23 and January 26 to January 30, 2009. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. On Wednesday, the office is open until 6:30 P.M. For additional information contact the Plains Township Municipal Office at 829-3439.



24 AGING			

29 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE			
EXPIRATION DATE	REQUIREMENT	CURRENT MONTH	CUMULATIVE

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

26 BILLED/ACCOUNT NO. 27
600

21 CURRENT GROSS AMOUNT	22 CURRENT NET AMOUNT
	73.50

PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT

25 TOTAL NET AMOUNT DUE

BILLED ACCOUNT NAME
TOWNSHIP

ATTACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

ZENS' VOICE

REMITTANCE ADVICE

75 N. WASHINGTON ST., WILKES-BARRE, PA 18711
PHONE (570) 821-2000

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Reference #7

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**Response Letters of Interest from
Homeless Providers**

MAY 10-06

To - COMMANDER 99TH REGIONAL READINESS COMMAND
ATTN: BASE TRANSITION COORDINATOR
99 SOLDIERS LANE
CORABOLIS, PA.

DEAR CLERK,

PLEASE SEND ANY DATA AS TO SURPLUS
PROPERTY LOCATED IN W.B. RT 315 (4)
ACRES. WHAT IS 32 CFR PART
176.20 (c) (2)(ii) *

SUBMIT TO,

MR. RUSS REGGIE
FOX RIDGE CT. - 27
WILKES-BARRE
PA. 18702

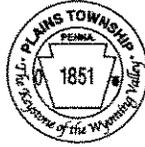
Township of Plains

Municipal Building • 126 North Main Street • Plains, Pennsylvania 18705

Phone: (570) 829-3439 Fax: (570) 829-0710

Board of Commissioners

Ronald Filippini, Chairperson
Rose Corcoran, Vice-Chairperson
Joseph Hoinski
Brigid Murray O'Connor
Joseph Spagnuolo Sr.



Stephen A. Menn, Solicitor
Kathleen O'Boyle, Secretary
Patricia Sluhocki, Assistant Secretary

June 26, 2006

Local Redevelopment Authority
Attn: Rose Corcoran
Plains Township Municipal Building
126 North Main Street
Plains, PA 18705

Dear Commissioner Corcoran:

This letter is written to express our interest in the United States Army Reserve Center in Plains Township, Pennsylvania.

The Board of Commissioners of Plains Township would utilize the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center for municipal offices and emergency services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

The Board of Commissioners of Plains Township

ANTHONY J. LUPAS, JR.

ATTORNEY AT LAW
65 W. JACKSON STREET
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA
18701

AREA CODE
570
822-5148
FAX
570
823-8044

May 31, 2006

Mr. Ronal Filippini, Chairman
Plains Township Board of Commissioners
Plains Township Municipal Building
126 North Main Street
Plains PA 18705

Dear Filippini:

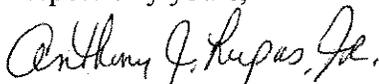
Please be advised that I have been directed by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District Board of Education to notify you of the school boards interest in the U.S. Army Reserve Center Building.

I sent a Notice on behalf of the board to Lieutenant Colonial Paul Burnham after discussing the matter with him and his indication that there was a time dead line for expressing an interest in the building, including a Notice of Interest to be forwarded to you.

I am aware that the township is actively pursuing this matter and would appreciate being kept advised of future developments as they regard the building.

Thank you for your consideration. My best wishes to the Board for the efforts that they are extending for the benefit of Plains Township.

Respectfully yours,


Anthony J. Lupas, Jr. *clc*

AJL/clc



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Therapeutic Programs and Services for Children with Disabilities
71 North Franklin Street - Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 - Phone: (570) 829-2453 - Fax: (570) 829-2462 - Email: wvca@epix.net

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Dept. of State by calling toll free within PA 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

June 1, 2006

Ron Fillipini, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Plains Township
126 North Main Street
Plains, PA. 18705

Dear Mr. Fillipini,

I am sending this letter to you based on the direction of Lt. Col. Paul Burnham with whom I spoke via phone on May 30, 2006. He received my initial letter of interest on May 25, 2006 which had been generated from the Times Leader newspaper article. He suggested that I contact you and Rose Corcoran about this letter of interest. Ms. Corcoran called me on May 31, 2006 and gave me your address.

This letter is written to express our interest in the United States Army Reserve Center in Plains Township, Pennsylvania.

I represent an 82-year-old, not for profit, quality, community respected organization that provides programs and services to children with developmental disabilities. The Wyoming Valley Children's Association, member agency of the United Way of Wyoming Valley, provides an Early Intervention program to infants, toddlers and preschoolers through age 5 years. We have preschool classrooms, therapeutic treatment rooms, administrative offices, clinic offices, family resource rooms, etc. in our current Wilkes-Barre location. We have rented space for 75 years and are now searching for a new location since we have out grown our existing facility.

The board of directors of the Wyoming Valley Children's Association is strongly invested in exploring options relative to a change of location and has engaged professional consultants to assist in this venture. We would welcome a partnership with other human service agencies that would share in meeting community needs as well. The United Way of Wyoming Valley, under the direction of David Lee, is also pursuing new space for its program operations. This organization would also be one to consider for space development.

Please consider this letter as an expression of interest as your deliberations move forward. Please contact me with any questions at 570-829-2453. I appreciate your time and interest to this inquiry.

Because of Children,

Sharon Harry
Executive Director



May 22, 2006

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

Lt. Colonel Paul Burnham
99th Regional Readiness Command
99 Soldiers Lane
Coraopolis, PA 15108-2550

Dear Colonel Burnham:

This letter is a follow-up to my telephone message of May 22, 2006. I am writing to express interest in the recent announcement of the closure of the United States Army Reserve facility on State Route 315 in Plains Township, Pennsylvania.

The Bear Creek Community Charter School is a non-profit educational institution that currently operates the only public charter school in Luzerne County, servicing students from across the Wyoming Valley in grades Kindergarten through seventh grade.

Since opening in the fall of 2004, the Bear Creek Community Charter School has experienced unprecedented growth. The school started with an enrollment of 98 students, and as we prepare to begin our third year, our student population has topped 300 students. We are adding eighth grade for the 2006-2007 school year, and most sections currently maintain a waiting list for students interested in enrolling.

The Pennsylvania Charter School Law often referred to as Act 22 of 1997, permits parents, community leaders, civic organizations, and others, to create public charter schools as an alternative to traditional public education. Bear Creek Community Charter School has many unique attributes, including an interactive environmental education program, a comprehensive humanities program entitled Paragon, a longer school day, longer school year, and much more.

The response from parents in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and beyond has been overwhelming, and the Board of Trustees is currently working on a five year plan in an attempt to accommodate the expanding student population. The school has received tremendous support from not only parents, but local businesses and civic organizations. The present school facility was graciously donated "free & clear" by a local family; however, the demand for the school's services is forcing us to quickly outgrow the present facility.

As previously stated, the Board of Trustees is currently investigating alternatives, including constructing a new school facility, or moving to a "split campus", whereby the school's elementary program will remain in at the existing location, and the school's middle school program will utilize a separate facility. Since the United States Army Reserve facility is conveniently located within 5 miles of the existing school just off State Route 115 and the North Cross Valley Expressway (in a central location to the families which we serve), the Board is eager to learn more about the transfer of this facility for other public use.

The Board of Trustees of the Bear Creek Community Charter School respectfully requests additional information regarding the facility, and the government process to transfer the facility to a public agency, such as the school. If possible, we would also entertain a tour of the facility, to get a better understanding if the facility could possibly meet our present need.

Please contact me as to the next step in the process so that our interest can be considered by the United States Department of Defense.

Sincerely,



Jim Smith
Secretary
Board of Trustees

cc: David Blazejewski

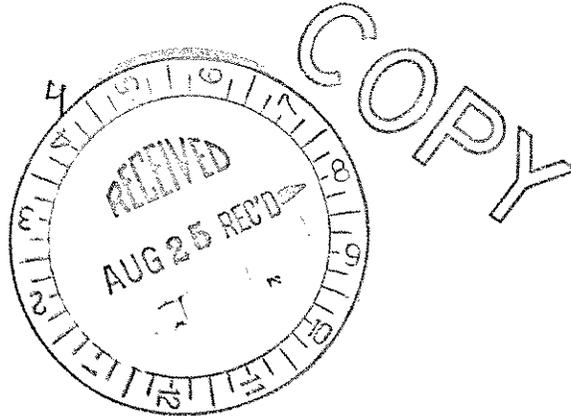
Bear Creek

COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

August 23, 2006

VIA FAX & E-MAIL

Ms. Mary Hughes
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202-4500



Dear Ms. Hughes:

We are in receipt of the letter from Barbara Shawyer dated August 9, 2006, outlining the appropriate course of action required for the Bear Creek Community Charter School to officially express interest in acquiring the Wilkes-Barre U.S. Army Reserve Center property, located at 1001 Highway 315 in Plains Township, Pennsylvania. Please accept this letter as our official notice of interest in acquiring the aforementioned property, to be used for educational purposes as defined by the United States Department of Education.

The Bear Creek Community Charter School is a non-profit educational institution that currently operates the only public charter school in Luzerne County, servicing students from across the Wyoming Valley in grades kindergarten through seventh grade. Since opening in the fall of 2004, the Bear Creek Community Charter School has experienced unprecedented growth. The school started with an enrollment of 98 students, and as we prepare to begin our third year, our student population has topped 341 students. We are adding eighth grade for the 2006-2007 school year, and most sections currently maintain a waiting list for students interested in enrolling.

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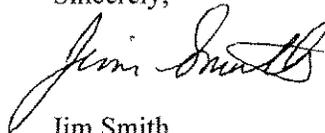
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The Board of Trustees of the Bear Creek Community Charter School respectfully requests additional information regarding the facility, and the government process to transfer the facility to a public agency, such as the school. If possible, we would also entertain a tour of the facility, to get a better understanding if the facility could possibly meet our present need.

Please contact me as to the next step in the acquisition process, so the Bear Creek Community Charter School can progress with the potential acquisition of this property. I can be reached by telephone at (570) 706-2910 or via e-mail at jsmith@bearcreekschool.com. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jim Smith
Chief Operating Officer
Bear Creek Community Charter School

cc: Board of Trustees
Ms. Rose Corcoran



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY
FOR EDUCATIONAL UTILIZATION

WILKES-BARRE U.S. ARMY RESERVE CENTER
WILKES BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

August 9, 2006

Please be advised that the Wilkes-Barre U.S. Army Reserve Center located in Plains, Pennsylvania has been determined surplus to the needs of the federal government under authority of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1990 (BRAC) and may be available for acquisition by eligible education organizations at substantial Public Benefit Allowance discount.

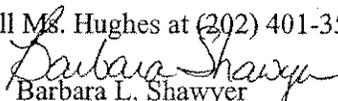
The Wilkes-Barre U.S. Army Reserve Center is located at 1001 Highway 315 South in Plains, Pennsylvania. The property consists of approximately four acres of land improved with three buildings totaling 25,303 square feet. Other specific property information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Rose Corcoran with the Township Board of Commissioners at (570) 829-3439 or by mail to 126 Main Street, Plains, PA 18705.

The U.S. Department of Education has authority under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, to award surplus federal real estate to education institutions as grants-in-aid at Public Benefit Allowance discounts ranging from 40 to 100 percent off the current fair market value of property in return for an organization's contractual commitment to utilize the land and buildings for approved education programs. Potential educational uses include construction of schools, college and university facilities; school administrative and support facilities such as bus garages and school board headquarters; vocational and adult education facilities; public libraries; and similar educational uses. A brochure describing the Federal Real Property Assistance Program in more detail is enclosed with this notice.

If your organization has an interest in acquiring the Wilkes-Barre U.S. Army Reserve Center, please advise Ms. Mary Hughes in writing no later than **August 31, 2006**. You may also provide your expression of interest via fax at (202) 401-0828 or e-mail at Mary.Hughes@ed.gov. She would be pleased to furnish you appropriate application materials and further guidance upon receipt of your expression of interest.

Since the Wilkes-Barre U.S. Army Reserve Center is being disposed of under BRAC regulations, the U.S. Department of Education intends to give strongest consideration to proposals that are supported by Local Redevelopment Authorities (LRAs). Appropriate arrangements should be made to also coordinate your plans with the LRA but please recognize the final decisions on applications to acquire property for educational purposes under Public Benefit Conveyance authorities and the amount of Public Benefit discount that applications qualify for, are reserved under federal law to the U.S. Department of Education.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ms. Hughes at (202) 401-3587 or contact her via e-mail.


Barbara L. Shawyer

Federal Real Property Assistance Program

Enclosure

cc: Township of Plains w/o enclosure

COMMISSIONERS

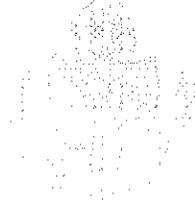
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County Manager/Chief Clerk

WILLIAM G. BRACE
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KATHRYN BOZINSKI
Public Information Officer

June 8, 2006

Lt. Col. Paul Burnham
99 Soldiers Lane
Coraopolis, PA 15108-2550

RE: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
99 REGIONAL READINESS COMMAND, STATE ROUTE 115

Dear Lt. Col. Burnham:

Please accept this letter as Luzerne County's Expression of Interest in response to your notice in the newspaper regarding the 99 Regional Readiness Command building, located on State Route 115, in Plains Township. This letter is a follow-up to my voicemail message to you on June 7, 2006. The County would like to utilize the Regional Readiness Command center on behalf of the citizens of Luzerne County.

I hope that you will look favorably upon the County's interest in this building. Please feel free to contact me with any additional information and/or questions that you may have. I can be reached at (570) 825-1635.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Samuel T. Guesto, Jr.
County Manager/Chief Clerk

cc: Gregory A. Skrepenak, Chairman

VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR, INC. & THE VETERANS COALITION



International Headquarters
805 South Township Boulevard, Pittston, PA 18640
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1-800-843-8626 • E-mail: vvwnatl@epix.net
Websites: vvnw.org or theveteranscoalition.org



All Veterans — All Military Welcome



June 21, 2006

TO: Plains Township Commissioners

Please accept this as our letter of interest for the Army Reserve Center on Route 315, Plains Township, Pennsylvania.

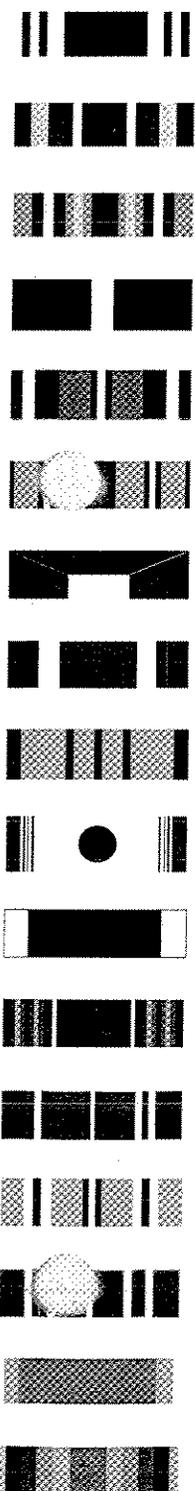
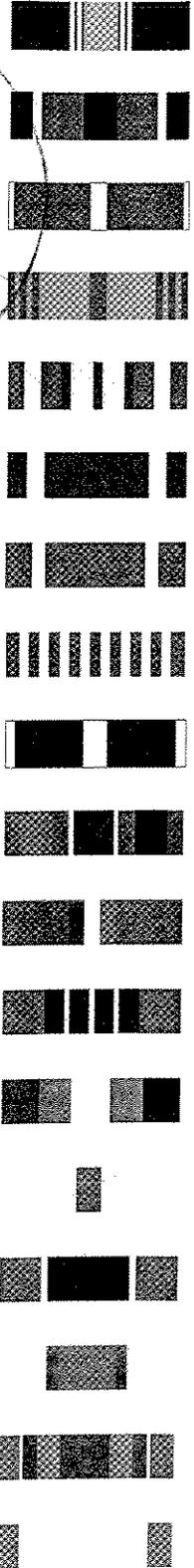
It is our understanding that the future status of the facility will be determined by the Board of Commissioners and the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition would like to make a detailed presentation to you about our organization and our United Veterans Beacon House Project – transitional housing for homeless veterans – a hand up, not a hand out. We know that you will agree that we must honor the service of veterans and we would hope that you would consider this facility for the use of and by veterans and their families.

Please contact us to let us know what the next step is so that we can make you aware of this very worthwhile program for veterans.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Forbes
National Commander

Nancy Verespy
National Executive Director



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Reference #8

Copy of

Letter from

Senator Arlen Specter

ARLEN SPECTER
PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEES:
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July 19, 2006

- STATE OFFICES:
- 600 ARCH STREET, SUITE 9400
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106
215-597-7200
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 - ROOM 107, FEDERAL BUILDING
ERIE, PA 16501
814-453-3010
 - ROOM 1104, FEDERAL BUILDING
HARRISBURG, PA 17101
717-782-3951
 - ROOM 102, POST OFFICE BUILDING
ALLENTOWN, PA 18101
610-434-1444
 - 310 SPRUCE STREET, SUITE 201
SCRANTON, PA 18503
570-346-2006
 - ROOM 306, 116 S. MAIN STREET
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18701
717-826-6265

Ms. Rose Corcoran, Commissioner
Plains Township Board of Commissioners
Plains Township Municipal Building
126 Main Street
Plains, PA 18705

Dear Commissioner Corcoran:

I write to you today in regard to correspondence that I received from the Board of Trustees of the Bear Creek Community Charter School, located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. I have enclosed a copy of this correspondence for your reference.

The officials of the Bear Creek Charter School are interested in securing a Department of Defense facility, which was declared surplus by the United States Army Reserve on May 9, 2006. The Bear Creek Charter School is committed to expanding their educational facilities and services in Northeastern Pennsylvania and the school officials believe acquiring this facility is an important step toward attaining that goal.

Considering your position as a Commissioner for Plains Township, I believe it is important for you to be aware of the Bear Creek Charter School's intentions. Additionally, I would appreciate you working with the officials of the Bear Creek Charter School in pursuing their united interest.

If my office can be of further assistance, please contact my Deputy Director, Christopher Sheperis, at 310 Spruce Street, Scranton, PA 18503. The telephone number is (570) 346-2006 and the fax number is (570) 346-8499.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Arlen Specter
United States Senate

Bear Creek

COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

May 22, 2006

Senator Arlen Specter
7 North Wilkes Barre Boulevard
Stegmaier Building, Room 377M
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Dear Senator Specter:

Attached is a copy of a letter sent to Lt. Colonel Paul Burnham of the 99th Regional Readiness Command expressing interest in the Department of Defense facility located on State Route 315 in Plains Township, Luzerne County, which is expected to be abandoned by the United States Army Reserve.

The Bear Creek Community Charter School opened in the fall of 2004 and is experiencing unprecedented growth. The Board of Trustees is currently considering a long-range plan to accommodate the educational needs of students currently enrolled as well as those interested in attending the school, along with the community service and environmental education components of our mission.

The school is currently contemplating options for expansion, including significant financing associated with new construction, or the possibility of creating a "split campus" and utilizing a second location for middle school instruction.

Learning of the possibility that the United States Army Reserve facility on State Route 315 may become available for public use adds a new dimension to our planning, as there is a possibility to eliminate the need to allocate tax dollars on new construction through indebtedness, when the school may be able to complete substantial renovations to an existing facility, conforming it to educational use, with existing funds currently held in surplus by the school – along with funding from private sources.

The potential use of this facility would also eliminate current space issues associated with large presentations for parents, community service initiatives, environmental education programs for students and the community, among others.

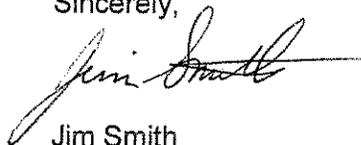
The Board of Trustees, staff, parents, and community supporters would appreciate any assistance you can provide in facilitating the pursuit of this endeavor.

We would also appreciate the opportunity to discuss this issue with you or a member of your staff in more detail.

Once you hear the history of the grass-roots initiative that created the Bear Creek Community Charter School, learn more about the collaboration between parents, community leaders, civic organizations, and local businesses, and consider the positive long-term impact our strategic plan can have on the community, we believe you will be equally excited about the opportunities the future holds. Being provided the opportunity to acquire the facilities needed to support our growth will only allow us to attain our goals in a more expedient and cost-effective manner.

I look forward to speaking to you or a member of your staff in greater detail.

Sincerely,



Jim Smith
Secretary
Board of Trustees

cc: David Blazejewski

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Reference #9

Copy of

September 14, 2006

Workshop

Sign-In Sheet & Handouts

Tour / Workshop
 Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center
 Plains Township, PA
 September 14, 2006

Name	Organization	Position
Rose Corcoran	Plains Township	Commissioner
Msgr. J. P. Kelly	Catholic Social Services LUZERNE/MYOMG	Diocesan Director Program Specialist
James David	M/H/M	
Doug Trumpowetz	VOA	ARCHITECT
Alan Gagner	VOA	PRESIDENT/CEO
Bill Jones	VOA	VP/COO
Garry E. Gontz	Department of Defense OFFICE OF Economic Adjustment	Project manager
Jim Smith	Bear Creek Community Charter School 99th RRC	chief operating office
Harold MILLER	BRAC Action officer	
Christine Elias	Housing Development Corporation	Housing Specialist
Kelley Vaxmonsky	Housing Development Corporation	Life Skills Counselor
DAVID SHEYDWASSER	BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	
Carlie Wetzel	Luz Co. Human Services	Block Grant Coord.
Jim Kolojechick	Luz Co. OHS - Project Coordinator	_____
Stefanie Wolowruk	Reach of St. Stephen's	Executive Director
Cathy HOLLINGER	COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES	Homeless Advocacy
PETER AUSTIN	BEAR CREEK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	FACILITY COORDINATOR PLAINS TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER
Renald J. Joppini	PLAINS TOWNSHIP	

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLAINS CREATING A LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LRA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MILITARY BASE REUSE ACT AS ADOPTED AND AMENDED AND APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LRA.

WHEREAS, the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center is located entirely within the Township of Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center has been declared surplus and is to be developed in accordance with appropriate federal regulations; and

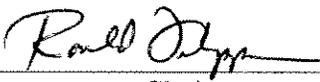
WHEREAS, the future reuse of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center in its entirety will have a substantial impact on the Township of Plains and the immediate area surrounding the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Plains believe that it is in the best interest of the Township of Plains to become involved in the redevelopment of this particular piece of property; and

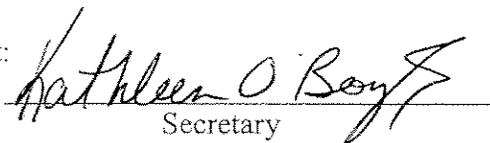
WHEREAS, the Township of Plains is and can be recognized by the Secretary of Defense through its Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), as an entity responsible for developing the reuse plan and for directly implementing the reuse plan.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners at a public meeting held on this date appointed the following named individuals to the LRA: Ronald Filippini, Commissioner; Rose Corcoran, Commissioner; Brigid O'Connor, Commissioner; Joseph Spagnuolo Jr., Commissioner; and Joseph Hoiniski, Commissioner; and further directed that the above named individuals undertake the duties and responsibilities of the Local Redevelopment Authority in accordance with applicable federal regulations and prepare and submit the appropriate reuse plan after public hearing and public input.

Adopted this eighth day of June, 2006, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Plains.

BY: 
Chairman

Attest:


Secretary

approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to complete either the paper or the online survey. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, respond to the survey, and submit it to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: Individuals who work at firms that file more than six patent applications a year use the Customer Panel Quality Survey to provide the USPTO with their perceptions of examination quality. The USPTO uses the feedback gathered from the survey to assist them in targeting key areas for examination quality improvement and to identify important areas for examiner training.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Susan.Brown@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-00xx Customer Panel Quality Survey copy request" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before August 9, 2006 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 30, 2006.

Susan K. Brown,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.

[FR Doc. E6-10707 Filed 7-7-06; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DoD-2006-OS-0073]

Base Closure and Realignment

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is provided pursuant to section 2905(b)(7)(B)(ii) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990. It provides a partial list of military installations closing or realigning pursuant to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Report. It also provides a corresponding listing of the Local Redevelopment Authorities (LRAs) recognized by the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), as well as the points of contact, addresses, and telephone numbers for the LRAs for those installations. Representatives of state and local governments, homeless providers, and other parties interested in the redevelopment of an installation should contact the person or organization listed. The following information will also be published simultaneously in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of each installation. There will be additional Notices providing this same information about LRAs for other closing or realigning installations where surplus government property is available as those LRAs are recognized by the OEA.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 10, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Office of Economic Adjustment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-4704, (703) 604-6020.

Local Redevelopment Authorities (LRAs) for Closing and Realigning Military Installations

Alabama

Installation Name: AMSA 51.
LRA Name: City of Tuscaloosa.
Point of Contact: Evelyn K. Young, AICP, Associate Director, Community Planning & Development Department, City of Tuscaloosa.

Address: P.O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

Phone: (205) 349-0160.

Installation Name: Fennell AFRC.
LRA Name: City of Tuscaloosa.
Point of Contact: Evelyn K. Young, AICP, Associate Director, Community Planning & Development Department, City of Tuscaloosa.

Address: P.O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

Phone: (205) 349-0160.

Installation Name: Cleveland Leight Abbott USARC.

LRA Name: Tuskegee Local Redevelopment Authority.

Point of Contact: Alfred J. Davis, City Manager, City of Tuskegee.

Address: 101 Fonville Street, Tuskegee, AL 36083.

Phone: (334) 727-833.

Michigan

Installation Name: George Dolliver USARC/AMSA 135.

LRA Name: Battle Creek Local Redevelopment Authority.
Point of Contact: Michael J. Buckley, Planning and Community Development Director, City of Battle Creek.
Address: P.O. Box 1717, Battle Creek, MI 49016-1717.
Phone: (269) 966-3320.

Missouri

Installation Name: Marine Corps Support Activity Kansas City.
LRA Name: City of Kansas City.
Point of Contact: Edgar Jordan, Division Head, Property & Relocation Services, City Planning & Development Department, City of Kansas City.
Address: 16th Floor, City Hall, Kansas City, MO 64106.
Phone: (816) 513-2894.

Oregon

Installation Name: 2LT Alfred Sharff USARC.
LRA Name: Portland Development Commission.
Point of Contact: Ryan Moore, Project Coordinator/Housing Department, Portland Development Commission.
Address: 222 NW, Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97209-3859.
Phone: (503) 823-3278.

Installation Name: SGT Jerome Sears USARC.
LRA Name: Portland Development Commission.
Point of Contact: Ryan Moore, Project Coordinator/Housing Department, Portland Development Commission.
Address: 222 NW, Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97209-3859.
Phone: (503) 823-3278.

Pennsylvania

Installation Name: Wilkes-Barre USARC.
LRA Name: Township of Plains.
Point of Contact: Rose Corcoran, Commissioner, Plains Township Board of Commissioners.
Address: Plains Township Municipal Building, 126 Main Street, Plains, PA 18705.
Phone: (570) 829-3439.

Washington

Installation Name: 2LT Robert R. Leisy USARC/AMSA 79.
LRA Name: City of Seattle.
Point of Contact: Linda Cannon.
Address: Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Seattle, 600 4th Avenue, FL 5, P.O. Box 94746, Seattle, WA 98124-4746.
Phone: (206) 684-8263.

Installation Name: CPT James R. Harvey USARC.
LRA Name: City of Seattle.
Point of Contact: Linda Cannon.
Address: Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Seattle, 600 4th Avenue, FL 5, P.O. Box 94746, Seattle, WA 98124-4746.
Phone: (206) 684-8263.

Installation Name: Fort Lawton USAR Complex.

Corrections

Federal Register

Vol. 71, No. 138

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains editorial corrections of previously published Presidential, Rule, Proposed Rule, and Notice documents. These corrections are prepared by the Office of the Federal Register. Agency prepared corrections are issued as signed documents and appear in the appropriate document categories elsewhere in the issue.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DoD-2006-OS-0073]

Base Closure and Realignment

Corrections

In notice document 06-6078 beginning on page 38865 in the issue of

Monday, July 10, 2006, make the following corrections:

1. On page 38865, in the second column, in the last line, "{(334) 727-833}" should read "{(334) 727-3833}".

2. On the same page, in the third column, under the heading *Pennsylvania*, in the first line, "Wilkes-Varre" should read "Wilkes-Barre".

[FR Doc. C6-6078 Filed 7-18-06; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Request Revision from the Office of Management and Budget of a Currently Approved Information Collection Activity, Request for Comments; Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products

Correction

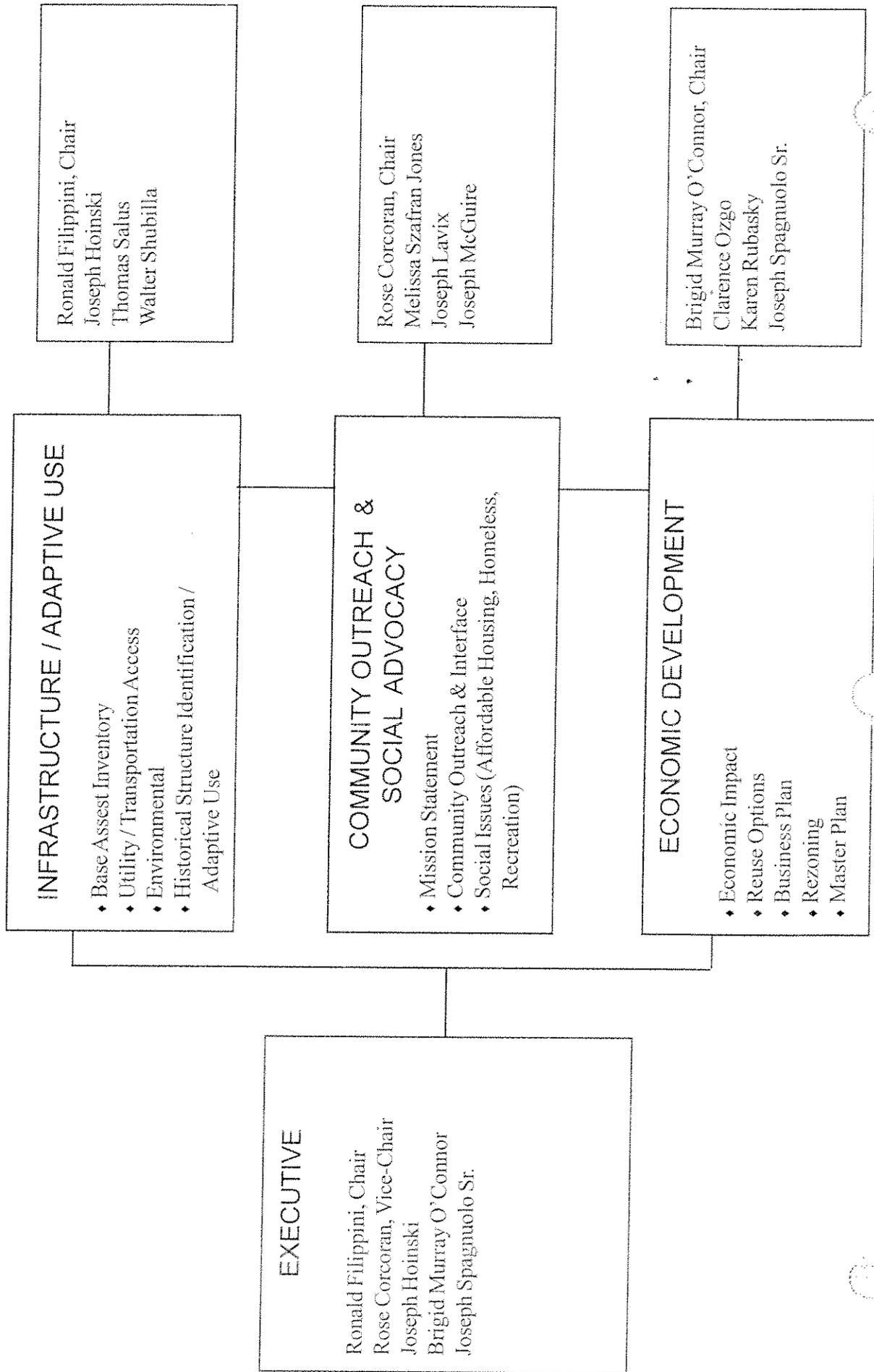
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LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMITTEES PLAINS TOWNSHIP



Outreach & Facility Redevelopment Planning



Garry E. Gontz
Project Manager

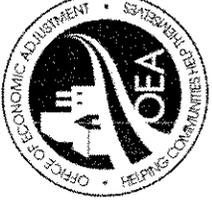


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Key Statute (P.L. 101-510) Dates

- November 9, 2005—Date of Approval
- November 2005—DoD/Federal property screening begins; LRA formulation & recognition
- May 9, 2006—surplus property notifications
- June-August/November 2006—LRA outreach
- May/August 2007—complete redevelopment plan; submit to DoD/HUD
 - *Plan can be submitted anytime after outreach*
- May/August 2008—property disposal decisions
 - *Anytime after Military Department completes NEPA for property disposal*

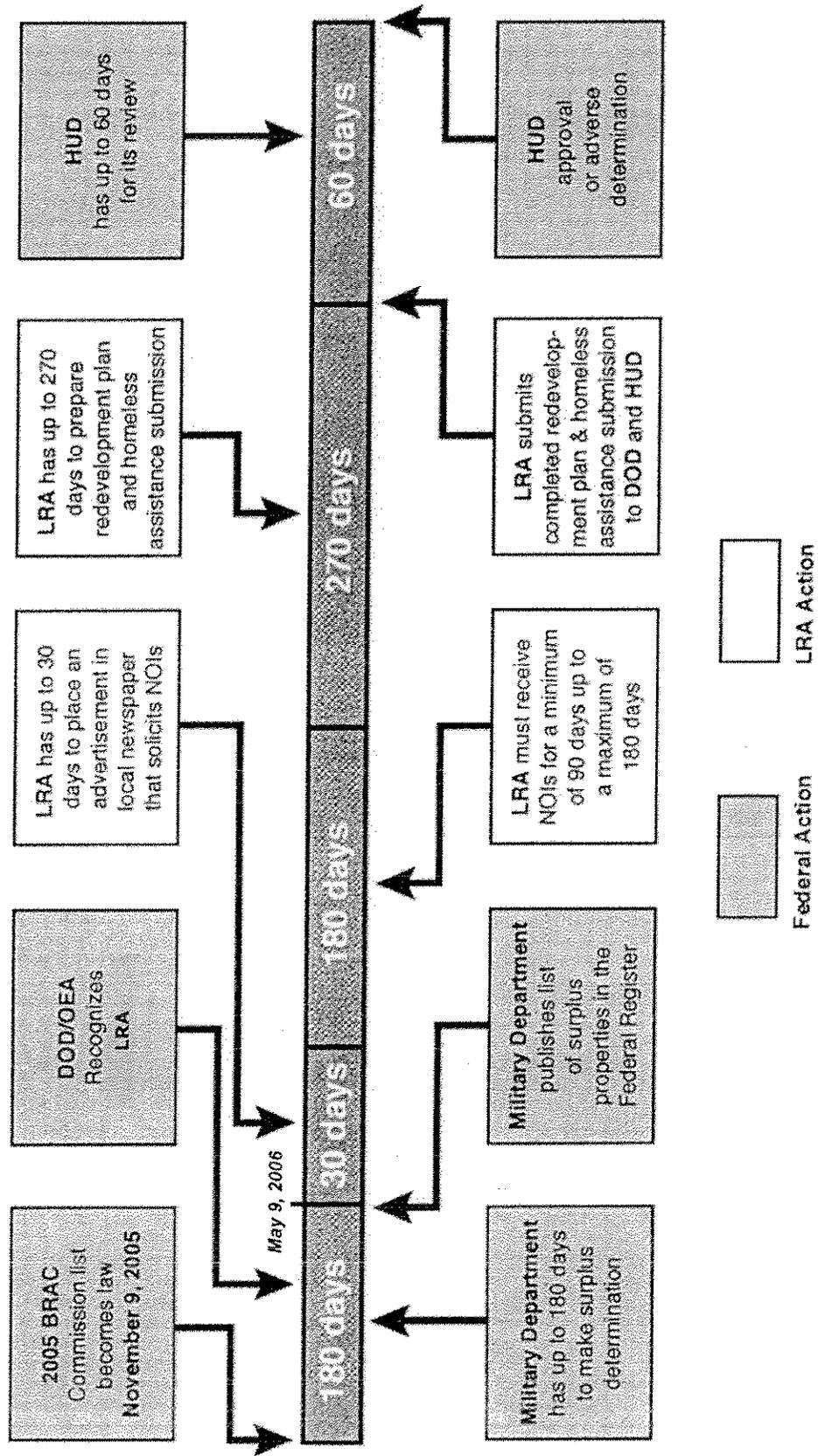


Statutory Planning Process for LRAs

- Establish a local redevelopment authority (LRA) with broad-based membership including jurisdictions with development control authority over the property
- Conduct outreach to homeless providers & public & non-profit organizations eligible for surplus Federal property
- Prepare a base redevelopment plan that balances homeless needs with economic & community development needs
- Submit redevelopment plan to HUD & the Military Department concerned



Statutory Planning Timeline





Military Department Actions

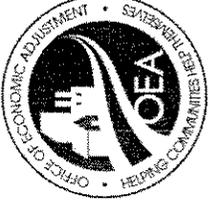
- Determine which Federal agency transfers are in the best interest of Federal Government
 - *Consistent with highest & best use of property*
 - *Valid & appropriate agency requirement*
 - *No adverse impact on disposal of other property*
 - *FMV offered; environmental responsibility accepted*
 - *Competing Federal interests resolved*
 - *Consistent with the LRA redevelopment plan*
- Determine what real property is surplus
 - *Publish a notice of surplus property in Federal Register & a local newspaper, including information about the LRA created for outreach & redevelopment planning purposes*
 - *Notify HUD, the LRA, & Federal sponsoring agencies*
- Decide how the property will be disposed & to what entities



LRA Outreach

6-12 months after date of approval

- LRA responsibility
- Begin within 30 days after surplus notification
- Publish timeframe & procedures in a local paper
- Hold at least one public hearing/workshop
- Conduct outreach to representatives of the homeless
 - *Coordinate with the appropriate HUD Field Office*
- Solicit interest of other interested parties
 - *Public entities & non-profit organizations eligible for public benefit conveyances*
 - *Law enforcement, emergency management, park, education or health facility, historic monument, etc.*
- Consider notices of interest received in preparing base redevelopment plan & accommodate homeless assistance needs



Redevelopment Plan

9-18/21 months after date of approval

- Prepared by the LRA
- Balances homeless needs with local economic & community development requirements
- Used to prepare property disposal environmental assessment required by NEPA
 - *Part of the proposed Federal action for disposal*
 - *Substantial deference given to redevelopment plan*
- Submitted with a homeless assistance application
 - *Military Department*
 - *HUD headquarters & appropriate HUD field office*
 - *Includes legally binding agreements with homeless providers*



What is a Redevelopment Plan?

- Community's vision, goals, & objectives for base redevelopment
- Primary instrument to ensure land use compatibility between surrounding community & former base
 - Proposed land uses & zoning
 - Supporting infrastructure
 - Redevelopment schedule
 - Capital improvement program





Redevelopment Planning Process

- Formulate community goals, objectives & performance targets for base redevelopment
- Collect, analyze & map existing conditions
- Integrate outreach process notices of interest
- Conduct any necessary specialized planning studies to define market opportunities, physical constraints, or infrastructure requirements
- Prepare & evaluate alternative plans
- Select & adopt final redevelopment plan



Redevelopment Planning Drivers

- Physical & environmental conditions
- Market potential for redevelopment
- Public facilities & services needs
- Homeless accommodation
- Institutional needs
- Federal property disposal laws



Collect Data/Analyze Existing Conditions

- Data collection & analysis begins concurrent to specialized planning studies
- Military Department is the source of most technical data for on-base conditions
 - *Base engineering, planning & environmental offices*
 - *Installation Summary Report*
 - *Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) Report*
 - ✓ completed remedial & corrective actions
 - ✓ current property use
 - ✓ nature & extent of known contamination
 - ✓ current phase of remedial or corrective action underway
 - ✓ presence of protected species or cultural assets



Redevelopment Plan Adoption

- LRA forwards final base redevelopment plan & homeless submission package to HUD & Military Department concerned
- Upon HUD acceptance local government jurisdiction(s) with planning & zoning authority formally adopt plan
- Property is zoned or otherwise entitled to permit redevelopment



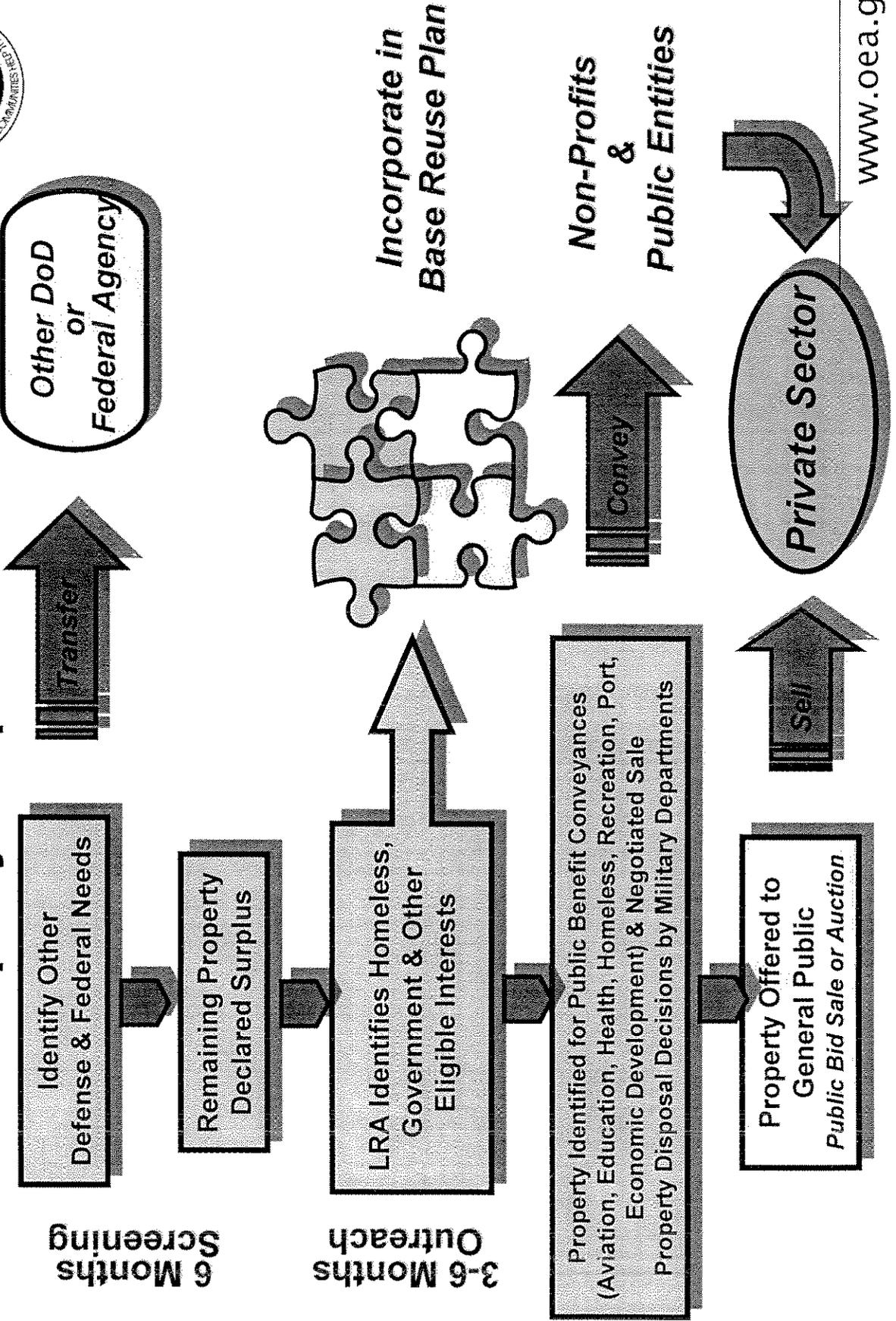
Property Disposal Options

- Other DoD/Federal Agencies
- Public Benefit Conveyances (PBCs)
 - *Education, health, recreation, law enforcement, emergency management, homeless, etc.*
- Economic Development Conveyance
- Negotiated Sale to Public Entities
- Public Bid Sales





Federal Property Disposal Process



Department of Defense

Office of Economic Adjustment



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Reference #10

Copy of

November 19, 2007

Workshop

Sign-In Sheet & Handouts

Tour and Workshop - Monday, November 19th, 2007
 Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center
 Plains Township, Pennsylvania

Name	Organization/Address	Date
Pete Corcoran	Commissioner - Plains Twp.	11-19-07
Garry E. Gontz	OFA Washington, DC	11-19-07
Joseph Spiebalan	PBDC, DCED, Harrisburg, PA	11-19-07
Edward A. Faatz	VVAW & VETERANS COALITION Plains	11-19-07
NANCY VERESPY	VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR, INC. & THE VETERANS COALITION	11-19-07
PETER J. FORBES	" "	11-19-07
MAJOR KATHLEEN WADMAN GERALD J. BARARA	The SALATION ARMY 163 Hazle St. b-B 18782	11-19-07
Tim McGinley	Commission on Economic Opportunity	11-19-07
Mona Garrett	99th RRC / 99 Soldiers Lane Coraopolis PA 15205	11-19-07

**AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO STATE
AND LOCAL ELIGIBLE PARTIES,
INCLUDING HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS
TOWNSHIP OF PLAINS,
THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**TOWNSHIP OF PLAINS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
126 NORTH MAIN STREET, PLAINS, PENNSYLVANIA 18705**

As required by the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994, as amended (the Redevelopment Act) and its implementing regulation, the Township of Plains, the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center, 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township, Pennsylvania, is seeking notices of interest (NOIs) for surplus property at the installation.

State and local governments, homeless service providers and other interested parties may submit NOIs no later than 4 p.m. on Feb. 19, 2008. A listing of surplus property at the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center was published by the Department of the Army in the *Federal Register* on July 10, 2006. The complete listing can be obtained by calling the LRA contact person, Rose Corcoran, Commissioner; 126 North Main Street, Plains, PA; or by phone at 570-829-3439.

NOIs for homeless assistance may be submitted by any State or local government agency or private nonprofit organization that provides or proposes to provide services to homeless persons and/or families residing in the Township of Plains.

A tour and workshop will be held at the Army Reserve Center, 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township Pennsylvania, on Monday, November 19, 2007, at 3 p.m. Information will include an overview of the base redevelopment planning process, a tour of the installation, information on any land use constraints known at the time, and information on the NOI process. To register for this workshop, please call the LRA contact person by Friday, November 16, 2007. Attendance at this workshop is not required to submit an NOI, but is highly encouraged.

NOIs from homeless services providers must include: (i) a description of the homeless assistance program that the homeless service provider proposes to carry out at 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township, Pennsylvania (ii) a description of the need for the program; (iii) a description of the extent to which the program is or will be coordinated with other homeless assistance programs in the communities in the vicinity of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center; (iv) information about the physical requirements necessary to carry out the program, including a description of the buildings and property at the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center that are necessary in order to carry out the program; (v) a description of the financial plan, the organizational structure and capacity, prior experience, and qualifications of the organization to carry out the program; and (vi) an assessment of the time required to commence carrying out the program.

Entities interested in obtaining property through a public benefit conveyance (PBC), other than a homeless assistance conveyance, are invited to contact the following Federal agency offices to find out more about each agency's PBC program and to discuss with the agency the entity's potential for qualifying for a conveyance of property:

For Park and Recreation Uses:

National Center for Recreation & Conservation
Federal Lands to Parks Program
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

For Educational Uses:

U.S. Department of Education
Federal Real Property Group,
33 Arch St., Suite 1140
Boston, MA 02110

For Self-help Housing:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh St., SW, Room 6110
Washington, DC 20410

Port Facility:

US Department of Transportation
Maritime Administration
400 Seventh St., SW, Room 7206
Washington, DC 20590

Public Airport:

Contact the Regional Federal Aviation Administration Point of Contact.
Visit: www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters/arp/regional_offices/
to identify the appropriate regional office.

NOIs for PBCs must include: (i) a description of the eligibility for the proposed transfer, (ii) the proposed use of the property, including a description of the buildings and property necessary to carry out such proposed use, (iii) time frame for occupation, and (iv) the benefit to the community from such proposed use, including the number of jobs the use would generate.

For Health Care:

The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
Division of Property Management/PSC,
Parklawn Building, Room 5B-41,
5600 Fishers Lane,
Rockville, MD 20857

Corrections & Law Enforcement:

Bureau of Justice Assistance,
810 Seventh Street, NW, Room 4413
Washington, DC 20531

For Emergency Management:

Facilities Management & Services Division,
FEMA,
500 C Street, SW, Room 505,
Washington, DC 20472

Historic Monument:

Contact the Military Department
(Disposal Agency)

Wildlife Conservation (Only States May Apply):

Contact the Military Department
(Disposal Agency)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLAINS CREATING A LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LRA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MILITARY BASE REUSE ACT AS ADOPTED AND AMENDED AND APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LRA.

WHEREAS, the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center is located entirely within the Township of Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center has been declared surplus and is to be developed in accordance with appropriate federal regulations; and

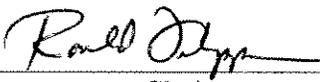
WHEREAS, the future reuse of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center in its entirety will have a substantial impact on the Township of Plains and the immediate area surrounding the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Plains believe that it is in the best interest of the Township of Plains to become involved in the redevelopment of this particular piece of property; and

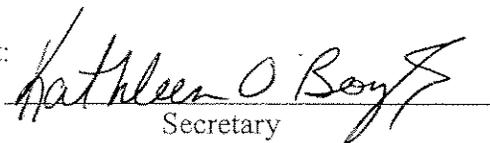
WHEREAS, the Township of Plains is and can be recognized by the Secretary of Defense through its Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), as an entity responsible for developing the reuse plan and for directly implementing the reuse plan.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners at a public meeting held on this date appointed the following named individuals to the LRA: Ronald Filippini, Commissioner; Rose Corcoran, Commissioner; Brigid O'Connor, Commissioner; Joseph Spagnuolo Jr., Commissioner; and Joseph Hoiniski, Commissioner; and further directed that the above named individuals undertake the duties and responsibilities of the Local Redevelopment Authority in accordance with applicable federal regulations and prepare and submit the appropriate reuse plan after public hearing and public input.

Adopted this eighth day of June, 2006, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Plains.

BY: 
Chairman

Attest:


Secretary

approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to complete either the paper or the online survey. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, respond to the survey, and submit it to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: Individuals who work at firms that file more than six patent applications a year use the Customer Panel Quality Survey to provide the USPTO with their perceptions of examination quality. The USPTO uses the feedback gathered from the survey to assist them in targeting key areas for examination quality improvement and to identify important areas for examiner training.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Susan.Brown@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-00xx Customer Panel Quality Survey copy request" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before August 9, 2006 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 30, 2006.

Susan K. Brown,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DoD-2006-OS-0073]

Base Closure and Realignment

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is provided pursuant to section 2905(b)(7)(B)(ii) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990. It provides a partial list of military installations closing or realigning pursuant to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Report. It also provides a corresponding listing of the Local Redevelopment Authorities (LRAs) recognized by the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), as well as the points of contact, addresses, and telephone numbers for the LRAs for those installations. Representatives of state and local governments, homeless providers, and other parties interested in the redevelopment of an installation should contact the person or organization listed. The following information will also be published simultaneously in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of each installation. There will be additional Notices providing this same information about LRAs for other closing or realigning installations where surplus government property is available as those LRAs are recognized by the OEA.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 10, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Office of Economic Adjustment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-4704, (703) 604-6020.

Local Redevelopment Authorities (LRAs) for Closing and Realigning Military Installations

Alabama

Installation Name: AMSA 51.
LRA Name: City of Tuscaloosa.
Point of Contact: Evelyn K. Young, AICP, Associate Director, Community Planning & Development Department, City of Tuscaloosa.

Address: P.O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

Phone: (205) 349-0160.

Installation Name: Fennell AFRC.
LRA Name: City of Tuscaloosa.
Point of Contact: Evelyn K. Young, AICP, Associate Director, Community Planning & Development Department, City of Tuscaloosa.

Address: P.O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

Phone: (205) 349-0160.

Installation Name: Cleveland Leight Abbott USARC.

LRA Name: Tuskegee Local Redevelopment Authority.

Point of Contact: Alfred J. Davis, City Manager, City of Tuskegee.

Address: 101 Fonville Street, Tuskegee, AL 36083.

Phone: (334) 727-833.

Michigan

Installation Name: George Dolliver USARC/AMSA 135.

LRA Name: Battle Creek Local Redevelopment Authority.
Point of Contact: Michael J. Buckley, Planning and Community Development Director, City of Battle Creek.
Address: P.O. Box 1717, Battle Creek, MI 49016-1717.
Phone: (269) 966-3320.

Missouri

Installation Name: Marine Corps Support Activity Kansas City.
LRA Name: City of Kansas City.
Point of Contact: Edgar Jordan, Division Head, Property & Relocation Services, City Planning & Development Department, City of Kansas City.
Address: 16th Floor, City Hall, Kansas City, MO 64106.
Phone: (816) 513-2894.

Oregon

Installation Name: 2LT Alfred Sharff USARC.
LRA Name: Portland Development Commission.
Point of Contact: Ryan Moore, Project Coordinator/Housing Department, Portland Development Commission.
Address: 222 NW, Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97209-3859.
Phone: (503) 823-3278.

Installation Name: SGT Jerome Sears USARC.
LRA Name: Portland Development Commission.
Point of Contact: Ryan Moore, Project Coordinator/Housing Department, Portland Development Commission.
Address: 222 NW, Fifth Avenue, Portland, OR 97209-3859.
Phone: (503) 823-3278.

Pennsylvania

Installation Name: Wilkes-Barre USARC.
LRA Name: Township of Plains.
Point of Contact: Rose Corcoran, Commissioner, Plains Township Board of Commissioners.
Address: Plains Township Municipal Building, 126 Main Street, Plains, PA 18705.
Phone: (570) 829-3439.

Washington

Installation Name: 2LT Robert R. Leisy USARC/AMSA 79.
LRA Name: City of Seattle.
Point of Contact: Linda Cannon.
Address: Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Seattle, 600 4th Avenue, FL 5, P.O. Box 94746, Seattle, WA 98124-4746.
Phone: (206) 684-8263.

Installation Name: CPT James R. Harvey USARC.
LRA Name: City of Seattle.
Point of Contact: Linda Cannon.
Address: Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Seattle, 600 4th Avenue, FL 5, P.O. Box 94746, Seattle, WA 98124-4746.
Phone: (206) 684-8263.

Installation Name: Fort Lawton USAR Complex.

Corrections

Federal Register

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[DoD-2006-OS-0073]

Base Closure and Realignment

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1. On page 38865, in the second column, in the last line, "{(334) 727-833}" should read "{(334) 727-3833}".
2. On the same page, in the third column, under the heading *Pennsylvania*, in the first line, "Wilkes-Varre" should read "Wilkes-Barre".

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent to Request Revision from the Office of Management and Budget of a Currently Approved Information Collection Activity, Request for Comments; Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products

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Reference #11

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**Continuum of Care of
Luzerne County -
Report and Letter on
Homeless for Plains Township**

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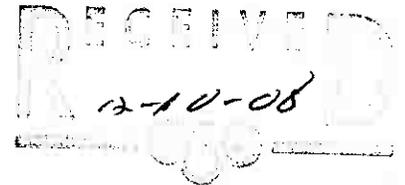
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December 9, 2008



John C. Cowder, AIA
Quad 3
37 N. Washington Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

RE: Luzerne County Continuum of Care

Dear John:

This is in response to your request to identify the homeless count for Plains Township. On the night of the January 30, 2008 Point-in-Time-Survey, no **unsheltered** homeless persons were located in Plains Township.

Concerning the homeless in Plains Township, the Commission on Economic Opportunity currently operates two (2) transitional housing facilities for homeless veterans – the Father Edward Nolan Residence and the William Cherkas Residence - on the campus of the VA Medical Center. On the night of the Point-in-Time Survey, there were eight (8) sheltered homeless veterans residing in the Father Edward Nolan Residence.

In addition, attached is a copy of the Exhibit 1 from the 2008 Luzerne County Continuum of Care Application submitted to HUD on October 16, 2008.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pamela A. Lipski
Public Service Manager

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

The fields on this screen are read only and reference the information entered during the CoC Registration process. Updates cannot be made at this time.

CoC Name and Number (From CoC Registration): PA-503 - Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton/Luzerne County CoC

CoC Lead Organization Name: Commission on Economic Opportunity

1B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Primary Decision-Making Group

Instructions:

The following questions pertain to the primary decision-making group. The primary responsibility of this group is to manage the overall planning effort for the CoC, including, but not limited to, the following types of activities: setting agendas for full Continuum of Care meetings, project monitoring, determining project priorities, and providing final approval for the CoC application submission. This body is also responsible for the implementation of the CoC's HMIS, either through direct oversight or through the designation of an HMIS implementing agency. This group may be the CoC Lead Agency or may authorize another entity to be the CoC Lead Agency under its direction.

Name of primary decision-making group: Luzerne County Homeless Coalition

Indicate the frequency of group meetings: Monthly or more

Indicate the legal status of the group: Not a legally recognized organization

Specify "other" legal status:

Not applicable.

Indicate the percentage of group members that represent the private sector: 77%
(e.g., non-profit providers, homeless or formerly homeless persons, advocates and consumer interests)

*** Indicate the selection process of group members:**
(select all that apply)

Elected:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assigned:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Appointed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Specify "other" process(es):

Not applicable.

Briefly describe the selection process including why this process was established and how it works.

Both public and private agencies that provide services to the homeless populations in Luzerne County assign or voluntarily send staff as representatives to the Luzerne County Homeless Coalition. This Coalition was established in 1985 as a forum for homeless providers to share information about homeless services and needs in Luzerne County. It has continued through the years with monthly coalition meetings and working subcommittees to identify the needs and priorities for homeless services; establish goals and action steps for subcommittees to complete; collaborate on the issues facing the homeless in Luzerne County; and participate in the Countywide Annual Planning Meeting as well as Point In Time Counts.

*** Indicate the selection process of group leaders:
(select all that apply):**

Elected:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assigned:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appointed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Specify "other" process(es):

Not applicable.

If HUD could provide administrative funds to the CoC, would the primary decision-making body, or its designee, have the capacity to be responsible for activities such as applying for HUD funding and serving as the grantee, providing project oversight, and monitoring? Explain.

If HUD could provide administrative funds to the CoC, the current primary decision-making body would not have the capacity to be responsible for activities. However there are 2 countywide agencies that play lead roles in the Luzerne County CoC process- the Commission on Economic Opportunity, (the designated lead agency on homeless in Luzerne County) and the Luzerne County Office of Community Development. Both of these agencies currently receive HUD funding and would be in a position to act as a designated agent to apply for HUD funding and serve as the grantee, providing project oversight and monitoring. Both agencies would continue to work closely with the lead entity, the Luzerne County Homeless Coalition, as both are member agencies and provide staff support as elected co-chairs of the Coalition.

1C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups

List the name and role of each CoC planning committee. To add committees to this list, click on the icon and enter requested information.

Name	Meeting Frequency
Steering Committe...	Semi-annually
Supportive Servic...	Monthly or more
Permanent Housing...	Monthly or more
Transitional Hous...	Monthly or more
Ranking Committee	Annually
Countywide Planni...	Annually
Local Housing Opt...	Monthly or more
HMIS Committee	Monthly or more

Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups Detail

Provide information on each established committee that is part of the CoC organizational structure and involved in the planning process.

Name of Committee/Sub-Committee/Work Group: Steering Committee of the Luzerne County Homeless Coalition

Indicate the frequency of group meetings: Semi-annually

Describe the role of this group:

Working group of Homeless Coalition elected co-chairs and the Chairpersons from each Coalition Subcommittee that oversee the yearly election process for Coalition co-chairs; arrange and coordinate the monthly coalition meetings; and report on the progress in the CoC goal and action steps.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups Detail

Provide information on each established committee that is part of the CoC organizational structure and involved in the planning process.

Name of Committee/Sub-Committee/Work Group: Supportive Services/Prevention Subcommittee

Indicate the frequency of group meetings: Monthly or more

Describe the role of this group:

Working group of the Luzerne County Homeless Coalition responsible for conducting and analyzing the results of the PITS count; formulating and implementing CoC goals related to Supportive Services and Prevention activities as well as discharge planning procedures.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups Detail

Provide information on each established committee that is part of the CoC organizational structure and involved in the planning process.

Name of Committee/Sub-Committee/Work Group: Permanent Housing Subcommittee

Indicate the frequency of group meetings: Monthly or more

Describe the role of this group:

Working group of the Luzerne County Homeless Coalition responsible for formulating and implementing CoC goals and action steps related to Permanent Housing activities.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups Detail

Provide information on each established committee that is part of the CoC organizational structure and involved in the planning process.

Name of Committee/Sub-Committee/Work Group: Transitional Housing Subcommittee

Indicate the frequency of group meetings: Monthly or more

Describe the role of this group:

Working group of the Luzerne County Homeless Coalition responsible for formulating and implementing CoC goals and action steps related to Transitional Housing activities.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups Detail

Provide information on each established committee that is part of the CoC organizational structure and involved in the planning process.

Name of Committee/Sub-Committee/Work Group: Ranking Committee

Indicate the frequency of group meetings: Annually

Describe the role of this group:

Members conduct site visits and monitoring review of renewal applications; review and rank new and renewal CoC projects for submission to HUD.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups Detail

Provide information on each established committee that is part of the CoC organizational structure and involved in the planning process.

Name of Committee/Sub-Committee/Work Group: Countywide Planning Meeting

Indicate the frequency of group meetings: Annually

Describe the role of this group:

Public and private homeless providers, Homeless Coalition and Local Housing Options Teams (LHOT) members, municipalities, funders, homeless and formerly homeless persons discuss and decide on CoC needs and priorities.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups Detail

Provide information on each established committee that is part of the CoC organizational structure and involved in the planning process.

Name of Committee/Sub-Committee/Work Group: Local Housing Options Team (LHOT)

Indicate the frequency of group meetings: Monthly or more

Describe the role of this group:

Identifies needs, priorities and strategies for expanding housing options for the "difficult to serve" populations including youth and homeless with serious mental health and/or drug and alcohol issues. In collaboration with the Luzerne County Office of Human Services and the Commission on Economic Opportunity the LHOT has submitted a 2008 SAMHSA application - Treatment for Homeless Services in Supportive Housing Grant for Luzerne County.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Committees, Subcommittees and Work Groups Detail

Provide information on each established committee that is part of the CoC organizational structure and involved in the planning process.

Name of Committee/Sub-Committee/Work Group: HMIS Committee

Indicate the frequency of group meetings: Monthly or more

Describe the role of this group:

Working group to monitor the implementation of the Luzerne County CoC HMIS. Also working with a steering committee of County agencies to review "No Wrong Door" intake and assessment policies and mechanisms for county agencies.

1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Member Organizations

Identify all organizations involved in the CoC planning process. To add an organization to this list, click on the icon.

Organization Name	Membership Type	Organization Type	Organization Role	Subpopulations
Luzerne County Assistance Office - PA Department...	Public Sector	State g...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	NONE
PA Department of Community and Economic Develo...	Public Sector	State g...	Attend Consolidated Plan focus groups/public forums durin...	NONE
Luzerne County Office of Community Development	Public Sector	Local g...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Authoring agency for ...	NONE
Wilkes-Barre Office of Community and Economic D...	Public Sector	Local g...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Authoring agency for ...	NONE
Office of Community Development, City of Hazleton	Public Sector	Local g...	Authoring agency for Consolidated Plan, Attend Consolidat...	NONE
Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties	Public Sector	Local g...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Luzerne County Children & Youth Services	Public Sector	Local g...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	Youth
Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program	Public Sector	Local g...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	Substance Abuse
Luzerne/Wyoming Counties MH/MR Program	Public Sector	Local g...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	Seriously Me...
Luzerne County Office of Human Services	Public Sector	Local g...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Lead agency for 10-ye...	NONE
Luzerne County Veterans Affairs	Public Sector	Local g...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	Veterans
Wilkes-Barre Housing Authority	Public Sector	Public ...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Nanticoke Housing Authority	Public Sector	Public ...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	NONE
Sherman Hills	Public Sector	Public ...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group	NONE
Kings College	Public Sector	School ...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	NONE
Misericordia University	Public Sector	School ...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	NONE
Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	Youth
Bloomsburg University	Public Sector	School ...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group	NONE

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Luzerne County Judicial System	Public Sector	Law enf...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Career Link	Public Sector	Local w...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group	NONE
11th Congressional District Office-Paul Kanjorski	Public Sector	Other	Attend Consolidated Plan focus groups/public forums durin...	NONE
American Red Cross- Wyoming Valley Chapter	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	HIV/AIDS
Commission on Economic Opportunity	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	Veterans
Community Counseling Services	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	Seriously Me...
Domestic Violence Service Center/Bridge Housing...	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	Domestic Vio...
HELPLINE	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group	NONE
Housing Development Corporation of NEPA	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	NONE
Northeast Counseling Services	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	Seriously Me...
North Penn Legal Services	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	NONE
RHC McKinney Clinic	Private Sector	Hospita..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group	Seriously Me...
Step-by-Step	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	Seriously Me...
V.I.S.I.O.N., Inc.	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Catherine McAuley House	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Catholic Social Services	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	Substance Ab...
Mercy Services	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	Youth
Methodist Urban Ministries- Ruth's Place	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Reach of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Inc.	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	NONE
St. Nicholas Food Pantry	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	NONE

Commission on Economic Opportunity			COC_REG_v10_000380	
Salvation Army Kirby Family House	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	NONE
Volunteers of America on NEPA	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Attend Consolidated P...	Seriously Me...
Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center	Private Sector	Faith-b...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	Youth
Department of Veteran's Affairs Medical Center	Public Sector	Othe r	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	Veteran s
United Way of Wyoming Valley	Private Sector	Fun der ...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce	Private Sector	Busi ness es	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
KNBT	Private Sector	Busi ness es	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Diana T. Myers & Associates, Inc.	Private Sector	Busi ness es	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
NE Alliance Against Homelessness	Private Sector	Fun der ...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group	NONE
Peter D.	Individual	Hom eles. ..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Mary Z.	Private Sector	Othe r	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	NONE
Michael K.	Individual	Hom eles. ..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group	Veteran s
Social Security Administration	Public Sector	Othe r	Attend Consolidated Plan focus groups/public forums durin...	NONE
Wyoming Valley AIDS Council	Private Sector	Non-pro..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group, Primary Decision Maki...	HIV/AIDS
Luzerne County Correctional Facility	Public Sector	Law enf...	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group	NONE
Gloria E.	Individual	Hom eles. ..	Committee/Sub-committee/Work Group	NONE

1E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Project Review and Selection Process

The CoC should solicit and select projects in a fair and impartial manner. For each of the following sections, select the appropriate items that indicate all of the methods and processes the CoC used in the past year to assess all new and renewal projects performance, effectiveness, and quality.

Open Solicitation Methods:
(select all that apply)

a. Newspapers, b. Letters/Emails to CoC Membership, c. Responsive to Public Inquiries, d. Outreach to Faith-Based Groups, e. Announcements at CoC Meetings, f. Announcements at Other Meetings

Rating and Performance Assessment Measure(s):
(select all that apply)

a. CoC Rating & Review Committee Exists, b. Review CoC Monitoring Findings, c. Review HUD Monitoring Findings, d. Review Independent Audit, e. Review HUD APR for Performance Results, f. Review Unexecuted Grants, i. Evaluate Project Readiness, j. Assess Spending (fast or slow), k. Assess Cost Effectiveness, l. Assess Provider Organization Experience, m. Assess Provider Organization Capacity, n. Evaluate Project Presentation, o. Review CoC Membership Involvement, p. Review Match, q. Review All Leveraging Letters (to ensure that they meet HUD requirements), r. Review HMIS participation status

Voting/Decision Method(s):
(select all that apply)

a. Unbiased Panel/Review Committee, b. Consumer Representative Has a Vote, e. Consensus (general agreement), f. Voting Members Abstain if Conflict of Interest

1F. Continuum of Care (CoC) Housing Inventory--Change in Beds Available

For each housing type, indicate if there was an increase or reduction in the total number of beds in the 2008 electronic Housing Inventory Chart (e-HIC) as compared to the 2007 Housing Inventory Chart. If there was a change, please describe the reasons in the space provided for each housing type.

Emergency Shelter: Yes

Briefly describe the reasons for the change:

The reason for change is an increase in the number of emergency shelter beds for individuals due to an emergency shelter, Ruth's Place, previously listed as having seasonal bed capacity, changed to a year round facility and increased its bed capacity.

Safe Haven Bed: No

Briefly describe the reasons for the change:

Not applicable, no Safe Haven in Luzerne County at present.

Transitional Housing: Yes

Briefly describe the reasons for the change:

The reason for change in transitional housing is one program, Rose of Sharon, reorganizing its number of family beds from 16 to 10 and adding 8 individual beds. Also another transitional housing facility, Manna House, began operating after February 1, 2007.

Permanent Housing: Yes

Briefly describe the reasons for the change, including changes in beds designated for chronically homeless persons:

The reason for change is an increase in the number of permanent housing beds for individuals and families due to new programs starting during 2007. Also new programs serving chronically homeless individuals started during 2007 accounts for an increase in the number of beds available for chronically homeless individuals.

CoC certifies that all beds for homeless persons are listed in the e-HIC regardless of HMIS participation and HUD funding: Yes

1G. Continuum of Care (CoC) Housing Inventory Chart Attachment

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
Housing Inventory Chart	Yes	Luzerne Co. 2008 HIC	09/19/2008

Attachment Details

Document Description: Luzerne Co. 2008 HIC

1H. Continuum of Care (CoC) Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) - Data Sources and Methods

Instructions:

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Complete the following information based on data collection methods and reporting for the electronic Housing Inventory Chart (e-HIC), including Unmet need determination. The date on which the bed inventory was completed should be one day during the last ten days of January 2008.

Indicate the date on which the housing inventory count was completed: 01/30/2008
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Indicate the type of data or methods used to complete the housing inventory count: HMIS plus housing inventory survey
(select all that apply)

Indicate the steps taken to ensure data accuracy for the Housing Inventory Chart: Instructions, Training, Updated prior housing inventory information, Follow-up, Confirmation, HMIS
(select all that apply)

Must specify other:

Not applicable.

Indicate the type of data or method(s) used to determine unmet need: HUD unmet need formula
(select all that apply)

Specify "other" data types:

Not applicable.

If more than one method was selected, describe how these methods were used.

Not applicable.

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

Instructions:

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

CoCs should complete the following information in conjunction with the HMIS Lead Agency. All information is to be as of the date this application is submitted.

Select the HMIS implementation type: Single CoC

Select the CoC(s) covered by the HMIS: PA-503 - Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton/Luzerne County
(select all that apply) CoC

Does the CoC Lead Organization have a written agreement with HMIS Lead Organization? No

If yes, the agreement (e.g., contract, Memorandum of Understanding, etc.) must be submitted with the application.

Is the HMIS Lead Organization the same as CoC Lead Organization? Yes

Has the CoC selected an HMIS software product? Yes

If "No" select reason:

If "Yes" list the name of the product: MetSYS

What is the name of the HMIS software company? MetSYS, Inc.

Does the CoC plan to change HMIS software within the next 18 months? No

Is this an actual or anticipated HMIS data entry start date? Actual Data Entry Start Date

Indicate the date on which HMIS data entry started (or will start): 02/26/2007
(format mm/dd/yyyy)

Indicate the challenges and barriers impacting the HMIS implementation: No or low participation by ESG funded providers, No or low participation by non-HUD funded providers
(select all the apply):

If "None" was selected, briefly describe why CoC had no challenges or how all barriers were overcome:

Not applicable

Briefly describe the CoC's plans to overcome challenges and barriers:

Luzerne County's CoC plan to overcome the challenges and barriers is to formally develop a strategic plan to invite and encourage ESG and non-HUD funded providers to participate in the HMIS. In conjunction with the Homeless Coalition, CEO, the CoC HMIS administrator, will conduct a survey to determine the reasons for non-participation with the coalition organizations. Once results are analyzed, CEO will meet with each organization to address the reasons; explore and develop solutions; and provide a demonstration of the system. CEO will present to the organizations the benefits to participation such as unduplicated intake for homeless clients; less paperwork for agency staff; promoting safeguards and confidentiality of information; support for the system with the provision of initial and ongoing training; ability to provide or update equipment (i.e. computers) for each agency; ability to increase each agency's level of connectivity; and ability to customize reports for each agency. CEO will also work to obtain support for the CoC HMIS with consumers, who will be solicited to provide personal testimony identifying the benefits of HMIS to their situation, and other funding organizations such as the United Way and the Luzerne County Office of Human Services with their newly formed No Wrong Door Oversight Committee.

Attachment Details

Document Description:

2B. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Organization

Enter the name and contact information for the HMIS Lead Organization.

Organization Name Commission on Economic Opportunity
Street Address 1 P.O. Box 1127
Street Address 2 165 Amber Lane
City Wilkes-Barre
State Pennsylvania
Zip Code 18703-1127
Format: xxxxx or xxxxx-xxxx
Organization Type Non-Profit
If "Other" please specify

2C. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Contact Person

Prefix: Mr

First Name Noel

Middle Name/Initial

Last Name Duffy

Suffix

Telephone Number: 570-826-0510
(Format: 123-456-7890)

Extension 218

Fax Number: 570-829-1665
(Format: 123-456-7890)

E-mail Address: nduffy@ceopeoplehelpingpeople.org

Confirm E-mail Address: nduffy@ceopeoplehelpingpeople.org

2D. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Bed Coverage

Instructions:

The 2005 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization bill restricts domestic violence provider participation in HMIS unless and until HUD completes a public notice and comment process. Until the notice and comment process is completed, HUD does not require nor expect domestic violence providers to participate in HMIS. HMIS bed coverage rates are calculated excluding domestic violence provider beds from the universe of potential beds.

For each housing type, indicate the percentage of the CoC's total beds (bed coverage) in the HMIS.

* Emergency Shelter (ES) Beds	86%+
* Safe Haven (SH) Beds	No beds in CoC
* Transitional Housing (TH) Beds	86%+
* Permanent Housing (PH) Beds	86%+

How often does the CoC review or assess its HMIS bed coverage? Monthly

If bed coverage is 0-64%, describe the CoC's plan to increase this percentage during the next 12 months:

Not applicable.

2E. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Quality

Instructions:

Where the collection of Social Security Numbers is not authorized by law, failure to collect this data element will not competitively disadvantage an application. Additionally, in lieu of the actual SSN, the response categories of "Don't Know" and "Refused" are considered valid response categories, per the HMIS Data and Technical Standards.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the percentage of unduplicated client records with null or missing values on a day during the last ten days of January 2008.

Universal Data Element	Records with no values (%)	Records where value is refused or unknown (%)
* Social Security Number	3%	6%
* Date of Birth	0%	0%
* Ethnicity	2%	1%
* Race	9%	0%
* Gender	0%	0%
* Veteran Status	2%	1%
* Disabling Condition	3%	1%
* Residence Prior to Program Entry	3%	0%
* Zip Code of Last Permanent Address	14%	2%
* Name	0%	0%

Did the CoC or subset of the CoC participate in AHAR 3? No

Did the CoC or subset of the CoC participate in AHAR 4? No

How frequently does the CoC review the quality of client level data? Monthly

How frequently does the CoC review the quality of program level data? Monthly

Describe the process, extent of assistance, and tools used to improve data quality for participating agencies.

Each participating agency receives one-on-one training as to how their program data is entered into the Luzerne County HMIS- MetSYS system. At the initial training, each agency staff person is provided with a training manual. This training manual contains both pictures of the data information screens and instructions on how to complete each screen to ensure that the program participant, whether an individual or family, is entered correctly into the system. On a monthly basis, the system administrator runs reports by user (agency staff) to identify if information is missing. These reports are given to all program managers of the participating agencies who in turn review the reports. A program manager then forwards the reports to each agency staff person with a memo to have the corrections to their cases made within 5 working days.

Agency staff

return a signed copy of this memo when they make their corrections and the program manager asks the system administrator for an updated report. If information is still missing on the revised reports, the program manager and staff person review the reports and take the necessary steps to make corrections. Phone calls and emails are directed to the system administrator to assist with corrections as needed until corrections are made. System administrator notifies the program director of the Luzerne County CoC HMIS about training needs and/or updates as they occur for participating agency personnel. The program director then has the System Training staff contact each participating agency via email or phone to arrange for additional training for staff. At present training to ensure data accuracy takes place 2 times per week or arranged on an as needed basis to individual agency staff.

Describe the existing policies and procedures used to ensure that valid program entry and exit dates are recorded in the HMIS.

As with the training to improve data quality, training on valid program entry and exit dates takes place during initial and ongoing phases with the systems training staff. Participating agencies each have a training manual which includes the subject of entry and exit dates. As each program was added to the HMIS system, program managers from each participating agency were required to complete a program set up form which detailed their services as well as start and end dates. System administrator will run reports monthly or as requested by program managers to check correct information, including program entry and exit dates. The program managers then have their staff make corrections as necessary, similar to data quality checks. Program managers also request periodic APRs to check how the agency information is being recorded to complete this report and to make any changes as necessary before their program year is completed.

2F. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Usage

Instructions:

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the frequency in which the CoC uses each of the following items:

Data integration/data warehousing to generate unduplicated counts:	Monthly
Use of HMIS for point-in-time count of sheltered persons:	Annually
Use of HMIS for point-in-time count of unsheltered persons:	Annually
Use of HMIS for performance assessment:	Monthly
Use of HMIS for program management:	Monthly
Integration of HMIS data with mainstream system:	Monthly

2G. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data and Technical Standards

Instructions:

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the frequency in which the CoC or HMIS Lead completes a compliance assessment for each of the following standards:

* Unique user name and password	Monthly
* Secure location for equipment	Monthly
* Locking screen savers	Monthly
* Virus protection with auto update	Monthly
* Individual or network firewalls	Monthly
* Restrictions on access to HMIS via public forums	Annually
* Compliance with HMIS Policy and Procedures manual	Annually
* Validation of off-site storage of HMIS data	Monthly

How often does the CoC assess compliance with HMIS Data and Technical Standards? Semi-annually

How often does the CoC aggregate data to a central location (HMIS database or analytical database)? Monthly

Does the CoC have an HMIS Policy and Procedures manual? Yes

If 'Yes' indicate date of last review or update by CoC: 03/02/2008

If 'No' indicate when development of manual will be completed:

2H. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Training

Instructions:

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the frequency in which the CoC or HMIS Lead offers each of the following training activities:

Privacy/Ethics training	Annually
Data Security training	Monthly
Data Quality training	Monthly
Using HMIS data locally	Monthly
Using HMIS data for assessing program performance	Monthly
Basic computer skills training	Monthly
HMIS software training	Monthly

2I. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time Homeless Population

Instructions:

This section must be completed using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons in sheltered and unsheltered locations on a single night. HUD requires CoCs to conduct a point-in-time count at least every two years during the last 10 days of January - January 22nd to 31st - and requests that CoCs conduct a count annually if resources allow. The last required count was in January 2007. Data entered in this chart must reflect a point-in-time count that took place during the last 10 days of January in 2007 or 2008, unless a waiver was received by HUD.

There are six (6) categories of homeless populations on this form. They are:

Households with Dependent Children - Sheltered Emergency
Households with Dependent Children - Sheltered Transitional
Households with Dependent Children - Unsheltered

Households without Dependent Children - Sheltered Emergency
Households without Dependent Children - Sheltered Transitional
Households without Dependent Children - Unsheltered

For each category, the number of households must be less than or equal to the number of persons. For example, in Households with Dependent Children - Sheltered Emergency, the number entered for ?Number of Households? must be less than or equal to the number entered for ?Number of Persons (adults with children).?

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the date of the last PIT count: 01/30/2008

For each homeless population category, the number of households must be less than or equal to the number of persons.

	Households with Dependent Children			
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Number of Households	4	17	0	21
Number of Persons (adults and children)	11	53	0	64

	Households without Dependent Children			
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Number of Households	68	29	10	107
Number of Persons (adults and unaccompanied youth)	68	29	10	107

	All Households/ All Persons			
	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Emergency	Transitional		
Total Households	72	46	10	128

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Total Persons	79	82	10	171

2J. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time Homeless Subpopulations

Instructions:

Enter the number of sheltered and unsheltered adults who belong in each subpopulation category. As in the Homeless Populations chart, this chart must be completed using data from a point-in-time count conducted during the last ten days of January 2007 or January 2008. Only adults should be included in the counts for this chart, except for the Unaccompanied Youth (those under age 18) category. Subpopulation data is required for sheltered persons and optional for unsheltered persons, with the exception of Chronically Homeless.

Complete the following information for the most recent point-in-time (PIT) count conducted using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons. Completion of the "Unsheltered" column is optional for all subpopulations, except for Chronically Homeless.

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
* Chronically Homeless (Federal definition)	13	1	14
* Severely Mentally Ill	23	3	26
* Chronic Substance Abuse	22	5	27
* Veterans	14	0	14
* Persons with HIV/AIDS	2	0	2
* Victims of Domestic Violence	36	0	36
* Unaccompanied Youth (under 18)	13	0	13

2K. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Homeless Population & Subpopulation: Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

Instructions:

Separately calculate and enter the percentage of emergency shelter and transitional housing providers that provided data for the Homeless Population and Subpopulation charts. For example, if 9 out of 12 transitional housing programs provided point-in-time data, enter 75%. If all providers for a program type contributed data, enter 100%.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Annually (every year); Biennially (every other year); Semi-annually (every six months)

How often will the CoC conduct a PIT count? Semi-annually

Enter the date in which the CoC plans to conduct its next annual point-in-time count: 01/27/2009
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Indicate the percentage of providers supplying population and subpopulation data collected via survey, interview, and/or HMIS.

Emergency Shelter providers 100%

Transitional housing providers: 100%

2L. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation: Methods

Instructions:

Survey Providers:

Providers counted the total number of clients residing in each program on the night designated as the point-in-time count.

HMIS:

The CoC used HMIS to complete the point-in-time sheltered count.

Extrapolation:

The CoC used extrapolation techniques to estimate the number and characteristics of sheltered homeless persons from data gathered at most emergency shelters and transitional housing programs.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

**Indicate the method(s) used to count sheltered homeless persons during the last point-in-time count:
(Select all that apply):**

Survey Providers:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HMIS:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Extrapolation: (Extrapolation attachment is required)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Other, specify:

Not applicable.

Describe how the sheltered population data was collected and the count produced. Additionally, comparing your most recent point-in-time count to the last biennial/annual count, describe any factors that may have resulted in an increase, decline or no change in the sheltered count.

The data was collected and the count produced by a CoC wide effort for an annual PIT count with verbal and written instructions plus a review of forms by all housing providers at the January 15, 2008 Homeless Coalition meeting. Instructions were provided to return by mail completed forms on or before 2/5/08. Returned forms were reviewed, data was entered into a spreadsheet and compared to HMIS data for the night of the PIT Count, 1/30/2008. In comparing '08 to '07, there was a decrease in the number of homeless families in emergency shelter due to less families in a hotel/motel shelter situation; an increase in transitional housing due to family size increasing from 2.4 in '07 to 3.11 in '08. There is an increase in the number of single males in emergency shelter from 25 to 46 that according to this shelters director is due to the economy and lack of full time employment. Finally, a new transitional housing program for single individuals began operation after the '07 PIT.

2M. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation Data

Instructions:

HMIS:

Only HMIS used for subpopulation data on sheltered persons (no extrapolation for missing data).

HMIS plus extrapolation:

Extrapolation to account for missing HMIS data and HUD's extrapolation tool completed.

Sample of PIT interviews plus extrapolation:

Interviews conducted with a random or stratified sample of sheltered adults and unaccompanied youth and appropriate HUD extrapolation tool completed.

Interviews:

Interviews conducted with every person staying in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program on the night of the point-in-time count.

Non-HMIS client level information:

Providers used individual client records to provide subpopulation data for each sheltered adult and unaccompanied youth for the night of the point-in-time count.

Other:

CoC used a combination of methods.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the method(s) used to gather and calculate subpopulation data on sheltered homeless persons (select all that apply):

HMIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
HMIS plus extrapolation:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sample of PIT interviews plus extrapolation: (PIT attachment is required)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sample Strategy:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provider Expertise:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-HMIS client level information:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If Other, specify:

Subpopulation data was gathered and calculated from the individual PIT survey forms submitted by providers.

Describe how the sheltered subpopulation data was collected and the count produced. Additionally, comparing your most recent point-in-time count to the last biennial/annual count, describe any factors that may have resulted in an increase, decline or no change in the sheltered subpopulation counts, particularly the chronically homeless count.

The data for sheltered subpopulation was collected and the count produced using the same survey form as for the Point in Time count. Decline in the numbers of subpopulation information is attributed to fact that rather than the providers filling out the forms they had the actual program participants completing the forms and they were less likely to respond to questions about mental health, substance abuse, HIV status and other similar questions.

2N. Continuum of Care (CoC) Sheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation: Data Quality

Instructions:

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the steps used to ensure the data quality of the sheltered persons count:

(select all that apply)

Instructions:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Training:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Remind/Follow-up	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HMIS:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-HMIS de-duplication techniques:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Other, specify:

Not applicable.

Describe the non-HMIS de-duplication techniques (if Non-HMIS de-duplication was selected):

Not applicable.

20. Continuum of Care (CoC) Unsheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation: Methods

Instructions:**Public places count:**

Count conducted based on observation of unsheltered persons without interviews

Public places count with interviews:

Interviewed either all unsheltered persons encountered during public places count or a sample

Service-based count:

Counted homeless persons using non-shelter services based on interviews.

HMIS:

HMIS used to collect, analyze or report data on unsheltered persons.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

**Indicate the method(s) used to count unsheltered homeless persons:
(select all that apply)**

Public places count:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public places count with interviews:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service-based count:	<input type="checkbox"/>
HMIS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Other, specify:

Not applicable.

2P. Continuum of Care (CoC) Unsheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation - Level of Coverage

Instructions:

Complete coverage:

Every part of a specified geography (e.g. entire city, downtown area, etc.) is covered by enumerators.

Known locations:

Counting in areas where unsheltered homeless people are known to congregate or live.

Combination:

Conducting counts for every block in a portion of the jurisdiction (e.g. central city) AND conducting counts in other portions of the jurisdiction where unsheltered persons are known to live.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the level of coverage of the PIT count of unsheltered homeless people: Complete Coverage and Known Locations

If Other, specify:

Not applicable.

2Q. Continuum of Care (CoC) Unsheltered Homeless Population and Subpopulation - Data Quality

Instructions:

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the steps used by the CoC to ensure the data quality of the unsheltered persons count. (select all that apply)

Training:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HMIS:	<input type="checkbox"/>
De-duplication techniques:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Other, specify:

Not applicable.

Describe the techniques used to reduce duplication.

This CoC's method to reduce duplication of unsheltered persons started with a separate meeting of all homeless provider staff who would be responsible to complete the unsheltered count phase of the PIT. Each provider agreed to cover a specific area of the county and to use unique identifiers such as first name, last initial for the persons they located and surveyed.

Describe the CoCs efforts, including outreach plan, to reduce the number of unsheltered homeless households with dependent children.

There were no unsheltered homeless families with dependent children located on the night of the one night count. The Luzerne County CoC efforts, including outreach, continues to be the community wide knowledge of HELPLINE, the 24 hour information and referral network, and the Commission on Economic Opportunity's ability to provide emergency sheltering services to homeless families with children when or if the 2 family shelters in Luzerne County are full or unavailable to the homeless family by utilizing hotel/motel vouchers. This network has been in existence for over 20 years and has been effective in its operation to quickly identify and shelter families with dependent children.

Describe the CoCs efforts to identify and engage persons routinely sleeping on the streets and other places not meant for human habitation. Additionally, comparing your most recent point-in-time count to the last biennial/annual count, describe any factors that may have resulted in an increase, decline or no change in the unsheltered population (especially the chronically homeless and families with children).

The CoC's efforts to identify and engage persons routinely sleeping on the streets or other places not meant for human habitation are through increased outreach efforts and discussions at both the monthly Homeless Coalition and LHOT meetings. At these meetings, discussions to educate attendees as to whom to contact at particular agencies take place. In addition, verbal agreements are made between agencies to create ad hoc outreach teams to get together when such a person is identified in an attempt to make contact with the person. HELPLINE, the Countys 24 hour information and referral network, is also utilized. Finally, VISION, the men's emergency shelter, is routinely contacted by the police departments of local municipalities to conduct outreach in abandoned buildings or parks.

In regards to increase, decline, or no change in the unsheltered population (especially the chronically homeless and families with children), there were no unsheltered families with children as explained previously in this application and a decrease in the number of unsheltered individuals was due to one outreach program's inability to participate in the PIT on 1/30/08 because of other program obligations.

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3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) 10-Year Plan, Objectives and Action Steps

Click on the icon and add requested information for each of the national objectives.

Objective
Create new PH beds for chronically homeless persons
Increase percentage of homeless persons staying in PH over 6 months to at least 71.5%
Increase percentage of homeless persons moving from TH to PH to at least 63.5%
Increase percentage of homeless persons employed at exit to at least 19%
Decrease the number of homeless households with children

CoC 10-Year Plan, Objectives and Action Steps Detail

Instructions:

Provide local action steps and measurable achievements for attaining each of the five national HUD objectives listed, as part of the goal to end chronic homelessness and help to move families and individuals into permanent housing.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Select Objective: Create new PH beds for chronically homeless persons

Objectives to End Chronic Homelessness and Move Families and Individuals to Permanent Housing

2008 Local Action Steps

List local action steps for attaining this objective within the next 12 months. Also, in the "Lead Person" column, identify the title of one person responsible for accomplishing each action step and the organization which they represent.

		Lead Person
Action Step 1	Apply for 12 bed Shelter +Care project for chronically homeless persons in 2008.	Carlie Wetzel, Block Grant Coordinator, Luzerne County Office of Human Services
Action Step 2	Explore alternative sources of support service match and encourage the Public Housing Authorities and other potential providers to apply for new Shelter + Care beds for the chronically homeless in 2009.	Noel Duffy, Director of Special Projects, Commission on Economic Opportunity
Action Step 3	Advocate with current HUD Permanent Supportive Housing Programs to formally designate program vacancies for chronically homeless individuals.	Stephanie Wolownik, Executive Director, Reach of St. Stephen's

Proposed Numeric Achievements

	%/Beds/Households
Baseline (Current Level)	14
Numeric Achievement in 12 months	21
Numeric Achievement in 5 years	31
Numeric Achievement in 10 years	41

CoC 10-Year Plan, Objectives and Action Steps Detail

Instructions:

Provide local action steps and measurable achievements for attaining each of the five national HUD objectives listed, as part of the goal to end chronic homelessness and help to move families and individuals into permanent housing.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Select Objective: Increase percentage of homeless persons staying in PH over 6 months to at least 71.5%

Objectives to End Chronic Homelessness and Move Families and Individuals to Permanent Housing

2008 Local Action Steps

List local action steps for attaining this objective within the next 12 months. Also, in the "Lead Person" column, identify the title of one person responsible for accomplishing each action step and the organization which they represent.

		Lead Person
Action Step 1	Develop and implement an early warning system and CoC wide strategy for eviction prevention as a follow up to the 2007 study on barriers to persons staying in permanent housing.	Christine Elias, Housing Specialist, Housing Development Corporation of NEPA
Action Step 2	Continue to identify and pursue resources for funding mental health and substance abuse treatment and services for homeless persons.	Rich Burns, Deputy Administrator, Luzerne County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program
Action Step 3	Develop a Peer Housing Support/Mentor Program.	Beth Hollinger, Supervisor of Case Management, Community Counseling Services

Proposed Numeric Achievements

	%/Beds/Households
Baseline (Current Level)	73
Numeric Achievement in 12 months	75
Numeric Achievement in 5 years	77
Numeric Achievement in 10 years	80

CoC 10-Year Plan, Objectives and Action Steps Detail

Instructions:

Provide local action steps and measurable achievements for attaining each of the five national HUD objectives listed, as part of the goal to end chronic homelessness and help to move families and individuals into permanent housing.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Select Objective: Increase percentage of homeless persons moving from TH to PH to at least 63.5%

Objectives to End Chronic Homelessness and Move Families and Individuals to Permanent Housing

2008 Local Action Steps

List local action steps for attaining this objective within the next 12 months. Also, in the "Lead Person" column, identify the title of one person responsible for accomplishing each action step and the organization which they represent.

		Lead Person
Action Step 1	Provide counseling workshops on tenant rights and responsibilities, budgeting and how to deal with landlords to transitional housing participants.	Mary Zack, Chair, Luzerne County Homeless Coalition Transitional Housing Subcommittee
Action Step 2	Advocate with the Public Housing Authorities to establish preferences in the public housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs for homeless and formerly homeless households moving from transitional housing.	Joseph DeVizia, Executive Director, Luzerne County Office of Human Services
Action Step 3	Develop a one stop shop for information on available supports and services for tenants and landlords to encourage landlords to increase participation in rental assistance programs, especially for persons with criminal histories.	David Ritter, Director Housing/Outreach, Commission on Economic Opportunity

Proposed Numeric Achievements

	%/Beds/Households
Baseline (Current Level)	72
Numeric Achievement in 12 months	75
Numeric Achievement in 5 years	77
Numeric Achievement in 10 years	80

CoC 10-Year Plan, Objectives and Action Steps Detail

Instructions:

Provide local action steps and measurable achievements for attaining each of the five national HUD objectives listed, as part of the goal to end chronic homelessness and help to move families and individuals into permanent housing.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Select Objective: Increase percentage of homeless persons employed at exit to at least 19%

Objectives to End Chronic Homelessness and Move Families and Individuals to Permanent Housing

2008 Local Action Steps

List local action steps for attaining this objective within the next 12 months. Also, in the "Lead Person" column, identify the title of one person responsible for accomplishing each action step and the organization which they represent.

		Lead Person
Action Step 1	Develop a protocol for providers to assist program participants with document retrieval so that they have proper identification to successfully apply for and maintain employment.	Anne Marie McCawley, Project Coordinator, Catholic Social Services
Action Step 2	Work with the Luzerne County Career Link and Workforce Investment Board to target homeless persons and address specific impediments to their participation in employment programs.	Pamela Lipski, Public Service Manager, Luzerne County Office of Community Development
Action Step 3	Identify potential employers and encourage them to hire homeless persons and make sure the necessary employment supports are in place.	Vincent Kabacinski, Executive Director, V.I.S.I.O.N., Inc.

Proposed Numeric Achievements

	%/Beds/Households
Baseline (Current Level)	41
Numeric Achievement in 12 months	42
Numeric Achievement in 5 years	45
Numeric Achievement in 10 years	48

CoC 10-Year Plan, Objectives and Action Steps Detail

Instructions:

Provide local action steps and measurable achievements for attaining each of the five national HUD objectives listed, as part of the goal to end chronic homelessness and help to move families and individuals into permanent housing.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Select Objective: Decrease the number of homeless households with children

Objectives to End Chronic Homelessness and Move Families and Individuals to Permanent Housing

2008 Local Action Steps

List local action steps for attaining this objective within the next 12 months. Also, in the "Lead Person" column, identify the title of one person responsible for accomplishing each action step and the organization which they represent.

		Lead Person
Action Step 1	Design, submit and implement a program for Rapid Re Housing to provide rental assistance and support services for 12 homeless families with children.	Barbara Gomb, Case Management Supervisor, Commission on Economic Opportunity
Action Step 2	Submit and implement a program to provide permanent supportive housing rental assistance and case management services to 8 families in the Hazleton Area.	Neil Oberto, Executive Director, Catholic Social Services- Hazleton
Action Step 3	Develop a strategy for addressing the recent increase in single male head of household families with children seeking homeless services.	Jean Zaleskas, Director, Salvation Army Kirby Family House

Proposed Numeric Achievements

	%/Beds/Households
Baseline (Current Level)	0
Numeric Achievement in 12 months	20
Numeric Achievement in 5 years	70
Numeric Achievement in 10 years	130

3B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning Protocols: Level of Development

Instructions:

Pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Act, to the maximum extent practicable, persons discharged from publicly funded institutions or systems of care should not be discharged into homelessness. For each system of care, the CoC should indicate the level of development for its discharge planning policy.

For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Foster Care Discharge Protocol: Protocol in Development
Health Care Discharge Protocol: Protocol in Development
Mental Health Discharge Protocol: Protocol in Development
Corrections Discharge Protocol: Protocol in Development

3C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning Protocols: Narratives

For each system of care describe the discharge planning protocol. For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Foster Discharge

For Protocol in Development, indicate the collaborating agencies/partners, the estimated date of implementation, and a brief description of the protocol being developed.

The PA State Legislature, DPW Office of Children and Youth and several committees/advocacy groups are working to develop a protocol for foster care discharge in PA. Two initiatives in development are: proposed House Bill No.2582, providing for the disposition of dependent children including a written plan that identifies appropriate services and supports for the child's transition from the child welfare system and requires a description of the child's suitable housing plan.; and the Commonwealth's forthcoming Child Welfare Program Improvement Plan to improve outcomes of children and families in areas of safety, permanence and well-being. Some actions will include instituting improved transition planning, services and discharge protocols and reexamining the availability and quality of foster placement setting to improve transition for youth likely to age out of foster care.

The Luzerne County C&Y will follow any adopted Commonwealth protocol. Currently Luzerne County C&Y implements a dual discharge policy-a Family Service Plan and the Independent Living Services plan with no discharge from their system automatically when someone turns 18. Luzerne County C&Y will continue to follow this dual discharge policy and work with the Homeless Coalition as well as as the Luzerne County No Wrong Door Oversight Committee to make services more easily accessible for county residents. A CoC formal protocol will be developed and implemented by March 17, 2009.

Health Care Discharge

For Protocol in Development, indicate the collaborating agencies/partners, the estimated date of implementation, and a brief description of the protocol being developed.

Pennsylvania hospitals must have written discharge policies for appropriate referral and transfer plans that comply with requirements of the Federal Conditions for Participation in Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Pennsylvania Code (028 Section 105.22 and 117.15). A copy of the section of this PA Code is attached. Compliance with these regulations is the responsibility of the PA Department of Health, Division of Acute and Ambulatory Care.

At present the hospitals in Luzerne County discharge directly to the emergency shelter; contact HELPLINE (the Countys 24 hour I & R network); sometimes initiate a phone call to the appropriate service provider; or at times the homeless person just shows up at the provider agency. The Luzerne County Homeless Coalition will establish a protocol for hospital discharges through meetings with hospital discharge planners and provide them a discharge flow sheet (in development). The Luzerne County Homeless Coalition will also work with the Luzerne County No Wrong Door Oversight Committee to make services more easily accessible for county residents. Luzerne County CoC will follow the attached protocol until a formal CoC protocol with the health care system is developed and implemented by March 17, 2009.

Mental Health Discharge

For Protocol in Development, indicate the collaborating agencies/partners, the estimated date of implementation, and a brief description of the protocol being developed.

PA has a formal policy that no discharge from a state hospital can occur unless all housing, treatment, case management and rehabilitation services are in place at the county level. Attached is the OMHSAS Continuity of Care Bulletin. Specific reference to housing is in the Model Letter of Agreement, under Discharge, Sec c,1,(g). Living Arrangements (Appendix A, page 2.). Luzerne County is served by Clarks Summit State Hospital with a Discharge Planning Committee composed of state and county officials, consumers and family members responsible for developing a plan for moving individuals from the hospital to the community. Community Counseling Services, Northeast Counseling Services and the VA Medical Center are active representative of this committee that works with individuals from the early stages of institutionalization to residential placement upon discharge. Finally, the PA OMHSAS provides technical assistance to the Discharge Planning Committee in creating community housing options through its housing consultant. The Luzerne County Housing Options Team takes advantage of this technical assistance and explores housing options for this population.

Luzerne County CoC will continue to follow the States formal mental health system discharge policy (attached) as well as work with the Luzerne County No Wrong Door Oversight Committee to make services more easily accessible for county residents. A formal CoC protocol will be implemented by March 17, 2009.

Correction Discharge

For Protocol in Development, indicate the collaborating agencies/partners, the estimated date of implementation, and a brief description of the protocol being developed.

Pennsylvania has 2 ways of ensuring that individuals released from a State Correctional Institution do not become homeless. First, the PA Department of Corrections issued a policy statement on Inmate Reentry and Transition dated January 5, 2006(attached) requiring that the continuity of care planners in each institution make every effort to assure a viable home plan and follow-up services for all who will be released at the maximum term of their sentence including providing each inmate with written information on housing, a photo ID, and other personal documents. In addition, linkages have been made with the Veterans Administration to access benefits for which veterans are eligible. Second, the PA Board of Probation and Parole has a formal policy dated April 30, 2004 that no individual may be released on parole without an approved Home Plan as referenced in the attached document.

Luzerne County CoC recognizes that released inmates face obstacles in securing appropriate housing in the community. The Luzerne County Homeless Coalition is working to identify and educate potential landlords and obtain commitments from them to house this forensic population. Luzerne County CoC will continue to follow the attached States formal discharge from the corrections system as well as work with the Luzerne County No Wrong Door Oversight Committee to make services more easily accessible for county residents. A formal CoC protocol will be implemented by March 17, 2009.

3D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Discharge Planning Protocol: Attachments

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
Foster Care Discharge Protocol	No	--	No Attachment
Mental Health Discharge Protocol	No	PA Mental Health ...	10/06/2008
Corrections Discharge Protocol	No	PA Corrections an...	10/07/2008
Health Care Discharge Protocol	No	PA Hospital Disch...	10/06/2008

Attachment Details

Document Description:

Please Note: Any CoC that selected "Formal Protocol Finalized" or "Formal Protocol Implemented" must attach a copy of the protocol for the applicable system of care in order to receive full credit.

Attachment Details

Document Description: PA Mental Health System Discharge Policy

Please Note: Any CoC that selected "Formal Protocol Finalized" or "Formal Protocol Implemented" must attach a copy of the protocol for the applicable system of care in order to receive full credit.

Attachment Details

Document Description: PA Corrections and Parole Discharge Policies

Please Note: Any CoC that selected "Formal Protocol Finalized" or "Formal Protocol Implemented" must attach a copy of the protocol for the applicable system of care in order to receive full credit.

Attachment Details

Document Description: PA Hospital Discharge Policy

Please Note: Any CoC that selected "Formal Protocol Finalized" or "Formal Protocol Implemented" must attach a copy of the protocol for the applicable system of care in order to receive full credit.

3E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordination

CoCs should coordinate, as appropriate, with any existing strategic planning groups to assess the local homeless system and identify shortcomings and unmet needs. Answer the following questions regarding coordination in the CoC.

Does the CoC's Consolidated Plan include the CoC strategic plan goals to address homelessness and chronic homelessness? Yes

If yes, briefly list a few of the goals included in the Consolidated Plan:

Goals to address homelessness and chronic homeless included in the Luzerne County Consolidated Plan are:
 -Sustainability of low and moderate family support and improve public services- provide social service to special populations, homeless and non-homeless in need of such services.
 -Accessibility of special needs housing for homeless and non-homeless persons- provide financing for the development of permanent service-enriched housing for the physically/mentally challenged and other special needs populations.
 -Outreach to identify chronically homeless persons in Luzerne County.
 Prevention of chronic homelessness before the situation occurs.
 -The provision of permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless

Within the CoC's geographic area, is one or more jurisdictional 10-year plan(s) being developed or implemented (separate from the CoC 10-year plan)? No

Does the 10-year plan include the CoC strategic plan goals to address homelessness and chronic homelessness? Yes

If yes, briefly list a few of the goals included in the 10-year plan(s):

Goals to address homelessness and chronic homeless in the Luzerne County 10-year Plan are: determine the numbers and needs of the Luzerne County homeless population on an annual basis; prevent homelessness through maximum use of mainstream resources by improving access to and utilization of existing programs; reduce the incidence of individuals and families becoming homeless through improved discharge planning from jails/prisons, hospitals and childrens services; explore housing options for homeless subpopulations including chronic homeless persons and the hard to serve homeless populations; expand affordable accessible housing opportunities for homeless families and individuals; increase access to behavior health services; educate elected officials, emergency personnel and the general public about causes, resources and obstacles to addressing homelessness.

3F. Hold Harmless Need (HHN) Reallocation

Instructions:

CoC's that are in Hold Harmless Need status may choose to eliminate or reduce one or more of their SHP grants eligible for renewal in the 2008 CoC competition. CoC's may reallocate the funds made available through this process to create new permanent housing projects or HMIS. Reallocation projects may be SHP (1, 2, or 3 years), SPC (5 years) or Section 8 SRO (10 years). CoC's that are in Preliminary Pro Rate Need (PPRN) status are not eligible to reallocate projects. Reallocated funds cannot be used for Samaritan Housing project(s).

Refer to the NOFA for additional guidance on reallocating projects.

**Is the CoC reallocating funds from No
one or more expiring renewal
grant(s) to one or more
new project(s)?**

CoC's that are in Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) status are not eligible to reallocate projects.

4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) 2007 Achievements

Instructions:

For the five HUD national objectives in the 2007 CoC application, enter the 12-month numeric achievements that you provided in Exhibit 1, Chart N of the 2007 CoC application in the first column, "Proposed 12-Month Achievement". Under "Actual 12-Month Achievement" enter the numeric achievement that you CoC attained within the past 12 months that is directly related to the relevant national objective.

Objective	Proposed 12-Month Achievement (number of beds or percentage)	Actual 12-Month Achievement (number of beds or percentage)	
Create new PH beds for CH	17	Beds	14 B e d s
Increase percentage of homeless persons staying in PH over 6 months to at least 71%	71 %		73 %
Increase percentage of homeless persons moving from TH to PH to at least 61.5%	65 %		72 %
Increase percentage of homeless persons employed at exit to at least 18%	33 %		41 %
Ensure that the CoC has a functional HMIS system	100 %		95 %

4B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Chronic Homeless Progress

Complete the following fields using data from the last point-in-time (PIT) count and housing inventory count. For additional instructions, refer to the detailed instructions available on the left menu bar.

Indicate the total number of chronically homeless persons and total number of permanent housing beds designated for the chronically homeless persons in your CoC for each year

Year	Number of CH Persons	Number of PH beds for the CH
2006	21	0
2007	16	7
2008	14	21

Indicate the number of new PH beds in place ⁶ and made available for occupancy for the chronically homeless between February 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008

Identify the amount of funds from each funding source for the development and operations costs of the new CH beds created between February 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008.

Cost Type	HUD McKinney-Vento	Other Federal	State	Local	Private
Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operations	\$171,125	\$0	\$36,123	\$0	\$0
Total	\$171,125	\$0	\$36,123	\$0	\$0

4C. Continuum of Care (CoC) Housing Performance

Using data from the most recently submitted APRs for each of the projects within the CoC, provide information about the CoCs progress in reducing homelessness by helping clients move to and stabilize in permanent housing.

Participants in Permanent Housing (PH)	
a. Number of participants who exited permanent housing project(s)	16
b. Number of participants who did not leave the project(s)	35
c. Number of participants who exited after staying 6 months or longer	12
d. Number of participants who did not exit after staying 6 months or longer	25
e. Number of participants who did not leave and were enrolled for 5 months or less	183
TOTAL PH (%)	73
Participants in Transitional Housing (TH)	
a. Number of participants who exited TH project(s), including unknown destination	25
b. Number of participants who moved to PH	18
TOTAL TH (%)	72

4D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Enrollment in Mainstream Programs and Employment Information

Using data from the most recently submitted APRs for each of the projects within the CoC, provide information about the CoCs progress in reducing homelessness by helping clients access mainstream services and gain employment.

Total Number of Exiting Adults: 485

Mainstream Program	Number of Exiting Adults	Exit Percentage (Auto-calculated)
SSI	155	32 %
SSDI	63	13 %
Social Security	37	8 %
General Public Assistance	48	10 %
TANF	69	14 %
SCHIP	0	0 %
Veterans Benefits	12	2 %
Employment Income	197	41 %
Unemployment Benefits	8	2 %
Veterans Health Care	41	8 %
Medicaid	191	39 %
Food Stamps	195	40 %
Other (Please specify below)	20	4 %
Child Support, Workman's Compensation, Private Pension, Private Health Insurance		
No Financial Resources	41	8 %

The percentage values are automatically calculated by the system when you click the "save" button.

4E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Participation in Energy Star and Section 3 Employment Policy

Instructions:

HUD promotes energy-efficient housing. All McKinney-Vento funded projects are encouraged to purchase and use Energy Star labeled products. For information on Energy Star initiative go to: <http://www.energystar.gov>

A "Section 3 business concern" is one in which: 51% or more of the owners are section 3 residents of the area of service; or at least 30% of its permanent full-time employees are currently section 3 residents of the area of service, or within three years of their date of hire with the business concern were section 3 residents; or evidence of a commitment to subcontract greater than 25% of the dollar award of all subcontracts to businesses that meet the qualifications in the above categories is provided. The "Section 3 clause" can be found at 24 CFR Part 135.

Has the CoC notified its members of the Energy Star Initiative? Yes

Are any projects within the CoC requesting funds for housing rehabilitation or new construction? No

4F. Continuum of Care (CoC) Enrollment and Participation in Mainstream Programs

Does the CoC systematically analyze the APRs for its projects to assess and improve access to mainstream programs? Yes

If 'Yes', describe the process and the frequency that it occurs.

Both the Supportive Services/Prevention Subcommittee and the Ranking Committee of the Luzerne County Homeless Coalition analyze the APRs of all renewal projects during the year. The Supportive Services/Prevention Subcommittee reviews access to mainstream programs on a monthly basis at Homeless Coalition meetings, provides email or hardcopies of updates/information on programs or arranges for mainstream providers to offer training sessions to benefit staff of homeless service agencies. The Ranking Committee does an annual review of renewal APR's requesting clarification of information if necessary.

Does the CoC have an active planning committee that meets at least 3 times per year to improve CoC-wide participation in mainstream programs? Yes

If "Yes", indicate all meeting dates in the past 12 months.

Meeting dates in the past 12 months: 10/3/2007; 1/15/2008; 5/8/2008; and 7/15/2008.

Does the CoC coordinate with the State Interagency Council on Homelessness to reduce or remove barriers to accessing mainstream services? Yes

Does the CoC and/or its providers have specialized staff whose primary responsibility is to identify, enroll, and follow-up with homeless persons on participation in mainstream programs? Yes

If yes, identify these staff members Both

Does the CoC systematically provide training on how to identify eligibility and program changes for mainstream programs to provider staff. Yes

If "Yes", specify the frequency of the training. Monthly or more

Does the CoC uses HMIS to screen for benefit eligibility? Yes

If "Yes", indicate for which mainstream programs HMIS completes screening.

SSI, SSDI, TANF, GA, Medicaid, Food Stamps, SCHIP, Veterans Benefits(pension, disability or health care).

Has the CoC participated in SOAR training? No

If "Yes", indicate training date(s).

Not applicable.

4G: Homeless Assistance Providers Enrollment and Participation in Mainstream Programs

Indicate the percentage of homeless assistance providers that are implementing the following activities:

Activity	Percentage
1. Case managers systematically assist clients in completing applications for mainstream benefits. 1a. Describe how service is generally provided: At the intake/assessment phase, homeless provider staff identify what mainstream benefits are needed and utilize multiple means to arrange for or accompany a client to appointments to apply for benefits. The tools used can include written answers to questions on the assessment form; the "FirstStep" on line tool or hard copies of "FirstStep" information; and/or the PA DPW COMPASS system.	90%
2. Homeless assistance providers supply transportation assistance to clients to attend mainstream benefit appointments, employment training, or jobs.	90%
3. Homeless assistance providers use a single application form for four or more mainstream programs: 3.a indicate for which mainstream programs the form applies: SSI, SSDI, TANF, GA, Medicaid, Food Stamps, SCHIP, Veterans Benefits(pension, disability or health care).	90%
4. Homeless assistance providers have staff systematically follow-up to ensure mainstream benefits are received. 4a. Describe the follow-up process: Homeless provider staff systematically follow up to ensure mainstream benefits are received first by accompanying clients to appoints as necessary; second by asking both client and mainstream provider staff to see a copy of determination letter; advocating on behalf of client for further information to be provided or a second review; referring client for legal advice if needed	90%

Questionnaire for HUD's Initiative on Removal of Regulatory Barriers (HUD 27300)

Complete Part A if the CoC Lead Agency is a local jurisdiction (a county exercising land use and building regulatory authority and another applicant type applying for projects located in such jurisdiction or county (collectively or jurisdiction)).

Complete Part B if the CoC Lead Agency is a State agency, department, or other applicant for projects located in unincorporated areas or areas otherwise not covered in Part A.

Indicate the section applicable to the CoC Lead Agency: Part A

Part A - Questionnaire for HUD's Initiative on Removal of Regulatory Barriers

Part A. Local Jurisdictions. Counties Exercising Land Use and Building Regulatory Authority and Other Applicants Applying for Projects Located in such Jurisdictions or Counties [Collectively, Jurisdiction]

<p>*1. Does your jurisdiction's comprehensive plan (or in the case of a tribe or TDHE, a local Indian Housing Plan) include a "housing element"?</p> <p>A local comprehensive plan means the adopted official statement of a legislative body of a local government that sets forth (in words, maps, illustrations, and/or tables) goals, policies, and guidelines intended to direct the present and future physical, social, and economic development that occurs within its planning jurisdiction and that includes a unified physical plan for the public development of land and water. If your jurisdiction does not have a local comprehensive plan with a housing element, please select No. If you select No, skip to question # 4.</p>	Yes
<p>2. If your jurisdiction has a comprehensive plan with a housing element, does the plan provide estimates of current and anticipated housing needs, taking into account the anticipated growth of the region, for existing and future residents, including low, moderate and middle income families, for at least the next five years?</p>	Yes
<p>3. Does your zoning ordinance and map, development and subdivision regulations or other land use controls conform to the jurisdiction's comprehensive plan regarding housing needs by providing: a) sufficient land use and density categories (multi-family housing, duplexes, small lot homes and other similar elements); and, b) sufficient land zoned or mapped "as of right" in these categories, that can permit the building of affordable housing addressing the needs identified in the plan?</p> <p>(For purposes of this notice, "as-of-right" as applied to zoning, means uses and development standards that are determined in advance and specifically authorized by the zoning ordinance. The ordinance is largely self-enforcing because little or no discretion occurs in its administration). If the jurisdiction has chosen not to have either zoning, or other development controls that have varying standards based upon districts or zones, the applicant may also enter yes.</p>	Yes
<p>4. Does your jurisdiction's zoning ordinance set minimum building size requirements that exceed the local housing or health code or that are otherwise not based upon explicit health standards?</p>	Yes
<p>*5. If your jurisdiction has development impact fees, are the fees specified and calculated under local or state statutory criteria?</p> <p>If no, skip to question #7. Alternatively, if your jurisdiction does not have impact fees, you may select Yes.</p>	No
<p>6. If yes to question #5, does the statute provide criteria that sets standards for the allowable type of capital investments that have a direct relationship between the fee and the development (nexus), and a method for fee calculation?</p>	Yes

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*7. If your jurisdiction has impact or other significant fees, does the jurisdiction provide waivers of these fees for affordable housing?	Yes
*8. Has your jurisdiction adopted specific building code language regarding housing rehabilitation that encourages such rehabilitation through graded regulatory requirements applicable as different levels of work are performed in existing buildings? Such code language increases regulatory requirements (the additional improvements required as a matter of regulatory policy) in proportion to the extent of rehabilitation that an owner/developer chooses to do on a voluntary basis. For further information see HUD publication: Smart Codes in Your Community: A Guide to Building Rehabilitation Codes (http://www.huduser.org/publications/destech/smartcodes.html .)	Yes
*9. Does your jurisdiction use a recent version (i.e. published within the last 5 years or, if no recent version has been published, the last version published) of one of the nationally recognized model building codes (i.e. the International Code Council (ICC), the Building Officials and Code Administrators International (BOCA), the Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCI), the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)) without significant technical amendment or modification. In the case of a tribe or TDHE, has a recent version of one of the model building codes as described above been adopted or, alternatively, has the tribe or TDHE adopted a building code that is substantially equivalent to one or more of the recognized model building codes? Alternatively, if a significant technical amendment has been made to the above model codes, can the jurisdiction supply supporting data that the amendments do not negatively impact affordability.	Yes
*10. Does your jurisdiction's zoning ordinance or land use regulations permit manufactured (HUD-Code) housing "as of right" in all residential districts and zoning classifications in which similar site-built housing is permitted, subject to design, density, building size, foundation requirements, and other similar requirements applicable to other housing that will be deemed realty, irrespective of the method of production?	Yes
*11. Within the past five years, has a jurisdiction official (i.e., chief executive, mayor, county chairman, city manager, administrator, or a tribally recognized official, etc.), the local legislative body, or planning commission, directly, or in partnership with major private or public stakeholders, convened or funded comprehensive studies, commissions, or hearings, or has the jurisdiction established a formal ongoing process, to review the rules, regulations, development standards, and processes of the jurisdiction to assess their impact on the supply of affordable housing?	Yes
*12. Within the past five years, has the jurisdiction initiated major regulatory reforms either as a result of the above study or as a result of information identified in the barrier component of the jurisdiction's "HUD Consolidated Plan?" If yes, briefly describe. (Limit 2,000 characters.) Uniform Construction Codes which standardize requirements across the board have been instituted.	Yes
*13. Within the past five years has your jurisdiction modified infrastructure standards and/or authorized the use of new infrastructure technologies (e.g. water, sewer, street width) to significantly reduce the cost of housing?	Yes

Part A - Page 3

<p>*14. Does your jurisdiction give "as-of-right" density bonuses sufficient to offset the cost of building below market units as an incentive for any market rate residential development that includes a portion of affordable housing?</p> <p>(As applied to density bonuses, "as of right" means a density bonus granted for a fixed percentage or number of additional market rate dwelling units in exchange for the provision of a fixed number or percentage of affordable dwelling units and without the use of discretion in determining the number of additional market rate units.)</p>	No
<p>*15. Has your jurisdiction established a single, consolidated permit application process for housing development that includes building, zoning, engineering, environmental, and related permits?</p> <p>Alternatively, does your jurisdiction conduct concurrent, not sequential, reviews for all required permits and approvals?</p>	Yes
<p>*16. Does your jurisdiction provide for expedited or "fast track" permitting and approvals for all affordable housing projects in your community?</p>	Yes
<p>*17. Has your jurisdiction established time limits for government review and approval or disapproval of development permits in which failure to act, after the application is deemed complete, by the government within the designated time period, results in automatic approval?</p>	Yes
<p>*18. Does your jurisdiction allow "accessory apartments" either as: a) a special exception or conditional use in all single-family residential zones or, b) "as of right" in a majority of residential districts otherwise zoned for single-family housing?</p>	No
<p>*19. Does your jurisdiction have an explicit policy that adjusts or waives existing parking requirements for all affordable housing developments?</p>	No
<p>*20. Does your jurisdiction require affordable housing projects to undergo public review or special hearings when the project is otherwise in full compliance with the zoning ordinance and other development regulations?</p>	No

Continuum of Care (CoC) Project Listing

Instructions:

To upload all Exhibit 2 applications that have been submitted to this CoC, click on the "Update List" button. This process may take several hours depending on the size of the CoC, however the CoC can either work on other parts of Exhibit 1 or it can log out of e-snaps and come back later to view the updated list. To rank a project, click on the icon next to each project to view project details.

For additional instructions, refer to the 2008 Project Listing Instructions on the left-hand menu bar.

Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Proj Type	Prog Type	Comp Type	Rank
See Yourself Succeed	2008-09-12 16:54:...	1 Year	Domestic Violence...	57,015	Renewal Project	SHP	SSO	F11
Rose of Sharon	2008-09-10 11:50:...	1 Year	Catholic Social S...	59,154	Renewal Project	SHP	TH	F8
CEO PSH for Chron...	2008-09-08 12:05:...	1 Year	Commissio n on Eco...	201,033	Renewal Project	SHP	PH	F4
CEO SHP Case Mana...	2008-09-08 12:02:...	1 Year	Commissio n on Eco...	260,819	Renewal Project	SHP	SSO	F10
Luzerne County Co...	2008-09-08 12:13:...	1 Year	Commissio n on Eco...	164,486	Renewal Project	SHP	HMIS	F15
CEO-VA Transition..	2008-09-08 12:04:...	1 Year	Commissio n on Eco...	179,869	Renewal Project	SHP	TH	F6
Manna House	2008-09-10 09:41:...	1 Year	Volunteers of Ame...	291,572	Renewal Project	SHP	TH	F7
CYC Homeless Chil...	2008-09-22 09:40:...	1 Year	Catholic Youth Ce...	318,101	Renewal Project	SHP	SSO	F14
St. Ann	2008-10-07 08:43:...	3 Years	Catholic Social S...	321,347	New Project	SHP	PH	F5
Employment Traini...	2008-09-10 11:46:...	1 Year	Catholic Social S...	88,200	Renewal Project	SHP	SSO	F12
LIU #18 Supportiv..	2008-09-11 20:08:...	1 Year	Luzerne Intermedi..	63,210	Renewal Project	SHP	SSO	F13
HDC PSH-10 unit	2008-09-09 12:38:...	2 Years	Housing Developm e...	195,712	Renewal Project	SHP	PH	F2
CEO Rapid Re-Hous...	2008-09-12 09:12:...	3 Years	Commissio n on Eco...	467,075	New Project	SHP	TH	R16

Commission on Economic Opportunity							COC_REG_v10_000380	
Gabriel House	2008-09-10 11:49:...	1 Year	Catholic Social S...	120,750	Renewal Project	SHP	TH	F9
Luzerne County Sh...	2008-09-08 16:04:...	5 Years	Luzerne County	375,120	New Project	S+C	TRA	S1
HDC-PSH-12 unit	2008-09-09 12:37:...	1 Year	Housing Developm e...	166,627	Renewal Project	SHP	PH	F3

Budget Summary

FPRN	\$2,487,895
Rapid Re-Housing	\$467,075
Samaritan Housing	\$375,120
SPC Renewal	\$0
Rejected	\$0

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Reference #12

Copy of

Application to

the United States

Department of Homeland Security

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
 EXCESS FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY

G.M.R. NO. 1888-0383
 Expires February 28, 2007

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SECTION I - APPLICANT/RECIPIENT DATA

1. APPLICANT'S NAME Plains Township	2. ORGANIZATION Local Redevelopment Authority
3. ADDRESS 136 N Main St. 1 st CITY Plains	4. COUNTY Luzerne
5. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11th	6. STATE Pa.
7. ZIP CODE 178705	8. NAME OF CONTACT Rose Corcoran
9. FAX NUMBER 570-829-0710	10. EMAIL ADDRESS plains.township@gmail.com

II - TYPE OF ACTION

1. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION (Name, if applicable) Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center	2. GSA NUMBER (if applicable)
3. BASE REALIGNMENT IDENTIFICATION (if applicable)	4. DATE APPLICANT ADVISED GSA OR BRAC OFFICE OF INTEREST (Please provide copies of letters)
5. TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT	

6. Provide a brief description of applicant's project (please provide detailed information regarding your emergency management response use of the property):

a. Describe the emergency management response organization to benefit from the conveyance.

Fire and Police Departments of Plains Township

b. Describe the emergency management response program/project activities (e.g., training).

Education and training

c. Provide a table for accomplishing renovation/construction and implementing the program after the property is certified or conveyed, and deeded.

d. Recommend language that could be included in the property conveyance document establishing conditions for the perpetual use of the property for the emergency management response facility.

SECTION I - ACQUISITION AUTHORITY

1. Identify the State and local government agency that is authorized by law to enter into contracts with the Federal Government for the conveyance of real property. (Please provide a copy of the State enabling legislation and cite the actual paragraph or portion of the legislation that establishes that authority).

Local Redevelopment Authority of Plains Township

2. If the above-authorized agency is not the applicant agency, provide written delegation from the authorized agency to procure the requested property.

3. Include a proposal.

SECTION II - ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The applicant proposes continued use of the existing facility in ways similar to its previous use. Based upon FEMA experience in the implementation of similar uses, the environmental impact of the identified use would be none to minimal. The applicant's description of the proposed use does not indicate any special issues that would suggest a different level of impact in this case. The applicant and any agency funding, issuing permits, or enacting the property transfer or project implementation should consider additional information as appropriate to comply with relevant State and Federal environmental laws and executive orders. This compliance would also apply if and when a day care center is added to the facility.

SECTION III - CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the data in this application is true and correct, that the governing body of the applicant has duly authorized the application, that the applicant proposes continued use of the facility in ways similar to its previous use, that the proposed use does not indicate any special environmental concerns, and that the property transfer or project implementation will comply with all relevant State and Federal environmental laws and executive orders.

SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE

[Handwritten Signature]

TYPED NAME AND TITLE

Rose Greenman-Commissioner

DATE

3-5-07

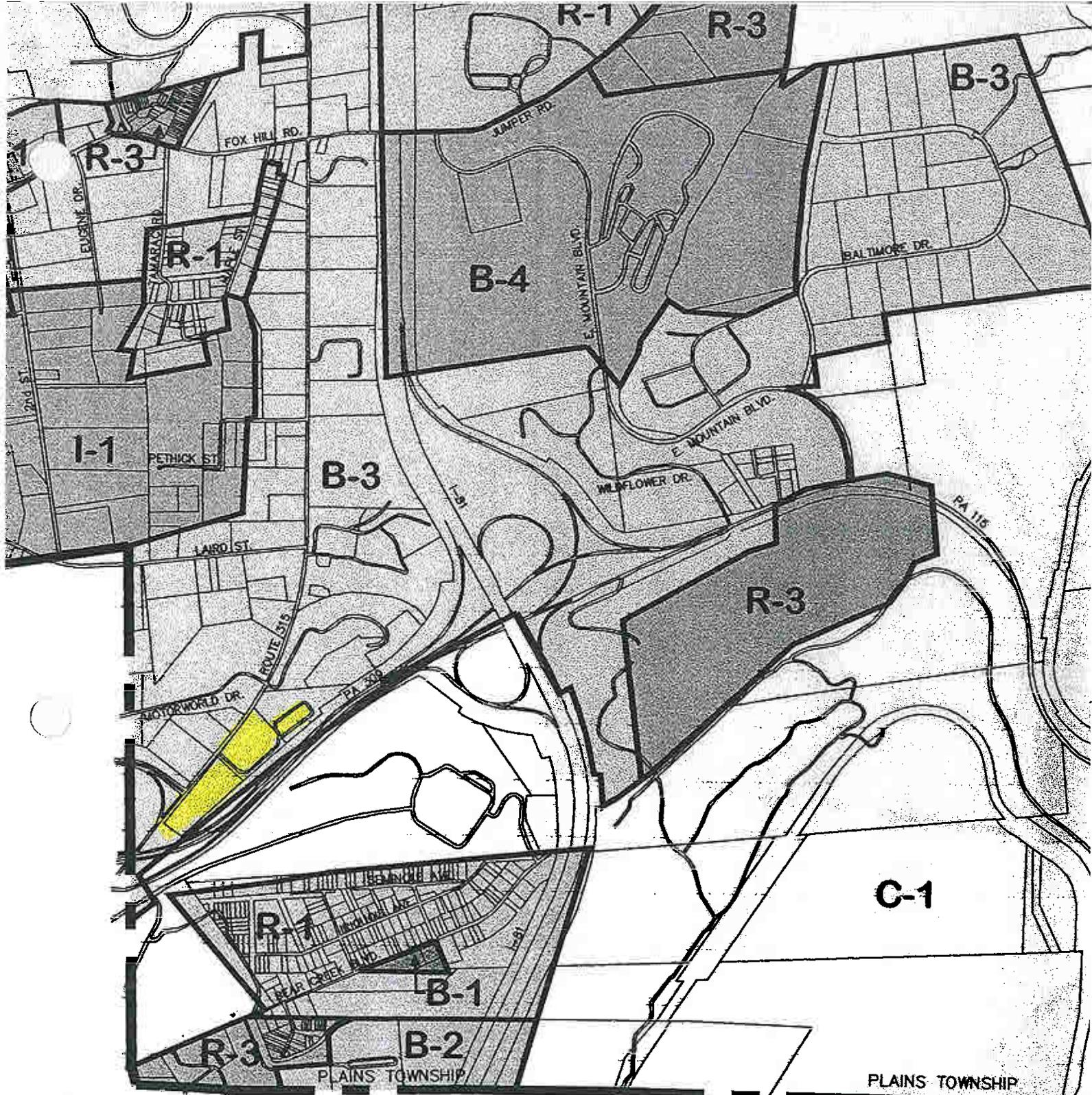
Plains Township

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Reference #13

Copy of

**Plains Township
Zoning Map and
Ordinances**



WILKES-BARRE TOWNSHIP

PLAINS TOWNSHIP
LAUREL RUN BORO

ARTICLE 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 101 TITLE:

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as **the 1998 Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Plains.**

SECTION 102 INTERPRETATION AND CONFLICT:

In interpreting and applying the provisions of this Ordinance, they shall be held to the minimum requirements for the protection and promotion of the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, morals, and general welfare of the residents of Plains Township. In the event of any conflict in the application of this Ordinance with other applicable public or private provisions, the following shall apply:

A. PUBLIC PROVISIONS:

The regulations of this Ordinance, are not intended to interfere with or abrogate or annul any other ordinance, rules or regulations previously adopted or previously issued by Plains Township which are not in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance. Where this Ordinance imposes a greater restriction upon the use of land, structure or building than any other previously adopted ordinance, rules, or regulations of Plains Township, the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply.

B. PRIVATE PROVISIONS:

The regulations of this Ordinance, are not intended to interfere with or abrogate or annul any easement, covenant or other form of private agreement or restriction, provided that where the provisions of this Ordinance impose a greater restriction, the requirements of this Ordinance shall govern. Plains Township shall not however be held responsible for knowledge and/or enforcement of any private deed restriction, private covenant or other form of private agreement which may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance and/or beyond the scope of regulations contained within this Ordinance.

SECTION 103 COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE REQUIRED:

Except as hereinafter provided, no land, building, structure or premises shall hereafter be used, and no building or part thereof or other structure shall be located, erected, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted, altered or moved except in conformity with the regulations herein

specified for the zoning district in which it is located.

SECTION 104 PURPOSE:

This Ordinance is enacted to accomplish the purposes enumerated in Section 604 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247, as amended. The provisions of this Ordinance are designed to achieve the following:

- A. To promote, protect and facilitate one or more of the following: the public health, safety, morals, general welfare, coordinated and practical community development, proper density of population, emergency management preparedness, airports and national defense facilities, the provisions of adequate light and air, access to incident solar energy, police protection, vehicle parking and loading space, transportation, water, sewage, schools, recreational facilities, public grounds, the provision of a safe, reliable and adequate water supply for domestic, commercial, agricultural or industrial use, and other public requirements; as well as reservation of natural, scenic and historic values in the environment and preservation of forests, wetlands, aquifers and floodplains.
- B. To prevent one or more of the following: overcrowding of land, blight, danger and congestion in travel and transportation, loss of health, life or property from fire, flood, panic or other dangers.
- C. To preserve prime agriculture and farmland considering topography, soil type and classification, and present use.
- D. To provide for the use of land within the municipality for residential housing of various dwelling types encompassing all basic forms of housing, including single-family and two-family dwellings, and a reasonable range of multifamily dwellings in various arrangements, mobile homes and mobile home parks, provided however, that the zoning ordinance shall not be deemed invalid for the failure to provide any other specific dwelling type.
- E. To accommodate reasonable overall community growth, including population and employment growth, and opportunities for development of a variety of residential dwelling types and nonresidential uses.

SECTION 105 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES:

In addition to the Community Development Objectives of the Township's Comprehensive Plan, the following shall be considered to represent supplemental Community Development Objectives of said plan:

- A. Achieve the best use of land within the township, insuring that a balanced pattern of development which emphasizes an efficient and compatible arrangement of residential, commercial, industrial, open-space and public uses intended to improve the economic and aesthetic character of community.

SECTION 505
B-2- GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

505.1 PERMITTED USES

A. RETAIL BUSINESS, INCLUDING OR SIMILAR TO THE SALE OF:

Food/Grocery
Pharmaceutical Products
Clothing and Clothing Accessories
Convenience Stores
Convenience Stores with Gas Sales Florist
Shops
Hardware
Lumber Yards
Variety Goods
Household Goods and Appliances Equipment
Sales and Repair Office Equipment and
Supplies Sporting Goods
Artist, Music and Hobby Supplies Automotive
Supplies
Greeting Cards, Books & Stationery
Commercial Greenhouses, Nurseries & Garden Shops

B. SERVICE-ORIENTED BUSINESS INCLUDING OR SIMILAR TO:

Personal Services
Professional Offices Gasoline Service
Stations Automotive Sales Repair
Garage
Private Garage (storage of vehicles)
Motels and Hotels Banks
Restaurants Taverns
Day Care Centers
Medical Offices and Clinics
Animal Hospital/Veterinarian Clinic Health Clubs
Funeral Homes
Essential Public Utility Facilities as defined in Article 2 of this Ordinance
(excluding storage yards)

SECTION 506
B-3 HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT

506.1 PERMITTED USES:

A. RETAIL BUSINESS, INCLUDING OR SIMILAR TO:

Food/Grocery
Pharmaceutical Products
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Convenience Stores
Convenience Stores with Gas Sales Florist Shops
Hardware
Variety Goods Pet Shops
Household Goods and Appliances
Equipment Sales and Repair Office Equipment and Supplies Sporting Goods
Artist, Music and Hobby Supplies Automotive Supplies Automotive Sales
Greeting Cards, Books & Stationery
Commercial Greenhouses, Nurseries & Garden Shops Building, Lumber or Plumbing
Supplies
Electronic Equipment and Products, both sales and repairs Accessory uses to the above

B. SERVICE-ORIENTED BUSINESS INCLUDING OR SIMILAR TO:

Personal Services
Professional Offices
Banks, Credit Unions and similar uses
Car Wash
Repair Garage
Private Garage (storage of vehicles)
Motels and Hotels Automotive Sales
Automotive Repair Shops
Greenhouses, Nurseries and Garden Supplies
Gasoline Service Stations Restaurants
Taverns
Public Uses
Nursing Homes

Medical Clinics
Veterinary Hospitals
Day Care Centers
Health Clubs
Funeral Homes
Outdoor Storage as defined in Article 2
Research and Testing Facilities
Warehouse and Distribution Facilities
Warehousing, including Self-Storage Facilities
Billboard Signs
Essential Public Utility Facilities as defined in Article 2 of this Ordinance
(excluding storage yards)
Accessory uses to the above

C. RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT RELA 1 h1) BUSINESS
INCLUDING OR SIMILAR TO:

Entertainment Facilities
Commercial Recreational Facilities Private Recreational Facilities Public
Recreational Facilities
Social Halls, Clubs and Community Centers
Accessory uses to the above

D. RESIDENTIAL USES:

Single-Family Detached Dwellings
Two Family Dwellings Multifamily Dwellings
Dwelling over and/or attached to Business
Accessory uses to the above

506.2 USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION:

Harness Race Tracks
Public Uses
Home Occupations
Hotels/Motels
Light Industry (as defined in Article 2)
Wireless Commercial Communication Sites and Support Structures
Trucking Facilities and Terminals
Car Wash
Accessory uses to the above.

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Reference #14

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Articles on

**Housing Complex to
Aid Homeless Veterans**

Full Details

Homeless Vets Facility Proposed

Reported by: Mike Trim

Thursday, Jul 31, 2008 @08:18pm EST

WILKES-BARRE, LUZERNE COUNTY- A new facility for homeless veterans in Northeastern Pennsylvania is in the works. Right now there are 216 registered homeless veterans in our area. If this proposed facility is okay'd, help could be on the way for those vets very soon.

Luzerne County Veteran's Affairs Richard Wren says, "This is an attempt try put the horse in front of the wagon, to get this off and running. Because it does take time to get it established and when the veterans reach out, it will be there for them."

Wren is talking about the proposed Northeastern Pennsylvania Multi-Center Alliance. It's a facility that would provide emergency shelter for homeless veterans and much more.

There is emergency shelter for the homeless in Luzerne County right now, but this facility will be different. It will offer treatment and help transition, specifically treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. One in four servicemen returning from Iraq and Afghanistan suffers from the disorder. The Alliance Steering Committee hopes to correct the problem in local vets right away.

World War II and Alliance Steering Committee member Samuel Greenburg says, "We know that it doesn't happen overnight, but in regards to that, why wait until whatever hits the fan and then it's too late. So it's an attempt to do it now."

Proposed Multi-Center sites include part of the Valley Crest Nursing Home in Plains Township. Part of that home will be vacant, because a new, privately owned nursing and rehab facility is being built on neighboring property. It's expected to be finished early next year.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed and between our county commissioners, our citizens, our veterans, we will get the support we need," says Greenburg

The Valley Crest Nursing Home is also very close to the V.A. Hospital, something the Multi-Center Alliance would hope to work hand in hand with, to get homeless veterans back on their feet.

Right now, the Multi-center Alliance has to register as a non-profit organization. That process will likely take 12 to 15 months. The alliance will try to mostly use grants to fund the proposed center. It wants to use Valley Crest so it won't have to ask taxpayers foot the bill of building a new facility.

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November 17, 2008**Housing complex to aid homeless veterans**

The Commission on Economic Opportunity and the Veterans Administration recently dedicated the new William Cherkes Residence, a six-apartment complex that provides transitional housing for homeless veterans for up to 24 months as they work to become self-sufficient. The building has been named in honor of William Cherkes, former chairman of the board and lifelong board member of the Commission on Economic Opportunity. The facility is located on the campus of the Veteran's Administration Medical Center. The transitional housing program integrates the supportive services of the VA with the life skills and job skills training and case management from CEO. From left are: Rabbi Larry Kaplan, chaplain, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Hugh Mundy, president of Commission on Economic Opportunity; Sam Greenberg, past national commander of Jewish War Veterans; Cherkes' children Lori Cherkes Williams and Charles Cherkes; C. Gene Molino, associate director of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Gene Brady, executive director of Commission on Economic Opportunity; Congressman Paul Kanjorski, Andy Reilly, director of Luzerne County Office of Community Development, and Sister Lucille Brislin, director of Mercy Services.



1/24/07: Kanjorski Announces \$120,000 Grant for Transitional Housing for Veterans and Young Adults

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jan. 24, 2007

Contact: Gretchen M. Wintermantel

202.225.6511

Kanjorski Announces \$120,000 Grant for Transitional Housing for Veterans and Young Adults

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. - Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (PA-11) today announced that the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh (FHLBank) has extended a total of \$120,000 in Affordable Housing Program (AHP) grants to create new transitional housing for homeless veterans and young adults in Wilkes-Barre and Plains Township.

In Plains Township, six new units of housing will be made available to single homeless veterans who are experiencing serious mental health and substance abuse problems. To be located on the campus of the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the new housing will provide challenged veterans with easy, on-site referral to a variety of medical, psychiatric and substance abuse services. All six units will be wheelchair accessible.

Residents will receive case management and supportive services to help them improve job and life skills including improvement of financial planning skills and computer literacy. Homeless veterans will be able to live in this supportive environment for up to 24 months as they become increasingly self-sufficient. The FHLBank is releasing \$60,000 for these new units of veterans housing.

"The Affordable Housing Program grant for veterans transitional housing will provide six veterans with a roof over their heads as well as access to critical medical and support services at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center. The Commission on Economic Opportunity is sponsoring the transitional program to help these veterans become more self-sufficient," said Congressman Kanjorski. "In addition, the Federal Home Loan Bank has awarded a second grant for transitional rental housing for young adults who have exceeded the age limit for the child welfare and foster care system. Volunteers of America is sponsoring the program with the goal of helping these young people find sustainable, permanent housing after about 18 months. I am proud of the Federal Home Loan Bank's continued investment in the communities that it serves."

The second AHP grant, also for \$60,000, will help provide seven units of transitional rental housing serving eight homeless individuals between the ages of 18 and 25. The units will be created at an existing three-story building being rehabilitated and renamed Manna House Apartments at 25 North River St. in Wilkes-Barre. Four of the units will be dedicated to homeless individuals diagnosed with mental illness. The grant is sponsored by Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania, which will move its offices into the new complex.

Manna House will be staffed around the clock with trained support personnel who will assist these young people who are struggling for independence and self-sufficiency to find safe, affordable, and permanent housing along with a productive skill. Manna House Apartments is within walking distance of employment opportunities, religious facilities, several colleges and recreational opportunities.

Each year, FHLBank sets aside 10 percent of its net income to fund AHP. Since the program was inaugurated in 1990, AHP has released approximately \$125 million in affordable housing grants for projects across Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

FHLBank, a wholesale bank using private capital, not taxpayer funds, distributes AHP dollars through its member financial institutions to community sponsors and project developers, empowering individuals and families and improving neighborhoods.

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Reference #15

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Notice of Public Hearing

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Notice of Public Hearing

The Plains Township Local Redevelopment Authority for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center will hold a public hearing at Plains Township Municipal Building, 50 Second Street, Plains, Pennsylvania at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007.

The purpose of the hearing is to solicit from the public, comments and input concerning the disposal of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center located at 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township, Pennsylvania. The draft copy will be on display for public review at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 125 North Main Street, Plains, Pennsylvania from June 27th to July 10th, 2007. The office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. On Wednesday, the office is open until 6:30 P.M. The office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day.

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Reference #16

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Sign-In Sheet of

Public Hearing

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Public Hearing, Redevelopment Plan
 Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center
 Plains Township, Pennsylvania

Name	Organization/Address	Date
Rene Corcoran	Plains Commissioner	7-10-07
Carl Peltz	Plains Fire Dept.	7-10-07
John Baranski	Plains Twp. Fire Dept	7-10-07
Garry E. Gontz	DOD-OEA	
Charles Krommes	Plains Twp Fire Dept. / EMA	7-10-07
Joe Spagnuolo	PLAINS Commissioner	7-10-07
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BEFORE THE PLAINS TOWNSHIP
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IN RE: WILKES-BARRE ARMY RESERVE
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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: ROSE CORCORAN, Vice Chair
JOSEPH SPAGNUOLO, Member
BRIGID MURRAY O'CONNOR,
Member

MEETING: Tuesday, July 10, 2007
6:34-8:21 p.m.

LOCATION: Plains Township Municipal
Building
50 2nd Street
Plains, PA 18702

SPEAKERS: Ruth Verespy, Mary Lou
Owen, Nancy Verespy, Edward Faatz,
Sharon Ogborn, Peter Forbes, Mary
Drew, Michael Murphy, Lia Vannucchi,
Jonathan Curley, Mary Kay Murphy, Mary
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ALSO PRESENT: GARRY GONTZ, Project
Manager, Office of the
Secretary of Defense

JOSEPH LAVIX, Advisory
Board Member

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3 VICE CHAIR ROSE4 CORCORAN:5 All stand for the
6 pledge.

7 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

8 OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

9 VICE CHAIR:10 All right, everybody.
11 It's seven o'clock and we'll
12 start the hearing. I just
13 wanted to point out a couple
14 things. The man sitting here,
15 his name is Garry Gontz. He is
16 the project director who heads
17 the Office of Economic
18 Adjustment in Washington. And
19 Joe Lavix is here also, and he
20 is on the Advisory Committee
21 for the Reserves.22 I want to show you, this
23 was on display for eight days
24 at 126 North Main. Anybody
25 could have looked through it.

1 And it was in the paper,
2 advertised in the paper. That
3 was on display. Anybody could
4 go and look at it and ask
5 questions. And anybody can
6 look at it here if they choose.
7 And that is a draft plan that
8 will be submitted.

9 Everybody is signed in?
10 Anybody can make comments or
11 input. What we'd like you to
12 do is come to the mic so it
13 will be loud enough so he can
14 hear it and record it. Who
15 would like to start? Go ahead.
16 State your name. Say your name
17 and spell it.

18 MS. R. VERESPY:

19 Okay. I'm Ruth Verespy,
20 V-E-R-E-S-P-Y. I've been a
21 resident of Plains Township
22 about, almost 60 years. My
23 husband and I live on North
24 Main Street in Plains. And I
25 just want to know who the other

1 members of the Planning
2 Committee are, and is there a
3 veteran in the group? And I
4 want to know why there's no
5 veteran. Why is a young lady
6 on there? What does she know
7 about veterans and that kind of
8 thing? Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR:

10 Next?

11 MS. OWEN:

12 My name is Mary Lou
13 Owen, O-W-E-N. Mary Lou is two
14 separate words. I work for the
15 government. I work for the VA
16 Hospital. I don't believe that
17 we need to utilize that
18 government building for what
19 you're proposing. It has,
20 basically, always been for the
21 veterans. It should continue
22 to be for the veterans.
23 It is very close in location to
24 the hospital. We do have
25 homeless programs at our

1 facilities.

2 If that was utilized and
3 there were apartments made
4 there for these veterans to
5 give them a chance to
6 rehabilitate, they're close to
7 the VA. They don't have to
8 depend on transportation to get
9 there. They don't have to
10 worry about --- if they go to
11 the doctor, they don't have
12 worry about transportation to
13 get there. They can walk. I
14 don't believe we need another
15 building that we need to pay
16 taxes for in Plains Township
17 when we don't utilize the ones
18 we have.

19 VICE CHAIR:

20 Who's next?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

22 Is this just for
23 questions or statements ---?

24 VICE CHAIR:

25 Statements.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

2 Oh, okay.

3 MS. N. VERESPY:

4 Hello. Thanks for
5 having a public hearing,
6 because that's the only way I
7 really knew what was going to
8 happen in Plains Township. My
9 name is Nancy Verespy,
10 V-E-R-E-S-P-Y. I'm a resident
11 of Plains Township. I'm also,
12 very proudly, the executive
13 director for the Veterans of
14 the Vietnam War and Veterans
15 Coalition.

16 As you see, we brought
17 some people with us because we
18 did not know, and that may be
19 for whatever reason, that there
20 was an Advisory Group that was
21 going to recommend what would
22 happen to the Reserve Center.
23 We want to know how that
24 Advisory Group was formed, who
25 they are, are they veterans,

1 did they know about our
2 proposal? And we would like to
3 present a lot of information.
4 I don't know how much time
5 you'll give me. We could be
6 here for hours.

7 There's nothing better
8 than the heroes who are
9 firemen, policemen, township
10 officials, who get to be heroes
11 in an occasional emergency.
12 Those are all very worthy
13 causes, but in my opinion,
14 there is nothing more worthy
15 than serving as a veteran.
16 Veterans are always the last to
17 be considered for most anything
18 that happens. They're the last
19 people to be taken care of.
20 They're the last people we
21 worry about and wonder if they
22 have a place to sleep and if
23 they have enough to eat. We
24 can guarantee for a segment of
25 that veteran population that

1 they will have everything they
2 need to transition into a new
3 life, to learn how it is to be
4 a member of a family and a
5 community, which, for various
6 reasons, they've not had the
7 ability to do. Some don't have
8 any families. They have
9 nowhere to go, so you find them
10 in some of the shelters that
11 are here in the valley. We are
12 not a shelter program. We are
13 long-term transitional housing
14 for homeless veterans.

15 But that's just one
16 thing we want them to do with
17 that building. The other is,
18 we have in production a
19 flag-making prospect that we
20 will make American Flags here
21 in the U.S., which is a new
22 mandate that we just saw on the
23 news, but we've been doing this
24 privately for a long time.
25 We'd want to move our

1 international headquarters to
2 that facility. It would be
3 close to the highway, close to
4 the VA. We'd be able to
5 provide, through our veteran
6 service officers, pension and
7 compensation assistance. We'd
8 be able to hire more people.
9 And of course, the people we
10 would be giving the first
11 consideration to would be from
12 Plains Township.

13 This is where I live.
14 Mohican Sun is not the only
15 thing new in Plains Township.
16 It's not the only thing that's
17 important. Everything's
18 important and they can be made
19 to work together. I mean,
20 there's plenty of space here
21 that I don't believe is
22 utilized, so why should the
23 police or firemen be put in
24 some corner? They shouldn't.
25 They have important jobs, but

1 no one, in my opinion, is more
2 important than a veteran. I
3 can keep saying it over and
4 over. If you look in the
5 audience, you'll see there's
6 women here whose husbands ---
7 they're widows. Their husbands
8 were veterans. That's why they
9 want to have this happen.
10 That's why (sic) they feel
11 about it.

12 But the fact that
13 --- whether it was because I
14 didn't read about a notice in
15 the paper, there was a
16 committee formed and an
17 advisory group formed and they
18 have had all the input into
19 what should or shouldn't
20 happen. Knowing that we had
21 put in a proposal for the
22 facility, it would have only
23 been the respectful thing to
24 veterans, would be to ask
25 someone that you were sure was

1 a veteran to be on that
2 committee and to ask us to be
3 on that committee. We're not
4 going to tear down anything
5 else that you're going to
6 propose. We're going to say
7 they're all great things. But
8 ours is the best. Ours is
9 available for you. We're
10 available to show you whatever
11 else you haven't seen or
12 haven't heard. We're here.
13 We're not far away. We live in
14 Plains and we work in Jenkins
15 Township only because Plains
16 had nowhere for us to have a
17 building when we were looking
18 to purchase one. There was no
19 building in Plains. That's
20 where I'd rather be, but that's
21 not the situation.

22 We'll move in a flash.
23 We'll move to the Plains
24 building in a flash, if that's
25 what's happening, but I think

1 we should be given a fair shake
2 and a fair opportunity to
3 present our position to whoever
4 makes this decision to forward
5 it on.

6 My other question ---
7 and I can tell you a lot about
8 veterans. I can give you
9 statistics. I can tell you
10 there's 300,000-plus veterans
11 in this country. And you know
12 what? The people in Plains,
13 and Wilkes-Barre, Gibson, they
14 don't think there's a problem.
15 They don't work in an office
16 where veterans come in and say,
17 okay, now my family doesn't
18 want me and I have nowhere to
19 go. And I have to send them
20 back to a program that I
21 wouldn't put my worst enemy in,
22 but that's all that's available
23 here within the area.

24 We want to do better for
25 veterans. We think the

1 veterans should be considered
2 first. And we're here to
3 answer any questions with the
4 hope that it won't be a
5 confrontation between us. What
6 the township thinks is good and
7 what we think is good, because
8 it should be that the veterans
9 come first. And if not, why
10 not? Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 VICE CHAIR:

13 Anybody else?

14 MR. FAATZ:

15 My name is Ed Faatz,
16 F-A-A-T-Z. I'm a member of the
17 Board of the Veterans of the
18 Vietnam War and the Veterans
19 Coalition. And I'm a proud
20 veteran of the United States
21 Air Force.

22 People are not aware of
23 how many homeless veterans
24 there are. All you hear about
25 is this homeless person got in

1 trouble. They don't know why.
2 They just know a homeless
3 person got in trouble. Was it
4 a veteran? If it was, you'd
5 know about it, because for some
6 reason, our news media likes to
7 glorify the bad things about
8 veterans. We have many, many
9 good veterans that are
10 homeless.

11 Picture this. True
12 story. I won't use names. A
13 member of our organization got
14 wounded in Iraq. Because of
15 his wounds, he's not able to go
16 back across the sea. He wants
17 to, but he can't. He does not
18 get the extra money because
19 he's not going over there.
20 Because of that, he cannot
21 afford to pay his mortgage.
22 He's going to lose his home.
23 Now, he has a wife and
24 children. He's not going to be
25 allowed to re-up because he's

1 wounded. He's injured. He
2 won't be able to use his arm.
3 Now, where does he go? We can
4 work with him. Some of the
5 projects that we do work with
6 them.

7 We have these vacant
8 houses throughout the nation.
9 There are not enough. There
10 are definitely not enough. We
11 just came back from out in
12 South Dakota, working on one
13 out there. Now, we had five
14 people volunteer, spent their
15 own money to come here to the
16 United States from Australia.
17 They worked out there for two
18 weeks. If they can give this
19 type of commitment to America's
20 homeless veterans, what is
21 Plains going to do? Thank you.

22 MS. OGBORN:

23 My name is Sharon
24 Ogborn, O-G-B-O-R-N. I'm here
25 to serve the memory of my dad,

1 who was a proud veteran. You
2 all know him. He has done
3 everything he could throughout
4 his lifetime to support
5 veterans. He can't be here.
6 So because I believe so
7 strongly in this, I'm here, not
8 only on his behalf, but on
9 behalf of all the men who have
10 put on a uniform to fight and
11 serve for us.

12 I believe that this
13 project should be considered.
14 I don't believe that the
15 project that is on the table
16 should be the only project that
17 should be considered. I would
18 like to see an open forum where
19 we can discuss and go back and
20 forth to try and rectify the
21 problem and come up with a
22 positive solution. I believe
23 that veterans deserve this
24 chance.

25 I have a question. I

1 would like to know why all the
2 Commissioners are not here
3 tonight? Do they all support
4 this project that you want to
5 move forward? Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR:

7 Anybody else?

8 MR. FORBES:

9 Good evening. My name
10 is Peter Forbes, F-O-R-B-E-S.
11 I'm the National Commander,
12 U.S. Commander, Australian
13 Commander for the Veterans of
14 the Vietnam War and the
15 Veterans Coalition. We've been
16 around for 26 years helping
17 veterans from seven different
18 countries. We're going to be
19 here another 26 years. We are
20 going to fight for the building
21 that is the Reserve Center, and
22 we will fight. We went to war
23 to fight for the freedoms that
24 all you put up with. And we
25 need to see veterans put first.

1 Some of the statistics,
2 our United Veterans Beacon
3 House Program has an 80 percent
4 success rate. I've heard some
5 rumors around in the last
6 couple of days, we don't want
7 them in our neighborhood or we
8 don't --- what about the
9 neighbors next door? There is
10 none at the Reserve Center.
11 It's encroached by roads.
12 There is no neighbors to
13 consider. It is a reserve
14 center, a government military
15 center. And as such, it should
16 stay more veterans. There is
17 no doubt, and neither the
18 Commissioners here should have
19 any doubt.

20 We look after senior
21 veterans with handicaps,
22 permanent housing, and we look
23 after them long term. On one
24 of our houses, the youngest
25 person is 78 and the oldest one

1 is 92. Plains is full of
2 senior veterans; is that
3 correct? But Plains is also
4 filled with veterans from
5 Korea, Vietnam, Somalia, Iraq,
6 the first Gulf War. And they
7 keep giving you the freedoms
8 for you to sit up there and
9 tell us what's going to happen
10 to Plains Township.

11 I am a resident of
12 Plains Township. People from
13 here in Pennsylvania are
14 traveling 700, 800 miles to
15 work on United Veterans Beacon
16 Houses in South Dakota for
17 Native American veterans. I
18 think some of you, especially
19 the Commissioners of Plains
20 Township, should make one trip
21 with us and see what it is,
22 because 300,000 homeless
23 veterans in the United States
24 is ludicrous. You should all
25 be ashamed and that's a fact.

1 Our motto in the
2 veterans of the Vietnam War and
3 the Veterans Coalition is,
4 people who care. What I want
5 to know from this forum up here
6 is, are you people who care?
7 Do you care enough about
8 veterans or do you just want to
9 put another building up so it's
10 close to the Mohican Sun so
11 everybody has to drive past it
12 to get on I-81? Thank you.

13 BRIEF INTERRUPTION

14 VICE CHAIR:

15 Anybody else?

16 MS. DREW:

17 My name is Mary Drew,
18 D-R-E-W. I'm a veteran of
19 Plains Township for 81 years.
20 I was born here. And as my
21 husband was a veteran, he was
22 up in the VA Hospital. And
23 when I'd go up there, it's
24 heartbreaking to see so many
25 people coming up there that had

1 no place to go. I do volunteer
2 work. I go up to the Veterans
3 Administration and I help
4 volunteer, and you'd be
5 surprised how many men come in
6 there asking for something, for
7 someplace to go so they can at
8 least put their head down and
9 have a good night's sleep. All
10 you have to do is consider our
11 business, because like Nancy
12 and everyone else said, they're
13 all worth it. Thank you.

14 VICE CHAIR:

15 Anybody else?

16 MR. MURPHY:

17 Yeah, Mike Murphy,
18 M-U-R-P-H-Y. I work for the
19 Veterans of the Vietnam War and
20 I'm here on my own time. One
21 little comment I'd like to make
22 is that everyone stands behind
23 this, hey, let's support our
24 veterans. You go anywhere in
25 this country and you hear the

1 term, let's support our
2 veterans. All I would like to
3 make is a statement that the
4 Advisory Committee be aware of
5 this situation that has
6 happened. Plains Commissioners
7 should be the first ones to
8 really stand behind what it
9 means to support our troops.

10 (Applause.)

11 VICE CHAIR:

12 Any other comments?

13 MS. N. VERESPY:

14 My name is Nancy
15 Verespy, V-E-R-E-S-P-Y. This
16 is my second session here. I
17 forgot one really important
18 thing. In the ideas that are
19 exchanged to decide what
20 happens to this facility, we
21 were given an opportunity to go
22 onto Channel 22. Sorry --- oh,
23 I guess you could say --- and
24 do what was called the
25 Interactive Forum. It was

1 about what might be considered
2 for the use of the Armory. So
3 I got myself there. Keep in
4 mind, they had my cell phone to
5 get me to go on the show, and I
6 got myself there and they said
7 that they had called my cell.
8 And Commissioner Chairman Ron
9 Filippini said, tell them that
10 the program was not going to
11 air. I said, well, you should
12 have called me. They said,
13 well, we didn't have your cell
14 phone. I said, well, you had
15 it to get me here, so it's
16 funny that you didn't have it
17 to get me to not make the trip.

18 But the reason they gave
19 me for why the show wasn't
20 going to air is that they were
21 called by one of our
22 Commissioners, Rose Corcoran.
23 I'm not going to hide behind
24 somebody else. If you know me,
25 I'm going to tell you what I've

1 done. They told me that
2 Commissioner Rose Corcoran had
3 called and asked that the
4 program be put on the back
5 burner because the project
6 manager was not available, and
7 therefore, was not included in
8 the program.

9 That's not my idea of
10 open discussion with the
11 Commissioners of Plains or with
12 this gentleman from the
13 Department of Defense or ---
14 I'm sorry. Wherever you're
15 from, I've forgotten. I didn't
16 remember. My idea is let's
17 talk about it. Let's not hide
18 it. Let's not cancel TV shows
19 if that's what brings the
20 information. I have nothing to
21 hide. I don't think that the
22 Commissioner should have
23 anything to hide. If you want
24 to discuss the uses for the
25 building, do it legitimately,

1 do it fairly. Make the
2 meetings open. Make sure we
3 know there's a meeting. If
4 this is the only meeting and
5 the decision is now made and in
6 two months we get that
7 notification, I don't see that
8 as fair play.

9 I just need the
10 consideration that --- even Ron
11 Filippini is not here. He's
12 the Chairperson of the
13 Commissioner group and he's not
14 interested in what this major
15 project is going to do for
16 Plains Township, no matter who
17 takes it over? Whether it's
18 the township or us, makes no
19 difference. It's good for
20 Plains. And he's not here. I
21 mean, maybe he didn't know
22 about the meeting. I don't
23 know. But he's the
24 Chairperson. He also should
25 have been annoyed that he made

1 --- almost made the trip to go
2 to Wilkes-Barre to be on a TV
3 show and they canceled him, as
4 well. Maybe it's only me who
5 feels slighted, but I do feel
6 slighted. I'm a taxpayer.
7 I've been a resident all of my
8 life in Plains and I want fair
9 play. That's all I ask.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

11 If you'll give me your
12 name, I'll see that you're
13 invited again and you'll be
14 on ---.

15 MS. N. VERESPY:

16 Well, there's no point
17 in me being on it if the
18 Commissioners won't take that
19 on.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

21 Well, the Commissioners
22 --- I usually don't speak out
23 this way, but ---.

24 MS. N. VERESPY:

25 I mean, but it got

1 canceled. I mean, that's what
2 I was told.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

4 Give us your name and
5 we will contact ---.

6 MS. N. VERESPY:

7 Sure. I mean, that
8 wasn't something I dreamed up.
9 That's what I was told at the
10 TV station.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 I don't know what
13 happened. I don't know, but I
14 will find out for you.

15 MS. N. VERESPY:

16 Thank you.

17 OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

18 MR. FORBES:

19 I'm Peter Forbes,
20 F-O-R-B-E-S. I just wanted to
21 mention some of the things that
22 this organization does. We
23 spend about \$1.7 million on
24 military support packages to
25 our troops overseas. Please

1 tell me what Plains Township
2 has done in that regard. We
3 supported the 103rd and the
4 109th on their multiple visits
5 overseas. We continue to do it
6 for every unit throughout the
7 United States and seven other
8 countries. We write grants.
9 We just got a \$692,000 grant,
10 too, for South Dakota. There's
11 no reason we can't write grants
12 and bring money into Plains for
13 this building to do what we
14 need to do for veterans. Thank
15 you.

16 VICE CHAIR:

17 Anybody else?

18 MS. OWEN:

19 My name is Mary Lou
20 Owen, O-W-E-N. As you know, I
21 work for the VA Hospital and I
22 see horror up there every day.
23 I see veterans who are
24 desperate. We have what they
25 call an overnight stay unit.

1 Sometimes they just come in
2 there and don't --- we find
3 them hiding because they want a
4 place to sleep, and it's very,
5 very sad because there are so
6 many homeless, and we do the
7 best we can for the homeless,
8 but we need more. We need more
9 places. And what Nancy and
10 Peter and that organization is
11 proposing is absolutely
12 wonderful.

13 We had a gentleman who
14 was a homeless veteran, a young
15 man who came to our facility
16 and got a job and now he was
17 promoted to a supervisor. He
18 has his own place to live now
19 due to being rehabilitated.
20 And that's one of the success
21 stories. And I'm sure Nancy
22 and Peter have a lot more than
23 we have because they provide
24 long-term care for these
25 patients. Our patients are

1 mostly short-term.

2 And I really believe ---

3 I mean, maybe there's a

4 misunderstanding here about

5 what proceeded and what took

6 place, but I just feel that

7 being in Plains Township, we

8 should know what goes on at our

9 Commissioner meetings. If you

10 have a meeting and we're not

11 here --- it should be published

12 somewhere, especially something

13 of this magnitude where we

14 don't have a say. And as

15 taxpayers, we should be the

16 number one people to have a

17 say. We elected you to

18 represent us, not to overrule

19 us or to undermine us. And I

20 believe this project is

21 absolutely a necessity. And as

22 that it is a federal building,

23 it should stay as such because

24 it's very, very much needed.

25 That's all I have to say.

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VICE CHAIR:

Anybody else?

MS. R. VERESPY:

And one thing I forgot to tell you about our program --- do you need me to spell my name again?

COURT REPORTER:

No, you're fine.

MS. R. VERESPY:

One thing I forgot to tell you is that within our program, I've been told that there was an objection to the Committee, the Core Advisory Committee, because we're a shelter. I want to make sure you understand, we're not a shelter. We're long-term housing. We get our referrals directly from the VA. You can't come and knock on our door and say, I need to stay overnight. It can't happen. We'll help you get shelter, but

1 we won't take you until you've
2 been through the VA system and
3 they refer you to us.

4 Our programs are zero
5 tolerance. I want to make sure
6 you understand zero tolerance.
7 You screw up, you slip, as a
8 lot of the people say when
9 they're in the drug and alcohol
10 culture, I just slipped once,
11 that's one too many. It's a
12 very rigid program. One slip,
13 and we don't just throw you out
14 on the street. We make sure
15 you have shelter in some other
16 program, but you won't be in
17 our program. Just one slip
18 means everybody's at risk in
19 the house. These people take
20 care of each other. They cook
21 for each other. They have
22 cleaning chores. They do
23 laundry. They cut the grass.
24 They do whatever is needed in a
25 home.

1 Our first United
2 Veterans Beacon House was
3 established in Akron,
4 Pennsylvania, which was 12
5 years ago. They are in the
6 City of Akron. They weren't
7 wanted in Lancaster because of
8 zoning restrictions and all
9 that, so they went around them.
10 And they couldn't be better
11 neighbors. Their neighbors
12 have cookouts. They bring them
13 food. They do everything they
14 can to make them succeed, and
15 that's what we need to do, the
16 same thing, make them succeed.

17 But we do not have any
18 tolerance for any kind of drug
19 or alcohol addiction while
20 they're in the Beacon House.
21 It just doesn't happen.

22 I wish that they were
23 present. I wish you would ask
24 us questions. But anybody who
25 is on the Advisory Committee,

1 if your recommendation isn't
2 for veterans, ask them to tell
3 us why it wouldn't be for
4 veterans.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

6 I have a question.
7 Where did you say it was at?

8 MS. N. VERESPY:

9 I'm sorry?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

11 Where was the first ---?

12 MS. N. VERESPY:

13 The first one was in
14 Akron, Pennsylvania. It's near
15 Lancaster. A-K-R-O-N. Still
16 functioning. They have a house
17 and they serve between seven
18 and nine veterans at all times.
19 It's run by volunteers, just as
20 we are. I'm a paid employee.
21 Everyone else is a volunteer.
22 We don't have a lot of paid
23 staff. Everyone does this as
24 volunteers. Veterans and those
25 who care about veterans,

1 providing for veterans. We do
2 that. That's what this program
3 is about.

4 It's not easy. It's not
5 an easy thing to do and people
6 will say we will fail, but we
7 won't fail because we have
8 experience. We have a track
9 record. We have things that
10 work. We've also known through
11 the years what things don't
12 work. And we'd be happy, more
13 than happy to meet with the
14 Advisory Group, to meet with
15 the Commissioners, to meet with
16 anyone who has any influence to
17 make this happen for veterans.

18 That's my job, but
19 that's my heart. That's what I
20 do this for. I volunteered for
21 five years before I became an
22 employee with this organization
23 because I cared about veterans,
24 and that still continues. Just
25 because I'm paid to do it

1 doesn't mean I don't feel it
2 much more strongly. I have
3 that wonderful opportunity to
4 be with heroes every day who
5 are veterans.

6 As I said in the
7 beginning of what I had longed
8 to say, heroes come in the form
9 of firemen and policemen and
10 many other things. We have all
11 seen that in the past years.
12 We can't miss it, and we agree
13 with that, but our first
14 priority is, it comes in the
15 form of a veteran, period.
16 Thank you.

17 MR. FORBES:

18 I just have one more
19 thing to say.

20 VICE CHAIR:

21 Okay.

22 MR. FORBES:

23 I'm Peter Forbes again,
24 F-O-R-B-E-S. It's a fact, and
25 these facts are going to be

1 borne, I'm sure, by the advisor
2 here from D.C., the HUD and VA
3 say that to renovate an old
4 building for use by any public
5 facility costs more than it
6 does to build a new building.
7 Then why would you want to put
8 police, fire brigades into a
9 building that has to be
10 completely renovated at
11 exorbitant costs and then put
12 it back on the taxpayers'
13 expense? Because money's
14 coming out of Mohican Sun?
15 That's not acceptable. I think
16 that should be considered. And
17 you can verify this with HUD
18 and the VA, because that's
19 where I get my information from
20 when I'm building United
21 Veterans Beacon Houses.

22 A couple of the other
23 things is, if you go out to
24 Jenkins Township under the
25 Pittston Bypass and follow it

1 to our office, you'll pick up
2 one of their magazines. And
3 this one is more poignant than
4 anything else. Your freedom,
5 their sacrifice, you're
6 welcome. We gave it freely.
7 Now it's time for you to give
8 it freely back to us.

9 Some of the grounds for
10 immediate dismissal from a
11 Beacon House, use of alcohol
12 and/or drugs, possession of any
13 weapon, any violence or threat
14 of violence, any abuse or
15 intimidating conduct,
16 destruction or misuse of
17 property, theft or possession
18 of stolen goods, arrest either
19 on or off the premises,
20 engaging in or soliciting in
21 prostitution, having sex on the
22 premises, failing to attend
23 required AA and NA meetings,
24 failure to attend required
25 after care. All of our

1 residents must stay with the VA
2 in treatment while they're in
3 the Beacon House. Failure to
4 attend house meetings. That's
5 just the grounds for immediate
6 discharge.

7 If the Commissioners
8 look at the information given
9 to them, there's a whole page
10 that's full of the basic rules
11 that our residents live on.
12 That's why we have an 80
13 percent success rate.
14 President Bush said when he
15 first came into office, in the
16 next ten years, the American
17 people have to do something
18 major about the homeless across
19 the board and the homeless
20 veterans across the board.
21 Well, we're about seven years
22 into it, but I don't see a
23 great deal of difference. So I
24 suggest Plains be part of that
25 change. Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR:

2 Anybody else to make a
3 comment?

4 MR. FAATZ:

5 Ed Faatz again. I
6 wondered if any of you have any
7 questions about our
8 organization? Do you know who
9 we are and what we're about?
10 If you don't know, please ask
11 us.

12 I'm lucky enough to be
13 the Honor Guard coordinator.
14 Three times now I've been down
15 to Washington, D.C., twice on
16 Memorial Day, once on Veteran's
17 Day, and I'll be back down
18 there again this year. And
19 I've had the honor to carry the
20 American flag for the President
21 down through the amphitheater
22 at Arlington Cemetery.

23 After we do these
24 things, we also have a tent set
25 up and we get to speak to

1 veterans, to soldiers that are
2 on their way overseas, those
3 who just came back, family
4 members. They come in, they
5 want to know what they can do.
6 We tell them. We help them.
7 We provide services for
8 families of veterans, of
9 soldiers overseas. We have
10 packages for the soldiers and
11 family packages. We do so many
12 things. It's difficult to
13 state them all right now.
14 We've all been up here. We've
15 said some of the things that
16 we've done.

17 Like I said, carrying
18 the flag for the President is a
19 very great honor, but there's
20 no better honor than to talk to
21 our service people and help
22 them. Please do the same.
23 Give them this building. Thank
24 you.

25 VICE CHAIR:

1 Anybody else?

2 MS. VANNUCCHI:

3 Good evening. My name
4 is Lia Vannucchi, L-I-A, last
5 name, Vannucchi,
6 V-A-N-N-U-C-C-H-I. My question
7 tonight is where and when will
8 the questions that were asked
9 tonight be answered? No
10 answers? I'm asking where and
11 when will the questions asked
12 by the people tonight be
13 answered?

14 VICE CHAIR:

15 In the ad that was in
16 the paper, it specified that
17 this was a public hearing for
18 comment from the public. And
19 that's what it's supposed to
20 be, comment.

21 MS. VANNUCCHI:

22 Where does it go from
23 here then?

24 VICE CHAIR:

25 When everybody's

1 finished, all the people who
2 spoke, that is recorded. That
3 will accompany this draft.
4 This will go to HUD and DOD.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

6 What about the
7 Commissioners of Plains?
8 Aren't they going to answer any
9 of these comments? Like where
10 does it all go from here? Is
11 it in limbo?

12 VICE CHAIR:

13 We don't ---.

14 MS. VANNUCCHI:

15 So then you're going on
16 record as saying that these
17 questions, though extremely
18 valid questions, will not be
19 answered; is that correct?

20 VICE CHAIR:

21 They'd be answered by
22 HUD or DOD.

23 MR. FORBES:

24 The Commission is
25 providing all this, not

1 HUD - - - .

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

3 You guys did the
4 proposals, not HUD.

5 MR. FAATZ:

6 You people make the
7 decision who gets the building.

8 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

9 No, we don't. You're
10 misinformed.

11 MS. VANNUCCHI:

12 We want to know from the
13 Commissioners.

14 MR. FORBES:

15 You make the
16 recommendation.

17 MS. VANNUCCHI:

18 What good is the
19 Planning Commission?

20 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

21 We don't make those
22 decisions.

23 VICE CHAIR:

24 No, the Board of
25 Commissioners do not have that

1 decision.

2 MS. VANNUCCHI:

3 To make the final
4 decision, you're saying?

5 VICE CHAIR:

6 That's correct.

7 MS. VANNUCCHI:

8 You're submitting your
9 plan?

10 VICE CHAIR:

11 It's a draft plan.

12 MS. VANNUCCHI:

13 Okay. That's all I'm
14 asking.

15 VICE CHAIR:

16 It's a draft.

17 MS. VANNUCCHI:

18 Okay. Fine.

19 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

20 Your proposal, this
21 transcript, everything will be
22 submitted to the people making
23 the decision, not the
24 Commissioners. The
25 Commissioners ---

1 MS. VANNUCCHI:

2 Then why is this just
3 out in limbo? That's all I'm
4 asking.

5 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

6 --- have nothing
7 whatsoever to say.

8 VICE CHAIR:

9 Well, it's all in here.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

11 Okay. What's in there?

12 MS. VANNUCCHI:

13 All the information and
14 everything that's been recorded
15 here is going to go to the next
16 step? It's going to be
17 reviewed? As long as it's
18 not ---.

19 VICE CHAIR:

20 All your comments.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

22 Isn't that who makes the
23 decision?

24 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

25 No.

1 MR. LAVIX:

2 Once we get an answer
3 from HUD, we can call a meeting
4 of the Board and recommend that
5 to the representatives. That's
6 who makes that decision. We'll
7 just follow it up when it comes
8 back from HUD, what we should
9 do. That meeting will be
10 advertised.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 Is there a
13 representative from HUD so we
14 can discuss it with them or do
15 we just have to take your word
16 for it?

17 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

18 There's probably going
19 to be a representative.

20 VICE CHAIR:

21 Yeah. I would imagine
22 that HUD will have to come back
23 and have a meeting. I mean, we
24 never went through this before.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

1 Well, they'll also be
2 notified when this hearing
3 occurs so that they can attend.
4 It's not just going to be
5 something that ---.

6 MR. GONTZ:

7 Yes. HUD has 60 days to
8 review the plan. And in that
9 60 days, there will be
10 consultation between ---.

11 MS. VANNUCCHI:

12 This proposal that's
13 going forth, does this also
14 include information regarding
15 the facility being used for our
16 veterans?

17 VICE CHAIR:

18 Yes.

19 MS. VANNUCCHI:

20 It does?

21 VICE CHAIR:

22 Yes.

23 MS. VANNUCCHI:

24 Okay. So it's both
25 options? It's the option to

1 use it for the township
2 personnel and services ---?

3 VICE CHAIR:

4 Emergency services.

5 MS. VANNUCCHI:

6 Okay. Emergency
7 services. Or using it for our
8 veterans. It's an either/or
9 type thing?

10 VICE CHAIR:

11 Not for me, it's not an
12 either/or. It's depending
13 on ---.

14 MS. VANNUCCHI:

15 Correct. Correct.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

17 But she just wants to
18 make sure that both options are
19 there.

20 VICE CHAIR:

21 Yes, it's all in here.

22 MS. VANNUCCHI:

23 Okay. Thank you very
24 much.

25 MS. N. VERESPY:

1 Okay. I'm Nancy
2 Verespy. Andrew Staub, is the
3 author. He wrote this article.
4 I was away and I came back. It
5 says, although a final decision
6 on what will happen to the
7 Reserve Center could be more
8 than two months away, the
9 Plains Township Land
10 Redevelopment Authority will
11 recommend U.S. Department of
12 Housing and Urban Development
13 award the center to the
14 township for the use of the
15 police and fire department,
16 said Township Commissioner,
17 Rose Corcoran, who serves on
18 the Authority with the four
19 other Commissioners.

20 How is that --- we're
21 still --- you're telling me
22 you're not going to make the
23 decision? It's already made.
24 Tell me this is wrong. Tell
25 this reporter that what you

1 told them is wrong. He's here.
2 He can defend himself. If
3 you've made a mistake, he's a
4 big boy. He can stand up and
5 answer for it. That's not what
6 you said, what you just told
7 us. Why would you have a
8 meeting in which what we've
9 asked --- when I got up, I
10 said, can I ask questions? You
11 said, sure. Now you're telling
12 me I asked questions and I
13 spent my valuable time working
14 for veterans, came to this
15 meeting and nothing of what I
16 said is going to be answered by
17 anyone here, nor do we know if
18 it will ever be answered by
19 anyone? I don't care if
20 there's a record of it
21 somewhere at HUD. That means
22 nothing to me. I'm in Plains
23 Township. I want to know what
24 you're going to tell me now.

25 And you took this time

1 and you all sat there and told
2 us that we can answer
3 questions. When you ask a
4 question, do you not expect to
5 get an answer? If not tonight,
6 sometime before you recommend
7 that the Department of Housing
8 and Urban Development award
9 this center to the township for
10 the township offices. What was
11 the point of this meeting? Can
12 somebody tell me? Maybe I'm
13 naïve. A public hearing ---
14 it's just what's the point of
15 coming? There was none.

16 You've already made the
17 decision. You're already
18 sending your recommendation in
19 because you had a committee.
20 You recommended that this was
21 what was best. They heard no
22 testimony from us as one of the
23 people who were submitting a
24 proposal. Nobody asked me a
25 question. I'm available every

1 day. I live in Plains. I work
2 in Jenkins Township. I can be
3 at the Plains Township Offices
4 within five minutes, believe
5 me.

6 This is serious business
7 to me. If this is what a
8 public hearing is, there's
9 something wrong here. This is
10 not what I thought of as a
11 public hearing. A public
12 hearing to hear information.
13 If that's all you were going to
14 do, then you should not have
15 said to me I could ask
16 questions, because asking
17 questions means that I expect
18 to be able to get an answer.
19 And now I'm told that this was
20 a waste of time for everyone
21 who feels for veterans, who
22 wants for veterans, that you're
23 going to rely on pieces of
24 paper to submit with your
25 recommendation. Even though

1 you keep saying you're not
2 making the --- you're not doing
3 it, but you're a Commissioner
4 in Plains and you're making the
5 recommendation, along with your
6 project manager. And this is
7 not about personal feelings. I
8 could care less. I don't know
9 if you're veterans or you're
10 not veterans. It doesn't
11 matter. You should be for
12 veterans whether you're one or
13 you're not one. So this is
14 ludicrous. I expect to get
15 answers, but I don't see that
16 that's going to happen.

17 MR. FORBES:

18 How do we appeal this
19 recommendation?

20 MS. N. VERESPY:

21 How do we get input that
22 we know will be submitted along
23 with the recommendation that
24 Mrs. Corcoran submitted? How
25 can we know our information has

1 been submitted?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

3 Can they submit a
4 proposal, as you have?

5 MS. N. VERESPY:

6 We did submit a
7 proposal, but I don't know if
8 it went anywhere other
9 than ---.

10 MR. FORBES:

11 But how do we appeal the
12 recommendation?

13 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

14 During that 60-day
15 review, if there's an issue
16 with that submission, HUD will
17 be back in touch with Plains.

18 MR. MURPHY:

19 But will people who also
20 made a proposal be informed
21 that there's --- or is this
22 going to be a silent,
23 one-way ---?

24 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

25 No. You can contact HUD

1 directly.

2 MR. MURPHY:

3 Thank you.

4 MS. N. VERESPY:

5 Can you give me the
6 information of who I contact?

7 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

8 Sure.

9 MR. MURPHY:

10 We would want that.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 So HUD won't only just
13 deal with the Commissioners of
14 Plains or the people sitting up
15 here on this panel, they will
16 deal with everyone that is
17 involved ---?

18 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

19 Yes. You'll have some
20 sort of input. I can't tell
21 you what that would be, but HUD
22 would be dealing --- in touch
23 directly ---.

24 MS. N. VERESPY:

25 And can I be assured

1 that the LRA is going to
2 contact me or someone within my
3 organization --- our
4 organization? Do I know that's
5 possible? I just happened to
6 see the announcement of the
7 BRAC Commission's decision in
8 the paper, just happened to see
9 it, prepared the information
10 and input. But I don't know
11 --- based on this, it's
12 decided.

13 MS. OWEN:

14 And if it wasn't
15 decided, why would you cancel a
16 meeting that was set up with
17 Nancy on TV just to talk about
18 it, to make the people aware of
19 it? If it wasn't --- why are
20 you afraid for them to go on
21 TV? That, to me, is an
22 important question. And Rose,
23 you're the one who canceled
24 that meeting. And I think you
25 should answer why.

1 MS. N. VERESPY:

2 I knew that it wouldn't
3 be a happy little camper
4 meeting tonight. I knew it
5 wouldn't be because I knew that
6 --- you won't believe it, I'm
7 one of nine board members that
8 run an organization throughout
9 the country, internationally,
10 and we do all the programs
11 you've heard about, and I'm the
12 one who usually doesn't have a
13 lot to say. But that doesn't
14 mean I don't know what I'm
15 talking about and that doesn't
16 mean that I don't care about
17 the veterans. So if one of us
18 in the office wasn't available,
19 the other would be, the other
20 would be. There's plenty of
21 people.

22 But if this newspaper
23 article is wrong in what it
24 says, then we have to ask ---
25 I'm going to ask for a

1 retraction of that statement if
2 that's wrong. But I don't
3 think that'll ever happen. I
4 have the option, as well, to
5 speak to the newspaper. I
6 haven't done that. I haven't
7 contacted the people that I
8 know or that I know through my
9 family connections from my
10 father being a magistrate for
11 so many years in this township.
12 I can do the same thing. I
13 don't have to be a Commissioner
14 to get attention. I only have
15 to call a couple of people that
16 I know and I hesitated, because
17 that's not the way I wanted to
18 get this consideration. I want
19 us to get the consideration
20 because it was done fairly.
21 This is not being done fairly.

22 That's my opinion.
23 That's my opinion for the
24 organization that I represent.
25 That's my opinion for veterans

1 who are not here to speak for
2 themselves. I find that it's
3 very distasteful that questions
4 were allowed to be asked and
5 there was never an intent by
6 any of you to answer a
7 question. There was never an
8 intent. I thought it was
9 strange that you kept letting
10 people ask questions, but I
11 thought maybe they're writing
12 it down. Maybe this young
13 man's going to read it back and
14 they're going to answer
15 questions. How naïve. I was
16 very naïve. I'm not naïve
17 anymore. I'm not going to be
18 quiet about veterans. I'm not
19 going to sit back. I'm going
20 to fight for what I think is
21 the right thing. I need the
22 address, please, for who I need
23 to contact to be sure that our
24 proposal ---. Thank you.

25 MS. O'CONNOR:

1 Brigid O'Connor. I'm
2 sorry. I was late, so I didn't
3 hear a lot of the meeting, but
4 I think it's important for the
5 people to know that the
6 integrity of our Board is at
7 stake here and the questions
8 that are being answered will be
9 addressed, and the
10 recommendations I think the
11 people want to hear, they will
12 be sent in to the proper
13 authorities. I feel our Board
14 will be as up front with you as
15 we can be and that there is
16 really nothing to hide. So I
17 think that's the statement in
18 case someone thinks our Board
19 is trying to hide something. I
20 would hope that would not be
21 clouding your head. Thank you.

22 MS. OWEN:

23 You know, with
24 Washington and with locals and
25 state, do we have any room for

1 anybody who's elected to office
2 anymore? We put you in there
3 to represent us, and we, excuse
4 my French, are being screwed,
5 and we're tired of it. I'm
6 tired of it. I work for the
7 government. You know how much
8 crap goes on with the
9 government, and this is the
10 same thing. I come to these
11 meetings and it's like being at
12 work. I get no answers. I get
13 no justification. I get no
14 satisfaction. I get the
15 runaround. It's just something
16 that government officials do,
17 whether it be local, state, or
18 especially Washington.

19 I mean, it is really sad
20 to think --- I look at all of
21 you and you work for the
22 government. I look at all of
23 you and you can't even consider
24 the veterans before you put a
25 proposal like that in the

1 newspaper when that was an a
2 federal building for the
3 veterans? That should have
4 been the first thing you, as
5 human beings, should have done
6 without all this other crap.
7 You don't need another
8 building. We've got buildings
9 all over the place. We're
10 paying taxes all over the
11 place. We don't need it. We
12 don't need it. We need our
13 roads fixed. We need this
14 building to be built and we
15 just need to be taken care of
16 as taxpayers and not be ignored
17 as though we're imbeciles,
18 because we're not. And I
19 resent it from the bottom of my
20 heart because I look at all of
21 you. I know some of you I
22 didn't vote for. Thank God I
23 didn't. But I look at some of
24 you that I voted for and I'm
25 sick about it because you're

1 not representing me and you're
2 not representing those
3 veterans. You're representing
4 yourself and your pockets. And
5 I'm sorry, but that is my true
6 feeling and you can put that in
7 your record. It's Owen,
8 O-W-E-N.

9 MR. FORBES:

10 I would just like to say
11 one thing, and I'm not going to
12 get up. I'm an Australian, as
13 you know. I've been here for
14 17 years, coming back and
15 forth, working with American
16 veterans. I'd like to know from
17 the five people sitting in
18 front of me that are dumb,
19 where is your patriotism?
20 Where is your great American
21 spirit? There isn't one.
22 That's obvious. The one thing
23 that I can commit to, not as
24 part of the veterans
25 organization, but part of ---

1 as me personally, I will do
2 everything in my power to have
3 you removed at the next
4 election.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

6 Me, too.

7 MR. FORBES:

8 Every way possible.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

10 Me, too.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 Can I ask a question?
13 Isn't it true that the people
14 that are considered first are
15 homeless and veterans in this
16 program? Aren't they number
17 one considered in this program,
18 that they will be considered
19 first? No, I'm not asking
20 about that. Isn't it true if
21 they fill out an application
22 and they put everything in,
23 that they will be considered
24 first?

25 MR. GONTZ:

1 The Redevelopment Plan
2 does state that the
3 homeless ---.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

5 Yes, the homeless, the
6 veterans will be first. So if
7 you did your paperwork and put
8 your application in, the
9 veterans and the homeless are
10 to get this first. And then if
11 you don't want it, the
12 Commissioners have a right to
13 take it. They don't get it
14 until nobody else wants it.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

16 Well, apparently, they
17 ignored the fact that someone
18 else wants it, and that's why
19 everyone's ---.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

21 If you put an
22 application in, the government
23 will recommend them first;
24 correct?

25 MR. GONTZ:

1 The government will
2 acknowledge the fact ---.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

4 Yes, but they are
5 considered first. But it's not
6 going to be that way because
7 the Commissioners ---.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

9 Well, the Commissioners
10 have nothing to do with
11 the ---.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 Right. Right.

14 MR. GONTZ:

15 I will review the plan
16 and see if there was a balance
17 for needs and ---.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 Right. But they are
20 considered first; aren't they?

21 MR. GONTZ:

22 Well, I don't want to
23 say necessarily first. They
24 are being considered. That
25 consideration is ---.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

2 Well, isn't it true that
3 unless every other --- like the
4 homeless, the veterans, unless
5 they are --- if they don't want
6 it, then it goes to the
7 township; is that correct? If
8 the township will put emergency
9 in there; isn't that how it
10 works?

11 MR. GONTZ:

12 When the LRA is created,
13 the LRA will make a
14 determination and
15 recommendation based on input
16 from --- that's published by
17 the Outreach Peer Group, which
18 runs approximately 100-some odd
19 days. During that period of
20 time, you'll receive notices of
21 interest. That's, in fact,
22 what the veterans group did.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

24 So now, you're going to
25 tell us the Commissioners have

1 nothing to do with it?

2 MR. GONTZ:

3 No. The Commissioners
4 are in the LRA, and the LRA
5 simply comes up with the
6 recommendation based on the
7 input. Whenever that input is
8 put into the redevelopment,
9 then that's what goes to
10 Washington and is reviewed by
11 HUD in this particular case
12 and the balance --- the needs
13 of the homeless are a part of
14 that balance.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

16 Right.

17 MR. CURLEY:

18 Jonathan Curley,
19 C-U-R-L-E-Y. I just have a
20 concern. You have this fairly
21 new building up here on 315
22 that's going to be used for
23 veterans, hopefully. You have
24 a brand new facility in Plains
25 on Mapa (phonetic) Street. You

1 have the Town Hall on Main
2 Street. You have this
3 building. How much more
4 response time do any emergency
5 services need to have to get to
6 anywhere? Plains isn't that
7 big. It only seems fit that
8 veterans deserve this building.
9 Emergency services, whether it
10 be fire department, police
11 department, it doesn't matter,
12 they don't deserve to have this
13 kind of building. Also, I see
14 all these wonderful
15 firefighters. I don't want to
16 pick on you, but where's your
17 voice? There's no response on
18 your end. It's only people
19 speaking on behalf of the
20 veterans. They truly want the
21 building.

22 MS. MURPHY:

23 Hi. My name is Mary Kay
24 Murphy. I'm a resident of
25 Plains Township. M-U-R-P-H-Y.

1 I just want to point out, now,
2 if you're going to use this
3 building up on 315 for the
4 emergency services, is that all
5 buildings are going to move up
6 there? North Main Street here,
7 everything is going to run out
8 of that end of Plains Township?
9 Or is it going to be all
10 different --- is this going to
11 be additional?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 They're not going to
14 answer you.

15 MS. MURPHY:

16 Well, no --- I just ---
17 are you guys going to run from
18 here and there or, I mean, is
19 it just another building you're
20 adding to the Plains Township
21 taxpayers or are you putting
22 everybody in one location?
23 Because the way you have it set
24 up now, this location is the
25 lower end of Plains. You have

1 a building up on the higher end
2 of Plains. You're covering all
3 of Plains Township the way it
4 is now. Why do you need
5 another facility? I don't
6 understand it when, especially,
7 that building could be used for
8 a very good reason, very close
9 to the VA to help people who
10 really need help. You're
11 already covered here in Plains
12 Township. And as a taxpayer of
13 Plains, I don't want to pay
14 more taxes for another building
15 that you don't really need.
16 That's all I have to say. I
17 know I'm not going to get any
18 answers. I got to go.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

20 No answers?

21 MR. MURPHY:

22 If I had some answers,
23 I'd be more than happy ---.

24 MS. N. VERESPY:

25 Can I please have that

1 information for her?

2 MR. GONTZ:

3 Sure.

4 MS. N. VERESPY:

5 Who she should contact
6 or ---?

7 MR. GONTZ:

8 Give me her name and
9 address. I've got to get her
10 name and address down.

11 MS. N. VERESPY:

12 Okay. Do you want me to
13 just write it down for you?

14 VICE CHAIR:

15 Anybody else?

16 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

17 We gave you the answers
18 the best that we can. We do
19 not make the decisions. We
20 don't have the answers for you
21 until it comes back from HUD.
22 And to answer the one question,
23 or not the one question, the
24 one statement about us lining
25 our pockets, that's totally,

1 totally ridiculous and
2 terrible. And you know, it's
3 just --- we didn't come here to
4 get accused of doing backdoor
5 deals. We didn't come her for
6 any of that. We came here
7 because the government mandated
8 us to do this; okay? The
9 government mandated us to have
10 a proposal --- that we have to
11 have a proposal to fall back
12 on.

13 It's not us saying that
14 we want it over the veterans.
15 We didn't say we want it over
16 the veterans. We didn't say
17 that. But we have to have a
18 proposal because that's what
19 they tell us that we have to
20 do. And for us to answer all
21 your questions, okay, just like
22 she was asking questions about
23 this building, that building,
24 what we're going to do with it,
25 there's not enough time today

1 or tomorrow or next week for us
2 to answer all of those
3 questions.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

5 What was that about
6 having ---?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

8 The recommendations for
9 the Plains Commissioners ---.

10 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

11 The Plains Commissioners
12 have to make a recommendation.

13 VICE CHAIR:

14 Plains Township did not
15 have an LRA.

16 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

17 An LRA is a
18 redevelopment authority.

19 VICE CHAIR:

20 Authority. So Plains
21 Township Commissioners became
22 the LRA. Through the LRA, it
23 was recommended that the Army
24 Reserve Center would be for
25 emergency services through

1 police and fire. That was a
2 recommendation only.

3 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

4 Only. It's just a
5 recommendation.

6 VICE CHAIR:

7 At the end of this
8 narrative, there's another
9 recommendation that's going to
10 come, and that's going to be
11 from HUD and DOD. That is not
12 in our hands.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

14 It had nothing to do
15 with the VA, the veterans
16 buying that building or taking
17 it over? It has nothing to do
18 with the veterans ---.

19 VICE CHAIR:

20 Which part, now? Which
21 part? The recommendation that
22 the LRA said or the
23 recommendation that HUD is
24 going to make?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

1 Well, they just
2 mentioned the fire department
3 and the police department?

4 VICE CHAIR:

5 Correct.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

7 All right. But there's
8 no recommendation about making
9 it a home for the homeless?

10 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

11 Whatever the veterans
12 applied for. If this came down
13 to --- I don't know, I could be
14 out of turn here, but I really
15 don't even know if we --- if it
16 came down to a debate, veterans
17 emergency services, if we would
18 even debate it. I don't even
19 think we're in the position
20 where we would even debate it.
21 Well, we're not saying we would
22 or we wouldn't.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

24 Yeah, I know that.

25 Yeah, I know that.

1 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

2 We don't even know if
3 it's feasible for us to use it,
4 but we have to make a
5 recommendation.

6 VICE CHAIR:

7 And in this narrative is
8 the veterans, Vietnam War
9 Veterans and Veterans
10 Coalition. Their notice of
11 interest, it's here.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 Is it as detailed as the
14 other proposal? That's what I
15 wanted to know.

16 VICE CHAIR:

17 Detailed as what other
18 proposal?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

20 I don't know what's in
21 that book so what --- you know,
22 the detail that's going to be
23 represented, is it ---?

24 VICE CHAIR:

25 Whatever they gave us is

1 in ---.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

3 All right. That's what
4 I wanted to know.

5 VICE CHAIR:

6 But this was on display
7 for eight days.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

9 Oh, I don't go up to
10 the ---.

11 VICE CHAIR:

12 I know, but I mean, that
13 was there for people to read.

14 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

15 The last statement that
16 I'm going to make is we sat
17 here because we were just
18 getting input from everybody;
19 okay? We were getting an
20 education what everything was
21 about. We also got abused by
22 quite a few people; okay? We
23 did not pick up and walk out.
24 We sat here and we took it;
25 okay? The other people elected

1 to walk out and not give us a
2 chance. We didn't want to have
3 a confrontation. We don't want
4 to have a confrontation. We
5 are here to serve not just
6 Plains Township, for the whole
7 community. That's what we're
8 trying to do, is to serve the
9 community; okay? And I think
10 Brigid explained that. I think
11 Rose has explained that. And
12 this gentleman is our advisor,
13 if I'm correct.

14 MR. GONTZ:

15 On the process?

16 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

17 Yeah. I've never done
18 this before. Nobody's ever
19 done it before but him. Mr.
20 Lavix, I mean, he came there
21 and he got blasted. For what?
22 I mean, it just --- and I
23 understand the --- I mean, I
24 understand the veterans, too.
25 And you've made some very, very

1 good points.

2 MR. MURPHY:

3 One of the points I want
4 to finish up is, as the LRA,
5 your weight is going to carry
6 to make a proposal. The thing
7 is I wouldn't care if they saw
8 two proposals. They're going
9 to look at every recommendation
10 and weigh that proposal a
11 little heavier.

12 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

13 This is something that I
14 need an explanation on myself.

15 MR. MURPHY:

16 I do not know what the
17 process at HUD or DOD is going
18 to be, but based on
19 recommendations of --- I'm not
20 going to say Commissioners, but
21 local LRA, they're going to
22 carry some weight.

23 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

24 HUD will take that
25 redevelopment plan that is

1 submitted and they'll review it
2 for 60 days and they'll run ---
3 do an analysis to see if the
4 needs of the homeless are
5 balanced. If they weren't
6 balanced, they will found out
7 what alternative there is. And
8 there will be a consultation
9 with the LRA. It's not a
10 pushover.

11 VICE CHAIR:

12 And everything's
13 documented. I have everything
14 documented.

15 MR. MURPHY:

16 Another thing that was a
17 little disappointing is that in
18 the actual planning phase
19 throughout this, we had no
20 input. Give us an input on the
21 proposal, period, and that is
22 the end of it, and hence, we're
23 here tonight. There should
24 have been a lot more input at
25 some of the meetings or

1 whatever. And that's why they
2 stood up and walked out.

3 MR. LAVIX:

4 I think if a vote was
5 taken by the Commissioners,
6 they would have voted to give
7 these people --- if they could.

8 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

9 In all of our
10 commenting, okay, and
11 recommending, we need to read
12 between the lines here. We're
13 not the enemies here, but we
14 have a job that we have to do
15 and then we have obligations,
16 and that's what we're doing.
17 That's what we're doing for
18 vets, for the whole community.
19 We're not doing anything under
20 this table.

21 MS. O'CONNOR:

22 My point that I tried to
23 make before about our
24 integrity, I think that's very
25 important. And so I don't

1 think anyone's here against
2 Vietnam veterans. I didn't
3 hear the beginning.

4 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

5 You don't want to hear
6 it, Brigid.

7 MS. O'CONNOR:

8 I would hope the people
9 would understand --- I know
10 they said --- I wasn't here to
11 hear all of it. But I don't
12 think any of the Commissioners,
13 I would hope, and I don't
14 believe any of us are, against
15 Vietnam veterans in any way.

16 And again, as Joe said,
17 and I believe Rose probably
18 said at some point, this is for
19 input to the --- not a final
20 decision. No, it's not final.

21 VICE CHAIR:

22 For me to try to explain
23 a whole year tonight, I
24 couldn't do it. You would have
25 to sit and read it. Not

1 tonight, but it was on display.
2 That's why the ad was in the
3 paper.

4 MS. R. VERESPY:

5 Where was it displayed?

6 VICE CHAIR:

7 At the Town Hall.

8 MR. MURPHY:

9 No offense, I don't get
10 a paper, so I wouldn't ---.

11 MS. R. VERESPY:

12 I guess it's in the
13 paper, but it's not in the
14 paper that you would ---.

15 VICE CHAIR:

16 It's in the classified
17 where we put public hearing
18 notices. And it's in here.
19 You can read it. I have a copy
20 of it in there.

21 MS. R. VERESPY:

22 I just hope that they
23 consider this, because like I
24 said before, my husband was up
25 at the VA Hospital for 28

1 years. I mean, he was in and
2 out, and every time he went up
3 there, it would be
4 heartbreaking. Someone would
5 come in and they'd have no
6 place to stay, so they would
7 try to --- like Mary Lou said,
8 they'd try their best. They
9 would have one night for them,
10 but if they had this place
11 here, and they do --- I will
12 say because I volunteer up at
13 the Vietnam Veterans.

14 I go up and help raise
15 the flags and I do a lot of
16 work for them. And when they
17 go to these Beacon Houses, even
18 up there, some men come in
19 there, but they do have strict
20 rules. And Nancy is on the
21 phone I will say, she's up
22 there sometimes ten hours. Ten
23 hours she's on that phone. It
24 never stops ringing. But she
25 would never --- sometimes she

1 talks to people an hour and
2 never hangs up on them. They
3 always get the satisfactory
4 answers. And if she couldn't
5 do it, she'd refer them to
6 somebody else. Like he said
7 --- and I know for these Beacon
8 Houses, they do have a lot of
9 them. I was up there when they
10 were going up to South Dakota
11 this last spring.

12 Like I said, if they get
13 it here, we do have a lot of
14 veterans here. I mean, through
15 what fault they're there in
16 that homeless situation, nobody
17 knows. Just like the homeless
18 non-veterans. But this is
19 basically veterans. So I just
20 hope something becomes of it.

21 MR. LAVIX:

22 Somebody made the
23 comment that there was no
24 veterans on this Board. I'm an
25 Army veteran.

1 MS. R. VERESPY:

2 Oh, I know that.

3 MR. LAVIX:

4 '62 to '66.

5 VICE CHAIR:

6 Oh, yeah, I know you
7 were a veteran, Joe.

8 MR. LAVIX:

9 I didn't get a chance to
10 answer earlier.

11 VICE CHAIR:

12 I think the question was
13 asked, is there a veteran on
14 there?

15 MS. R. VERESPY:

16 She didn't say there
17 isn't any. She said is there a
18 veteran on there. And I don't
19 think she realized that you
20 were a veteran.

21 VICE CHAIR:

22 They were asking if
23 there was.

24 MR. MURPHY:

25 That's one of the said

1 questions?

2 MS. R. VERESPY:

3 Yeah. Is there a
4 veteran on the Board? And I
5 know you're a veteran, Joe.

6 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

7 And if there isn't, it
8 doesn't mean that we don't have
9 patriotism or we don't care for
10 veterans; okay?

11 MS. R. VERESPY:

12 Oh, I know that.

13 MS. VANNUCCHI:

14 When is this proposal
15 being submitted?

16 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

17 As soon as public
18 comment is concluded?

19 VICE CHAIR:

20 This fellow said the
21 comments would get back to us
22 in about two weeks, and then
23 I'll send everything in.

24 MS. VANNUCCHI:

25 Will it still be on

1 display for ---?

2 VICE CHAIR:

3 I guess since we're
4 waiting for the comments, yes.

5 MR. GONTZ:

6 Could we --- you can?

7 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

8 You can.

9 MR. GONTZ:

10 Okay. We got
11 permission.

12 MS. R. VERESPY:

13 Okay. And it will be at
14 the Town Hall and they'll have
15 it in the paper?

16 VICE CHAIR:

17 No, no. Until they get
18 the comments back from this
19 meeting.

20 MS. R. VERESPY:

21 Yeah, that's what I
22 mean there. Okay.

23 VICE CHAIR:

24 And then part of it, the
25 joint part, I have to talk with

1 Community Development to get
2 the Exhibit One of Continual
3 Care, which will --- in the
4 exhibit, it will list all the
5 agencies that deal with the
6 homeless. And that had to be
7 proven that that was covered in
8 this narrative to HUD and DOD.
9 So there are agencies in the
10 county that will address the
11 homeless. And I have to show
12 that.

13 MS. VANNUCCHI:

14 Is that what you meant
15 by the balance for the ---?

16 MR. GONTZ:

17 That's one of the things
18 HUD will review.

19 VICE CHAIR:

20 I had a file --- I can't
21 think of the name of that
22 booklet, but --- of the time
23 schedule that everything had to
24 be done. And that's what I
25 did.

1 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

2 And how it had to be
3 done.

4 VICE CHAIR:

5 And how it had to be
6 done.

7 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

8 There was rules and ways
9 that every step in this
10 procedure, when, how and where
11 it had to be done. Okay.

12 VICE CHAIR:

13 And Ronnie Filippini
14 asked me to be the contact
15 person. I said, yes. I didn't
16 know it was going to be this
17 involved.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 So when you did that
20 recommendation, when you made
21 that Redevelopment Plan, and
22 you put in the fact that you
23 --- that the township could use
24 it for this, this and this,
25 this is just something to

1 safeguard if no one else got
2 it; correct?

3 VICE CHAIR:

4 That part ---.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

6 You had to make a
7 recommendation; didn't you?

8 VICE CHAIR:

9 The LRA made the
10 recommendation.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

12 The Commissioners didn't
13 do that. That was something
14 like a procedure; correct?

15 VICE CHAIR:

16 It was a procedure that
17 the LRA had to follow.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

19 That's right. It wasn't
20 your decision?

21 VICE CHAIR:

22 No.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

24 No. Okay. I just
25 wanted that ---.

1 VICE CHAIR:

2 Not me personally.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

4 Right. It was the

5 Commission.

6 VICE CHAIR:

7 By a vote.

8 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

9 Right.

10 VICE CHAIR:

11 And that's what they

12 recommended.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

14 And they had to do that

15 because of procedure; correct?

16 VICE CHAIR:

17 Correct.

18 MS. VANNUCCHI:

19 But it is the

20 recommendation of LRA that that

21 building be used for emergency

22 services for Plains? That is

23 the recommendation of the LRA?

24 VICE CHAIR:

25 Of the LRA.

1 MS. VANNUCCHI:

2 Okay.

3 VICE CHAIR:

4 The final page in here
5 is the recommendation from HUD
6 and DOD.

7 MS. VANNUCCHI:

8 Okay.

9 VICE CHAIR:

10 Which will be coming in
11 60 days. Any other comments?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 I wish we had an open
14 forum here.

15 VICE CHAIR:

16 Well, it was comments,
17 but you had to follow certain
18 procedure with the hearing, and
19 some of those questions asked
20 of us couldn't be answered.

21 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

22 Some of the things we
23 couldn't reply to because it
24 would only be a confrontation.

25 VICE CHAIR:

1 It would have been a
2 confrontation.

3 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

4 We don't want to be
5 confrontational.

6 MS. VANNUCCHI:

7 Exactly, but probably
8 what would have been best so
9 that it didn't get
10 confrontational would just be
11 to say that you didn't have the
12 answer at that point or that
13 you couldn't answer it.
14 Because you know what? It
15 almost seemed like we were
16 talking to the wall, which is
17 not a good feeling when you're
18 getting up and you ask a
19 question.

20 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

21 I know myself, and I'm
22 sure that Rose and Brigid heard
23 every concern that was said,
24 and I know a few of them we're
25 going to look into them; okay?

1 I know we'll be at a place to
2 see what is up there. I've
3 never been up to VA aside when
4 --- I used to work on the
5 ambulance to take them up
6 there. But you know, it's just
7 ---.

8 MS. VANNUCCHI:

9 But can you see
10 where ---

11 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

12 Yeah, we can see ---.

13 MS. VANNUCCHI:

14 --- that would be
15 upsetting not to get an answer?

16 MR. MURPHY:

17 It seemed like we were
18 left out of the process.

19 VICE CHAIR:

20 You weren't left out of
21 the process because I have the
22 proposal here. It's all in
23 here. That goes to the Army.

24 MS. R. VERESPY:

25 We can take time and

1 read that?

2 VICE CHAIR:

3 You sure can.

4 MS. R. VERESPY:

5 Over there tomorrow?

6 How do we get in there?

7 VICE CHAIR:

8 No, the girls are there.

9 MS. R. VERESPY:

10 Oh, the girls. Okay.

11 That's what I was going to ask

12 you. They'll have it?

13 VICE CHAIR:

14 It's right at the front

15 desk.

16 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

17 If you need a chair,

18 they'll give you a chair to sit

19 down and read it. I mean,

20 there's ---.

21 MS. R. VERESPY:

22 You mean they're going

23 to be in that hall?

24 VICE CHAIR:

25 No, it's not in the

1 hall. You have to go in.

2 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

3 You'll go into the
4 office where it's
5 air-conditioned.

6 VICE CHAIR:

7 I won't leave this out
8 in the hall.

9 MS. VANNUCCHI:

10 Yeah. No, I understand.

11 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

12 And Rose's husband is a
13 veteran. Rose's husband is a
14 veteran in the Marines and he's
15 proud of it and he's ---.

16 MS. VANNUCCHI:

17 And rightly so.

18 MS. O'CONNOR:

19 It's public record.
20 You're welcome to have copies
21 of it. There's really nothing
22 to hide; correct?

23 VICE CHAIR:

24 Oh, no, there's nothing
25 to hide.

1 MS. O'CONNOR:

2 So if you need copies,
3 it's there. I don't think
4 everybody realizes that it's on
5 public display. That's
6 why ---.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

8 They make them up there
9 or ---?

10 MS. O'CONNOR:

11 They will.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 They can make copies for
14 you?

15 VICE CHAIR:

16 Brigid is saying that
17 they will. I would assume
18 there will be a charge;
19 correct?

20 MS. O'CONNOR:

21 Well, I think something
22 like this ---.

23 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

24 Yes. It's a lot, a lot
25 of papers.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

2 Yes. Yes. Yes. I
3 understand that.

4 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

5 You might read it and
6 say, I only want page 50 and
7 page 70, so you know what I
8 mean? There's certain things
9 that ---.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

11 Yes. Yes. I have no
12 problem with that, there being
13 a charge. I understand that,
14 especially for this kind of
15 document.

16 VICE CHAIR:

17 Okay. Any other
18 comments?

19 MS. R. VERESPY:

20 I think Nancy said that
21 there was supposed to be a
22 meeting and you canceled it.

23 VICE CHAIR:

24 I didn't cancel a
25 meeting.

1 MS. R. VERESPY:

2 But she was saying,
3 mentioned about something that
4 was canceled.

5 VICE CHAIR:

6 TV called Ronnie, Ronnie
7 called me, phone tag, about
8 they wanted to be interactive
9 about the Reserve Center. I
10 called them and I said, I
11 didn't feel comfortable going
12 on the television without the
13 project director. Since we're
14 new at this and he isn't, he
15 could be helpful to us. I
16 talked to a friend at the news
17 desk. I told him that. I did
18 not cancel. I said, you can go
19 on, Ronnie can go if he wants,
20 but I will not go on without
21 him. Fred said he would talk
22 to his boss, who is David
23 McCosnel (phonetic). I said,
24 you have David call me and I
25 will explain it. That was

1 misquoted tonight.

2 MS. R. VERESPY:

3 When she asked you that,
4 that's when you should have
5 told her that then. I mean, to
6 see ---.

7 VICE CHAIR:

8 No, because she said
9 something different to me on
10 the phone when she called. She
11 said exactly what --- that the
12 man told her, that I did not
13 feel comfortable without Gary.
14 And I would not feel
15 comfortable going on that,
16 never been through a base
17 closing before, and people
18 asking questions that I
19 wouldn't have answers for. At
20 least he might have been able
21 to guide us.

22 I said, remember --- I
23 said to Fred, remember now,
24 this isn't --- the new
25 occupants will not get in there

1 before 2010. So there's really
2 not a rush, so if we could
3 arrange it that everybody can
4 come to the TV studio, we'll do
5 it. That's what happened.

6 MS. R. VERESPY:

7 Thank you.

8 MR. SPAGNUOLO:

9 We appreciate you
10 staying.

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13 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:21 P.M.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
PROCEEDINGS WERE REPORTED BY ME AND THEREAFTER
REDUCED TO TYPEWRITING AND THAT THIS TRANSCRIPT IS A
TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD THEREOF.

SARGENT'S COURT REPORTING SERVICE, INC.

Bill Sargent

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Reference #18

Copy of

Withdrawal Letter from

Bear Creek

Community Charter School



www.bearcreekschool.com

September 21, 2006

Rose Corcoran
Plains Township Commissioners
126 North Main Street
Plains, Pennsylvania 18705

RE: *Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center*

Dear Rose:

Thank you for your hospitality during the recent workshop regarding the disposition of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center. It was great to see such a large turnout, especially from those agencies providing much needed services to the homeless community here in the Wyoming Valley.

Due to various circumstances, including the greater need of providing services to our area's underserved homeless population, the Board of Trustees of the Bear Creek Community Charter School respectfully withdraws our Notice of Interest in this property. The Board believes providing homeless services utilizing this facility would serve a much greater need in our community, especially due to the non-residential location of Army Reserve Center.

Thank you for your time and courtesies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Smith
Chief Operating Officer

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Reference #19

Copy of

Excerpts from the

February 2007

Environmental Condition of

Property Report

FINAL

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION OF
PROPERTY REPORT**

**WILKES-BARRE
U.S. ARMY RESERVE CENTER (PA099)
1001 HIGHWAY 315 SOUTH
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18701**

Prepared For:

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Louisville District
Engineering Division – Environmental Engineering Branch
600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place
Louisville, Kentucky 40202-2232**

FEBRUARY 2007

Executive Summary

CH2M HILL, under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, has prepared this Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) report for the Wilkes-Barre U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Center (Facility ID PA099), hereafter referred to as the "Property" or "USAR Center." The Property is in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and encompasses approximately 4 acres.

This ECP report was conducted in conformance with the Department of Defense's (DoD's) Base Redevelopment and Realignment Manual, DoD 4165.77-M (BRRM), Army Regulation 200-1, and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Designation D6008-96 (2005), *Standard Practice for Conducting Environmental Baseline Surveys*.

This ECP report details the history of the property, including the USAR and any prior tenant uses of the Property and the resulting environmental condition of the property.

The USAR Center is on approximately 4 acres of land with two permanent structures, a 21,503-square-foot administration building and a 3,905-square-foot Organizational Maintenance Shop (OMS) building. The site is currently occupied by three units: the 828th Quartermaster Company, 220th Military Police (MP) Detachment, and the 3rd/80th Battalion BDE Training Division.

Based on a review of aerial photographs and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps dating back to 1949, the Property was an undeveloped lot prior to 1949. The USGS topographic map from 1949 did not show any structures on the Property; however, the 1947-1969, 1947-1976, 1947-1980, and the 1999 USGS topographic maps showed the main administration building. The earliest aerial photograph available was 1969, which showed both buildings had been constructed.

Areas of potential environmental concern were reviewed, and CH2M HILL found the following findings relating to the USAR use of this Property.

The Property has an inactive vehicle wash rack that discharged directly to the stormwater system. While there was no closure documentation or information on drain pipe or soil conditions for the wash rack, there was no evidence of a release. Any releases that might have occurred from cracks in the wash rack would be expected to be de minimis quantities.

One 1,000-gallon underground storage tank (UST) containing No. 2 fuel oil was located at this Property and was removed in 1993. The closure report documents analytical results for subsurface soil samples collected from the UST excavation as well as visual observations of tank and piping conditions at the time of removal. The report stated there was no evidence of a release when the tank was removed and no detections of benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and xylene (BTEX) in soil samples; however, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) were detected in soil samples. The report indicates the TPH detections could have been the result of naturally occurring concentrations due to the presence of coal in the area. The closure report states that because this UST was used to supply fuel oil for space heating, it is unregulated by the federal government and by the state of Pennsylvania.

In accordance with DoD policy defining the classifications (see Sherri Goodman Memorandum dated 21 October 1996), the Property has been classified as Type 1. This classification does not include categorizing the property based on de minimis conditions that generally do not present material risk of harm to the public health or the environment and that generally would not be the subject of an enforcement action if brought to the attention of appropriate governmental agencies.

8 Conclusions

The following information was obtained after conducting an environmental record search including records for adjacent properties, reviewing available historical information, conducting interviews with knowledgeable parties connected with the Property or with state and local agencies, and conducting a reconnaissance of the Property and adjacent properties.

8.1 Review of Findings

Hazardous Substances. Hazardous substances pursuant to CERCLA Section 101(14) (42 United States Code 9601 (14)) were used and stored at the Property in amounts necessary to support unit-level vehicle and building maintenance activities. Available information indicates, however, that the quantities stored would not have resulted in a significant release to the environment. There is no evidence (no available reports or persons interviewed) that the hazardous substances used or stored were released or disposed of at the Property.

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USTs/ASTs. Available records do not indicate any ASTs currently or formerly located at this facility. One 1,000-gallon UST containing No. 2 fuel oil was located at this Property and was removed in 1993. The closure report documents analytical results for subsurface soil samples collected from the UST excavation as well as the tank and piping conditions at the time of removal. The report stated there was no evidence of a release when the tank was removed and no detections of BTEX in soil samples; however, TPH was detected in soil samples. The report indicates the TPH detections could have been the result of naturally occurring concentrations due to the presence of coal in the area. The closure report states that because this UST was used to supply fuel oil for space heating, it is unregulated by the federal government and the State of Pennsylvania.

Non-UST/AST Petroleum Storage. Petroleum storage other than in USTs or ASTs was observed on the Property. Several quarts of POL were stored in the flammable storage cabinets located in the OMS building.

PCBs. There are three pole-mounted transformers at the USAR Center that do not contain PCBs.

Asbestos-containing Material. A work order from CET Microbac Laboratory, Inc., dated March 6, 1987, called for the collection and analysis of 150 suspected asbestos samples. This is the only indication of any action taken in regards to asbestos at the Property. While no asbestos surveys were performed, asbestos is suspected in 9-inch by 9-inch floor tiles under the new 12-inch by 12-inch floor tiles and in pipe insulation in the OMS building.

LBP. No LBP surveys have been conducted at the Property. Facilities constructed before 1981 are likely to have been treated with lead-containing paint. All buildings on the Property were constructed before 1981 and, therefore, have the potential to have LBP present. At the time of the site survey, painted surfaces were in good condition, with a few interior areas with chipped or peeling paint.

Radiological Materials. Based on the August 15, 2006, site reconnaissance and interviews with USAR Center personnel, radioactive materials were present in equipment used on the Property. Meters used to monitor NBC hazards were stored in the main building. These meters apparently contain small quantities of radioactive material in sealed containers and are not regulated.

Radon. The 1995 radon survey (ARS, 1995) results indicated that sampling locations exhibited radon levels above USEPA's recommended maximum allowable exposure level of 4.0 pCi/L. A radon mitigation system was installed in 1995. Radon monitoring (Landauer, 1996) indicated that radon levels have dropped below USEPA's recommended maximum allowable exposure level of 4.0 pCi/L.

MEC. Available records do not indicate any MEC currently or formerly located at this Property. No evidence of MEC was observed during the site reconnaissance. There was a firing range located on the second floor of the main building. The former range was closed and cleaned in 1994 and converted to classroom space and storage.

Surrounding Properties. Potential environmental sites of concern, located within the standard ASTM search radius distances from the Property, were evaluated through database review and site reconnaissance. None of the adjacent properties evaluated exhibited environmental conditions that had or have the potential to adversely affect environmental conditions at the Property.

Wetlands and Floodplain. According to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory maps, the 2006 EDR report, and visual observations, no wetlands were observed or appear to be associated with any of the facilities at this site or with any adjacent properties. The Property is not located within a 100-year floodplain or within a coastal zone.

Threatened and Endangered Species. A 1995 natural resources report concludes that the USAR Center does not contain any key natural resources, including wetlands, surface water, rare species, and/or the potential for rare species.

Archaeological and Historical Resources. A Section 110 cultural resources survey report for the Property has not been prepared. Since most buildings on the Property are at least 50 years old, the buildings may meet the criteria for nomination to the NRHP. Additionally, no archaeological sites have been recorded for the immediate vicinity of the facility.

8.2 Environmental Condition of Property

Findings of this ECP report were based on readily available environmental information, interviews with site and state and local personnel, review of previous environmental studies and federal and state database, and file information related to the storage, release, treatment or disposal of hazardous substances or petroleum products. Results also were based on visual observations of the Property and adjacent properties.

In accordance with DoD policy defining the classifications (see Sherri Goodman memorandum dated 21 October 1996), the Property has been classified into one of seven property types. Based on the results of this ECP study, the Property has been assigned an overall DoD Environmental Condition Type 1. The Property type is based on the following major findings:

- The former 1,000-gallon No. 2 heating oil UST, which was located on the west side of the OMS building, was removed in 1993. The report prepared during removal did not identify any holes, leaks, or loose fittings during removal. No visually stained soils were noted in the report. Soil sampling performed did not identify any detections for BTEX. TPH detections in the DRO range were considered background by the report, based on the known presence of coal in the general area.
- The wash rack and drain collected wash fluids that would have included POL products, cleaning solvents used in the cleaning of vehicle components, and antifreeze. There were no visible cracks observed during the 2006 site reconnaissance and no reported piping failures. While there was no closure documentation for the wash rack, there was no documentation or evidence of a release and any releases that might have occurred from cracks in the wash rack would be expected to be de minimis quantities.

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8th of October, 2006

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

To: Board of Commissioners

Subject: Notice of Interest

Dear Commissioners,

*Phone conversation 11-6-06 at 11:20
with Nancy about a tour of
WB & RC. 12-7-06
12-8-06*

Please accept this presentation as a Notice of Interest in the Armory at 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township, Pennsylvania.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition, with an IRS 501C19 determination, has been operating for the past 26 years and its roots are based in the Wilkes-Barre area where local concerned Veterans started the Organization. The Organization has now grown to a renowned International Veterans Service Organization with its World Headquarters in Pittston, PA and Veterans involvement and Posts throughout seven different Allied Countries.

One of the Organization's programs is the United Veterans Beacon House, a Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing project and at this time we house over 350 homeless Veterans each day. Our United Veterans Beacon House program has 20 programs from South Dakota, Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and Virginia and is growing rapidly as we have committed to be a major service provider in an effort to house, retrain and reintegrate the over 300,000 Homeless U.S Veterans throughout the Country.

This staggering number is an outrage and we should all be ashamed that we have let it get this far. The more than doubling in Female Homeless Veterans has caused us and the VA to reevaluate some of our programs so that we can care for Female Homeless Veterans with or without Children.

The Statistics from the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans and Department of Veterans Affairs state the following:

1. More that half a million Veterans experience homelessness over the course of a year.
2. Conservatively, one out of every three homeless males who is sleeping in a doorway, alley or box in our cities and rural communities has put on a uniform and served our country... now they need America to remember them.
3. Only 47% of all Homeless Veterans are from the Vietnam War Era.
4. A top priority is providing secure, safe, clean housing that offers a supportive, empowering and dignified environment, which is free of drugs and alcohol.
5. Veteran Specific highlights: 23% of the Homeless population are Veterans, 76% experience drug, alcohol or mental health issues. 89% received an Honorable Discharge and 85% completed GED.

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6. The most effective programs for homeless and at risk Veterans are non-profit “Veterans Helping Veterans” programs that are connected to Faith Based Organizations and the Department of Veterans Affairs.
7. At the above rates of homeless Veterans the Armory facility will be a part of the solution to reducing the homeless Veterans population. As you can see there is an overwhelming need.
8. Our Messengers of Peace and Freedom should and must be treated better as they sacrificed much for the Freedom we each enjoy everyday.

Our Rules are strict, however our success in reintegration at 80% shows they work. (see attached) We have zero tolerance to drugs and alcohol and all of our residents must volunteer time to Veterans and the Community they live in.

The Armory is ideally suited as it is a Military Establishment where Veterans were molded, trained and served and now can be again assisting to get Veterans lives back in order and reintegrate into the society they so willingly protected. The Veterans would also feel at ease and comfortable knowing that the facility was where Veterans served. The facility would house between 60 transitional Veterans and 20 permanent Veterans along with approximately five family Hoptel units, secured from the UVBH facility.

The Armory is situated only a half mile from the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration Medical Center and fronts onto the main 315 Highway and it has no residential neighbors. Yet, we are known throughout our programs as being the best neighbors once the United Veterans Beacon House is established.

Our UVBH program is a Non-Institutional, Veterans Helping Veterans program, as we do not use any institutional beds, furniture or equipment.

Our current residents range from 26 to 92 years of age and we expect that more Gulf War, Somalia and Global War on Terrorism Veterans will be looking for a transitional housing project as the incidence of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, Permanent Brain Damage, Mental conditions and alcohol and drug abuse becomes more prevalent due to the horrors of war. The figures provided by the Veterans Administration shows a dramatic increase in all these areas.

We work closely with the VA Homeless Coordinators, drug and alcohol programs and we require recommendations from the Dept of Veterans Affairs for all residents. If Veterans turn up at our front door of the UVBH they would be transported to the Wilkes-Barre VAMC for evaluation and treatment and then followed on by referral to the UVBH, Plains Armory, PA.

The facility would be segmented into Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans, Permanent Housing for Veterans with disabilities and non-violent mental disorders. There would also be a segment set aside as a Hoptel for low-income Veterans Families who have their Veterans in inpatient treatment at the VAMC just down the road. A Hoptel is a family style living area where Veteran families can stay for short periods while their Veteran undergoes treatment. Basic Living, bathing and food services would be provided at a minimal cost and we would request the VA to refer these families to us.

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As with all United Veterans Beacon House programs, there will be transport Vans attached to provide transport of residents to medical, volunteer and job related appointments as well as Veteran Families to the VAMC.

We do expect that due to our exemplary record of success with our United Veterans Beacon House programs that the VA Capital Grant and Per Diem programs will fully support this venture and it would be expected that many hundreds of thousands of dollars would be provided through these grants. All renovations would be undertaken by Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition volunteer tradesman and local contractors thus bringing in valuable dollars into the local area.

It must be stressed that the Organization has a history of providing excellent duty of care and transition along with retraining and life skills.

We would be constructing a Bakery and Café on the site so that Veterans and the Community can take advantage of these facilities and commercial bakers and chefs can train our residents as an ongoing retraining program. This would provide food service, cooking, food preparation and associated skills. Many hundreds of Veterans attend the VAMC in Wilkes-Barre each day and many more visit those Veterans in Hospital and we are sure they will support such an empowering Veterans program.

We will also provide a Veterans Community Assistance program, where the older community, which there are many, can come and have their electrical cord changed, small incidental repairs attended to and general assistance to the elderly and community.

A possible Veterans thrift store would operate from the existing motor vehicle storage area, thus providing household goods, furniture and clothing to those Veterans transitioning out of the UVBH into their own living quarters.

The World Headquarters of the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition is located in Pittston, PA and has the ability, expertise, qualifications and experience over the past 11 years of housing, retraining and transitioning homeless Veterans with a strong connection and certification to the Veterans Administration. The Organization also has a Faith Based Organization as part of its structure under "The Veterans Coalition Ministries of Faith." The Organization also has its own 501C3 IRS determination under the Veterans Fund of the United States.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc & The Veterans Coalition is a certified National Veterans Service Organization and was built and operates on Volunteerism. Many buildings throughout the U.S have been renovated utilizing Veterans and Volunteers under our Working Bee Program, see page 16 of the current issue of the Veteran Leader. "What is a Working Bee?"

Refurbishment would be planned and undertaken to allow for double (two person) bedrooms to be constructed and an Organization bathroom requirement of no more than 4 residents to a full bathroom. Common bathrooms that now exist in the building will be removed and converted. Common dining and meeting areas would be constructed, as it is a requirement that all residents partake of the evening meal together along with attending a weekly house meeting and AA meetings. All Transitioning Veteran residents must remain in treatment while residing at the UVBH. Lawrence Collins and his crew would refurbish the common kitchen and bakery as professional commercial kitchen constructors. Live in House

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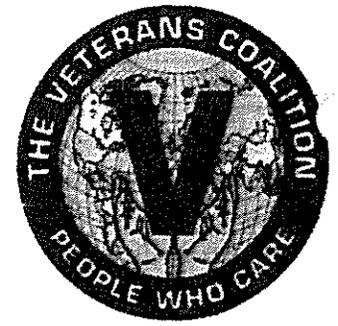
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Line No	Program Item	Expense
1	Salaries	\$ 295,000.00
2	Professional Fees	\$ 34,000.00
3	Consulting Fees	\$ 32,000.00
4	Lease	\$ 5000.00
5	Vehicle Lease	\$ 84,000.00
6	Vehicle Operating Costs	\$ 54,400.00
7	Building Annual Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 85,000.00
8	Utilities	\$ 45,000.00
9	Telephone	\$ 12000.00
10	Security System monitoring	\$ 4200.00
11	Advertising	\$ 4000.00
	Food	\$ 285,000.00
13	Taxes	\$ 4800.00
14	Supplies	\$ 196,000.00
15	Office Expenses	\$ 9000.00
16	Insurance	\$ 30,000.00
17	Conference Dues & Subs	\$ 5000.00
18	Cable Television & Entertainment	\$ 3600.00
19	Packaging & Delivery Bakery	\$ 60,000.00
20	Computer courses, Website, Excell, Word	\$ 12000.00
21	Beacon House Programs, Life Skills	\$ 26800.00
22	Furniture & Appliance replacement	\$ 25,000.00
23	Grounds landscaping and upkeep	\$ 12000.00
24	Total Expenses	\$1,323,800.00
25	Café Revenue	\$ 280,000.00
26	Bakery Revenue	\$ 548,000.00
27	Hoptel Revenue	\$ 65,000.00
28	Thrift Store Revenue	\$ 20,000.00
29	Veterans Industries Co Pay for salaries. Estimated	\$ 96,400.00
30	Program income	\$ 334,000.00
31	Total Revenue	\$1,243,400.00

Proposed estimated yearly budget for the United Veterans Beacon House, Plains Armory, PA.

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Mangers and Governors will operate the facility with direction from the National Office and National Homeless Coordinator.

The provided plans are very low resolution and higher standard plans will need to be drawn showing renovations and construction. It is expected that the facility once obtained would have construction started, after approval within 90 days of receipt, however Capital grants through the VA only are offered twice per year and we would endeavor to apply once offered. It would be expected that the renovation on such a large scale would be undertaken over a two year period.

Without the ability to check the original construction, however also knowing that the building should be well maintained by the Military then we would suggest that a budget for renovation and refurbishment would be within the area of \$500,000 plus the Bakery and Café or \$150,000. Ample car parking, security fencing, blacktop in good condition and landscaping also assists with the project costs. Detailed plans will be submitted to the Township as they are submitted to the VA Capital Grant program. We are also sure that local and federal politicians will fully support this project.

Plains, a city of many thousands of Veterans has a chance to give something back to these Veterans by providing the facility to a successful, local yet worldly Organization of Veterans with a mission: "devoted to caring for and empowering all American Veterans & their Families."

We look forward to your overwhelming support for this project and please feel free to contact us if you require and further information.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Forbes
National Commander

Nancy Verespy
National Executive Director

Proposal for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center in Plains, PA



National United Veterans Beacon House and Veterans Training Center



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15th of February 2007

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center as the

**National United Veterans Beacon House and
Veterans Training Center**

To: Plains Township Local Redevelopment Authority

Please find enclosed all the requested information for the transfer of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center at 1001 Highway 315 to the Veterans Fund of the United States as the National United Veterans Beacon House and Veterans Training Center.

There is a high population of Veterans throughout Plains Township and Northeast Pennsylvania. There is also a chronic incidence of Homeless Veterans in the same area.

The Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center is ideally located for Homeless Veterans as the facility is located in close proximity to the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration Medical Center.

It is Responsible, Legitimate and Viable to Support our Veterans. Do not let Veterans be forgotten or overlooked. They deserve our best as they are our finest.

Increasing numbers of Veterans as well as an Aging Veterans' population will continue to place greater demands on the VA and Peer group Veterans Homeless Service providers.

Veterans Administration, Department of Labor, HUD, Foundations and Corporate Grants will be prepared and submitted. This project has all the criteria for being supported by many funding sources.

This project has to pass lines of conflict and differences for the sake of our Veterans. It is a moral decision that will improve the lives of thousands of Veterans as they transition, train and attend skills lessons and then go on and become giving and secure Citizens of the United States.

We look forward to receiving the positive response and transfer to the VFUS.


Peter J Forbes
President


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HISTORY

The Veterans Fund of the United States is the 501(c) arm of the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition. The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition was started and has evolved over the past 28 years into a world-class Veteran Service Organization in both Wilkes-Barre and Pittston, Pennsylvania.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition has its World and U.S National Headquarters in Pittston, Pennsylvania. – Yes, in Pittston, PA!

VISION:

The Vision of the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. (VVnW) & The Veterans Coalition is to maintain, improve, preserve and defend the quality of life of all Veterans and their families.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. (VVnW) & The Veterans Coalition is an international, benevolent, non-profit, accredited Veteran service organization devoted to caring for and empowering all American and Allied Veterans and their families through the following programs: Veterans in Need, Support and Gratitude, Esprit de Corps, Case Management and Advocacy and Veteran and Community Outreach and Education.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition has been operating throughout the United States (a Transitional Homeless Veterans Program) under the United Veterans Beacon Houses (UVBH) for over 11 years with an 80% success rate in transitioning Veterans back into the society they willingly defended during their military service.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition is a Department of Veterans Affairs accredited National Veterans Service Organization.



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The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition has its multi-denominational Faith-based "Veterans Coalition Ministries of Faith" serving current, operational Military and Veterans from all eras based in Pittston, PA. This is the only truly focused Veterans and Serving Military faith-based organization.

The Veterans Fund of the United States and The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition have a proven successful track record in Transitional Housing, Collaboration and Grant approvals.

The organization has a grant writer with a high rate of success in obtaining grants from many areas and this expertise will be used to obtain the required funds to refurbish, convert, construct and renovate the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center to serve Veterans and their families.

There is a massive need for a National Homeless Veterans Home and Skills Training Facility therefore we are proposing the facility be given to the Veterans Fund of the United States to be used as a:

- ❖ **A Male/ Female United Veterans Beacon House (Transitional Homeless Veteran Home)**
- ❖ **A Trades and Skills Training Facility for Veterans from the local area and the United Veterans Beacon House.**
- ❖ **Café/Bakery/Coffee Facilities with Drive-thru capabilities.**
- ❖ **Mechanical and Vehicle Restoration program**
- ❖ **A Local and National Veterans Service Center.**
- ❖ **A local aged and incapacitated repairs service (Veterans Assisting the Community)**



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NEEDS

Veterans, when joining the Military, wrote a blank check to the United States of America and its people which included his family, job and even up to the Veteran's own life.

The Veteran was promised a duty of care when the Veteran joined the Military. That duty of care was not only for when the Veteran was in the Military, it was for service-connected conditions after their service.

The Federal Government, the Military and hence the Citizens of the U.S. made these pledges, promises and commitments to Veterans. These are not negotiable, nor are they to be taken lightly. They are earned, deserved and mandatory.

Abraham Lincoln stated in an address: "**With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations**".

If this chronic situation is not addressed by all of the Citizens of the United States then a whole greater section of the population will evolve as a welfare class.

We have already witnessed this situation with the rejection and spurning of Vietnam Veterans and the welfare society that it has already created.

With close to 300,000 homeless Veterans sleeping on the streets of the United States each day and the current limit of 15,000 homeless Veterans beds available through the Department of Veterans Affairs each day, and some of those beds are supplied by our own United Veterans Beacon House program, one can see there is a overwhelming need for Transitional Housing. No, not shelter housing, Transitional Housing - A Hand Up and Not a Hand Out!

The United Veterans Beacon House Program houses some 450 Homeless Veterans each day with ages ranging from 92 to 26. Yes, these Veterans and Patriots are the ages of a Grandfather, Father, Brother Husband and Son and with the massive increase of women in the Military and the three-fold increase of the female Veterans becoming homeless over the last five years, the incidences of Veterans of ages of a Grandmother, Mother, Sister, Wife and Daughter are looming in the foreseeable future. Yes, these



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Veterans could be a member of your family, and hopefully by the grace of God they are not, however, they are members of someone's family. They are PATRIOTS who deserve our support.

There are in excess of 100 Homeless Veterans in Lackawanna and Luzerne Count - yes, local Counties.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc.. & The Veterans Coalition along with its 501(c) 3, The Veterans Fund of the United States, have stepped up to the plate by constructing a UVBH for Homeless Female Veterans with or without children and now we need more of these empowering facilities.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition is a member of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans and a service provider for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The greatest concerns with any Homeless Veterans project are the lack of work ethics and life and trade skills these Veterans have when they leave our UVBH transitional housing program. Without these skills, the Veterans have a great deal stacked against them and it is easier and much less stressful to fall back into drug, alcohol or PTSD induced stupor or depression. The mandated transition period is 24 months as per Veterans Administration requirement. We must ready these Veterans to reintegrate into the society they willingly defended during their Military Service by providing them with the trade and life skills to enable them to survive effectively in the community they may not have been part of for many years.



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National United Veterans Beacon House and Veterans Training Center

THE ORGANIZATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- To house and transition, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, faith-based Organizations and local Homeless Coalitions a greater number of Homeless Veterans from Northeast PA and other localities throughout the U.S.
- To train in a National Training Facility, the Veterans from our UVBH transitional homes throughout the United States in life skills such as: budgeting, basic accounting, housekeeping, personal hygiene, first aid
- To train in a National Training Center, the Veterans from our UVBH transitional homes throughout the United States in social skills: i.e. commitment, honesty, self-esteem, values, self-confidence
- To train in a National Training Center, the Veterans from our UVBH transitional homes throughout the United States in communications skills, such as personal, computing, telephone, face-to-face
- To train in a National Training Center, the Veterans from our UVBH transitional homes throughout the United States in trade skills such as food preparation, culinary arts, baking, food hygiene, web designing and computer programming, general workforce computing, mechanical repairs, vehicle restoration, spray painting, vehicle trimming, welding, basics of construction, plumbing, carpentry
- To increase the number of skilled Homeless Veterans transitioning back to their community becoming useful and giving members of their Society.
- To dramatically improve with dignity and humanity the housing for Homeless Veterans throughout the area and counties
- To build the Local and National Veterans Service Organization into a real force in Homeless Veterans transition
- To provide retail food service and bakery outlets, training and employment for residents through coffee/bakery drive-thru facilities on either side of highway 315.
- To provide superior baked goods through distribution via resident's employment to local area outlets.



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- To provide repair services and odd jobs to the aged and handicapped within the local area.
- All residents must also volunteer time in either the Wilkes-Barre VAMC or the local community as part of their transitional healing.

The Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve center located in Plains, PA is ideally suited to providing the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition a facility in which to provide all the services as listed above.

The Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center has been building and training Veterans for over 50 years, Patriots who have served the United States and its people in times of peace and war - Veterans who have sacrificed so much for the Citizens of the United States. Yes, even Citizens of Plains, PA. This is a sacrifice they have given freely although with an expectation that they would be supported as their service ended and they began dealing with the traumas and health conditions of their service.

Now it is time when the Military is upgrading facilities for Our Military and the old facility is to be disposed of, used for gain or provided and used for the homeless - what better than for Homeless Veterans! That SPECIAL group of our Community.

It is now time the facility be provided to a National Veterans Service Organization with its National and World Headquarters located within three miles of the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center.

The United Veterans Beacon House and Skills Training Center is located within sight of the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration Medical Center, thus allowing perfect access for on-going and continuous treatments as are required under the UVBH Transitional Homeless Veterans program.

The Mohegan Sun Casino will be a major employer of the retrained residents of the United Veterans Beacon House due to its major operations.

VETERANS need your support, your empathy, your respect, your heartfelt thanks - a Hand Up and not a Hand Out. They have earned this many times over.

Your Freedom to live Free and to live the American Dream has been fought and paid for by the sacrifice of all Veterans. It is time to provide something back to them to assist them.



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BUDGET

Expenses

Building Renovations Material only	\$ 90,000
Upgrade Facility to code	\$120,000
Fire & Sprinkler System	\$180,000
Computers, Printers and Ancillary Equipment	\$ 25,000
Mechanical/Renovation workshop upgrade & equipment	\$ 60,000
Coffee/Bakery Drive Thru & attend \$60,000 x 2	\$120,000
Utilities	\$ 52,000
Commercial Kitchen equipment & materials only	\$100,000
Security	\$ 6,000
Custodial	\$120,000
Insurance	\$ 25,000
Delivery & transport vehicles (grant & Organization)	\$120,000
Administration/teaching staff	\$250,000
UVBH Equipment	\$ 40,000
Upgrade A/C & Heating, part Donated	\$ 30,000
Beds & furniture Donated	
All Labor Donated	
Total	\$1,338,000

Income

Per Diem on 30 Beds @ \$30.00 per bed per day	\$328,000
External Veterans Training fees	\$ 25,000
Coffee/Bakery/Delivery net profit per day	\$720,000
Income: Vehicle Restoration project: 6 vehicles @\$5000	\$ 30,000
Residential program fees	\$ 36,000
Fundraising	\$150,000
Donations	\$100,000
Total	\$1,389,000



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TIME LINES

The facility is capable of housing UVBH Transitional Veteran residents upon transfer of the facility to the Veterans Fund of the United States.

A facility manager and accountant will be the first to be employed so that right from the start of the project, the project operates effectively and efficiently. This will be undertaken during the first 90 days after transfer to the Veterans Fund of the United States.

Renovations and upgrades could be started within 90 days after the transfer, however major residential influx would not be able to occur until the building meets Federal and State codes as well Sprinkler and Fire system installation. This will take approximately 180 days to complete.

It will take 180 days to obtain permits and construct the two coffee/bakery/café facilities, one at the Reserve Center site and one on the opposite side of Route 315. During this same time period, the Commercial Kitchen/Bakery will be refurbished and installed.

A separate kitchen will be renovated for the UVBH residents so that cross contamination does not occur and food safety is insured. A Chef will be employed prior to any construction to ensure proper facility planning is affected.

UVBH House managers, Governors and Peers and will be obtained as we progress with the project.

The Mechanical and Restoration workshop will be also upgraded and equipment installed during the first 360 days after transfer.

The facility will be fully operation within the first 360 days after transfer.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Veterans of the United States of America a dignified, safe, drug and alcohol free home where they can be assisted and supported in getting their lives back on track and to be offered skills and life training in order that they can return to the Society they defended with their Military Service.

We are also including in the package a bound copy of our United Veterans Beacon House Overview, Concepts, Rules and Regulations for your information.



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CONCLUSION

It is morally and ethically responsible to provide this surplus Military property to those that were trained in this and similar centers throughout the United States. It is honorable to provide a Transitional home and retraining center to Veterans and to do it through a local Headquartered National Certified Veterans Service Organization that has a proven track record in Transitioning Homeless Veterans.

We all need to remember when evaluating where the facility is to be assigned that We are Our Brother's Keeper.

Veterans being forgotten or discarded after their honorable Military service cannot be allowed to continue.

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***MISSION STATEMENT –
UNITED VETERANS BEACON HOUSE -
A Veterans Transitional Housing Project
of the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc.
& The Veterans Coalition***

*The United Veterans Beacon House provides transitional,
safe housing for homeless veterans as they reintegrate into the society
they willingly protected through their military service.
The United Veterans Beacon House makes a difference
through advocacy, education, retraining and employment.*



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A VETERANS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT OF THE VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR, INC. & THE VETERANS COALITION

OVERVIEW

The homeless Veteran disaster in the United States is becoming more and more critical due to a large number of troubled Veterans returning from service in the Global War on Terrorism, a continuing aging Veteran population attempting to live with service-caused conditions, an increasing national socio-economic crisis, a combined draw-down in our nation's uniformed services, the "dumping" of psychiatric Veteran patients on to our nation's streets as well as a host of other associated reasons.

The Veterans of Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition, in response to the homeless Veteran challenges, is operating comprehensive projects designed to assist and transition the homeless veteran. This project has been designated by the VVnW & The Veterans Coalition as the United Veterans Beacon House Project (UVBH). The United Veterans Beacon Houses are designed to offer a safe, drug/alcohol-free, respectful, dignified and empowering low cost haven, direct the veteran to a multitude of support agencies offering assistance, and provide the Veteran with high standard housing while the veteran rebuilds his/her life with the support of Veterans through the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition.

The concept of the UVBH is to provide housing for the Veteran to allow the Veteran to restructure and rebuild his/her life. UVBH will provide skills training in a multitude of areas. The Veteran is allowed to stay in a UVBH for a period of six months to two years, a VA requirement. Studies have shown that with this length of stay, the Veteran has the ability to begin a new working career, change jobs as upward mobility dictates and amass the financial resources to become self-sufficient. Some Veterans may need longer periods of adjustment and transition and the Organization accommodates those. Long-term housing is also in place and future projects are in the planning.

During the Veteran's stay at a UVBH, a full range of services are provided including drug and alcohol counseling, PTSD counseling, other psychological and family counseling, life skills training, full employment counseling and a wide range of medical services.



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The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition, The Veterans Fund of the United States and each UVBH networks with existing community services and the Department of Veterans Affairs resources to insure against a duplication of services.

Currently, the VVnW & The Veterans Coalition has a United Veterans Beacon House in Akron, Pennsylvania; in Huntington, West Virginia; Chesapeake, Virginia; Promise and Parade, South Dakota; and is affiliated with 16 sites in New York. Future sites include Kansas, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Arizona and Montana. The UVBH is in its eleventh year of operation with a high rate of success. The United Veterans Beacon House project also operates food pantries for veterans and their families in need.

CONCEPTS AND REQUIREMENTS

Each UVBH will provide the Veteran safe, drug and alcohol-free housing for a period of not less than six months nor more than two years under the Per Diem Program.

The Veteran must take an active part in his/her rehabilitation by participating in appropriate social services including appropriate psychological counseling, employment counseling, skills training, family counseling, drug and alcohol counseling and any other counseling assigned by his/her counselor. This stay will include regular periods of volunteering their time to Veterans and their community as part of the transition. The non-per diem residents will pay a program fee determined by the UVBH and Organizational staff and program fee will be conveyed to the potential residents at the time of application.

The veteran will participate in the upkeep and maintenance of the physical building and grounds as well as the continued care of his/her personal property and area.

Each United Veterans Beacon House will meet certain minimum requirements before receiving full or partial funding from the VVnW & The Veterans Coalition. These requirements are divided into two categories: 1. the physical building and, 2. the social work plan.

The Physical Building:

Each United Veterans Beacon House will be either an existing structure modified as a transitional home or new construction specifically designed as a transitional home. In either case, the minimal suggested criteria to secure VVnW & The Veterans Coalition funding is the same:

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Suggested Sample:

1. A minimum of eight (8) beds – no more than two (2) beds per room or a dormitory- style room containing no more than four (4) beds or a combination of double rooms and dormitory rooms.
2. A minimum of one apartment consisting of two (2) bedrooms and a bath for one family.
3. A minimum of 2 ½ baths for those not housed in the apartment.
4. A minimum of one room set aside for group counseling.
5. A minimum of one room set aside for individual counseling.
6. A common kitchen to prepare group meals.
7. A common dining room.
8. A group room other than the counseling room for living space, TV, etc.
9. A room designated as office space for administration of the program.
10. Adequate parking for administrative personnel and service providers.
11. All local building codes and all zoning ordinances must be observed.
12. Appropriate furnishings or access to the same must be provided and include all cooking utensils, refrigerators, etc.

The Social Work Plan:

To secure funding from the VVnW & The Veterans Coalition, the United Veterans Beacon House must provide the following services:

1. Counseling services must be contracted for from the local DVA or private provider for counseling to:
 - a. Provide drug and alcohol counseling by a designated DVA provider or a private Certified Addiction Counselor (CAC).
 - b. Provide PTSD counseling by a designated DVA provider or a private therapist – preferably a Certified Trauma Counselor (CTC).
 - c. Provide Family Counseling by a designated DVA provider or private counselor (or have the access to such service when the family apartment is being utilized).
 - d. Provide psychological counseling for non-service related problems by a designated DVA provider or private counselor.
 - e. Provide employment counseling from DVA sources or the local Job Service Office.
2. Medical services must be contracted for from the local DVA or a private provider to assure adequate medical treatment for all veterans and their families.



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3. Living skills education must be provided either by a local VVnW & The Veterans Coalition post or by a local contractor.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition is committed to continuing and expanding our United Veterans Beacon House Project. We intend to pursue this expansion through corporate contributions, government grants and programs and through our own fund-raising efforts.

Our final goal is to have UVBHs across the country. We know that we alone cannot eradicate homelessness among the veteran population. However, we will make a difference.



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UNITED VETERANS BEACON HOUSE
RULES AND REGULATIONS

REQUIREMENTS:

All residents must be referred to the UVBH by the VA, Vet Center or private counselor and must have completed a minimum of a 30 day Drug/Alcohol, PTSD or VA-related or approved program. Potential residents MUST provide written approval to the House Manager so that the House Manager can discuss the resident's conditions with VA counselors or service provider.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE VVnW & THE VETERANS COALITION:

All Veteran residents must maintain membership in the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

All new residents with less than one (1) year clean are required to attend 90 meetings (AA or NA) in their first 90 days of residence.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO GET A SPONSOR AND A HOME GROUP IN THEIR FIRST 90 DAYS. Upon completion of the first 90 days ALL residents will be required to continue attending AA/NA meetings as follows:

CLEAN TIME

Six (6) months and under

Six (6) months to One (1) year

One (1) year and more

WEEKLY MEETING REQUIREMENTS

4 AA/NA meetings + house meeting

3 AA/NA meetings + house meeting

2 AA/NA meetings + house meeting

AFTERCARE:

Participation in an outpatient program (therapy, CWT, VI, PRIDE, etc.) as ordered in residents individual discharge plan is mandatory for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of discharge from treatment facility.

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NO RELAPSE/NO SLIP. ALL residents **MUST** maintain a substance-free environment conducive to recovery for the benefit of all residents. Any relapse brings immediate expulsion.

Non-prescription, addictive substances will not be permitted. **ALL** prescribed substances **MUST** be brought to the attention of the House Manager. **ANY** usage without the House Manager's knowledge, on or off the premises, will be grounds for **IMMEDIATE EXPULSION.**

The House Manager **MUST** be informed of any changes in medication.

The Staff, House Manager or his appointed governors have the right to require any resident to submit to a drug/alcohol screening, either by breathalyzer or urine test at any time. A drug/alcohol screening from any treatment program outside the residence which tests positive is grounds for expulsion from the residence.

Depending on the physical condition of the resident using and/or testing positive from a screening the resident will:

- (1) Leave the residence on his/her own or be brought to a treatment center or another residence within 24 hours if, he/she is coherent and not a threat to themselves or the other residents.
- (2) Be brought to detox immediately if willing.
- (3) Be brought or escorted by police (if called) to a hospital or VA facility if he/she becomes a threat or violent to others.

REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO DRUG/ALCOHOL TEST WILL BE REGARDED AS A POSITIVE TEST RESULT AND WILL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE EXPULSION!

WEEKLY HOUSE MEETINGS:

Attendance at the weekly house meeting is **MANDATORY.**



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HOUSE KEYS:

Keys will be issued to residents after 30 days if the residents have complied with house rules and at the discretion of the House Manager or Directors

CURFEWS AND WEEKEND PASSES:

ALL residents **MUST** be out of the house between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Residents must volunteer time to the VVnW & The Veterans Coalition prescribed projects and programs. We recommend that if a resident is not working they volunteer at the local VA Volunteer Services Program, Community programs, church, youth centers or alternatives. Where various skills training is set up within or near the UVBH, residents will be required to volunteer regularly

Curfew hours are as follows:

Sunday through Thursday – 12 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Friday and Saturday – 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Weekends begin at noon Friday and end at midnight the following Sunday.

Does not apply to residents at work or in transit.

NOTE: Curfew hours **MAY** be extended due to recognized holidays and with House Manager or Director approval of special requests.

New residents are not eligible for weekend passes for one (1) month.

Passes may be denied or revoked by House Managers or Directors for disciplinary reasons such as:

- a. Minor infractions of rules
- b. Failure to perform chores diligently or on time.
- c. Failure to attend required AA/NA meetings.

ALL pass requests **MUST** be filled out and given to House Manager at the weekly house meeting.



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NO ONE may sign out on weekend pass until the House Manager, Director or Governor has certified that his/her assigned chore is either completed or covered and no disciplinary action is pending.

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY CURFEW OR RETURN FROM PASS ON TIME WILL ONLY BE EXCUSED IN CASES OF EMERGENCY, i.e., CAR TROUBLE, ILLNESS, BAD WEATHER, ETC. HOWEVER, residents MUST call the house and inform either the House Manager or governor prior to curfew hour.

SIGN OUT LOG:

NO ONE may sign out while curfew is in effect. The only exceptions are employed residents whose workday starts during curfew hours.

Signing in and out is mandatory at all other times. Your first name and last initial, time of departure and return and destination are required and must be legible.

CHORES AND MEAL PREPARATION:

Supper is at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and is mandatory for all residents. If a resident is unable to be home by 6 p.m. due to unavoidable circumstances, he must notify his house manager prior to the 6 p.m. deadline.

Both chores and meal preparation will be assigned by the House Manager at the weekly house meeting. Upon completion of assigned chore, resident **MUST** initial chores list.

The House Manager or a governor **MUST** check all completed chores.

Any resident assigned cooking duty must have meal ready by 6 p.m.

If for any reason a resident cannot perform an assigned chore or prepare assigned meal it is the resident's responsibility to inform the House Manager or governor. It is then the responsibility of all those aware to make sure another resident assumes that chore or meal preparation.



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BASIC RULES

1. All residents not receiving VA or public assistance are required to make sure their program fee is paid on time and in full
2. The resident should make program fee payments with a check or money order and get a written receipt from the house manager.
3. Other than residents and directors, **NO ONE** is allowed to enter the UVBH without House Manager or Governor approval.
4. Smoking is permitted **ONLY** in designated areas – never within the house.
5. All keys, bedding and furniture are the property of the United Veterans Beacon House.
6. Keys and bedding **MUST** be returned to the United Veterans Beacon House upon discharge.
7. Loss of house key will result in a replacement fee of \$50.00.
8. No resident may enter another resident's room **WITH OR WITHOUT** permission unless accompanied by a resident of that room.
9. No food or beverages of any kind will be consumed or stored in bedrooms. **BOTTLED WATER IS PERMITTED.**
10. TVs are permitted in designated areas only.
11. Radios are permitted but noise level **MUST NOT** disturb other residents. After 9 p.m. earphones are required.
12. Visitors are permitted **ONLY** in common areas.
13. No visitors after 10 p.m.
14. No loitering in front of the house.
15. No yelling, cursing, loud noise or music will be tolerated. All residents **MUST** be considerate of their neighbors. Please behave appropriately in *your* neighborhood.
16. There is a 15-minute time limit on the house phone. No back-to-back calls. **WHEN TAKING MESSAGES FOR OTHERS, GIVE NO INFORMATION**, simply take the name and time of the call.
17. When using cell phones, please be considerate of your roommates.
18. No headwear of any kind will be worn in common areas of the house.
19. Borrowing or lending money is discouraged. Holding money for others is forbidden.
20. All residents are required to **maintain personal hygiene** on a daily basis.
21. Residents will wash their clothes and bed linens weekly.
22. Rooms will be kept neat and orderly on a daily basis.
23. All vehicles must be registered and inspected and owners **MUST** have a valid driver's license.



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24. No gambling of any kind on premises.
 25. No resident is permitted to attend a premises with a bar serving alcoholic beverages.
 26. No disrespect of United Veterans Beacon House or the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition and/or their personnel.

GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISCHARGE

**Engaging in any of the following behaviors will result
in immediate discharge from the United Veterans Beacon House.**

1. USE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS.
2. POSSESSION OF ANY WEAPON.
3. ANY VIOLENCE OR THREAT OF VIOLENCE.
4. ANY ABUSE OR INTIMIDATING CONDUCT.
5. DESTRUCTION OR MISUSE OF PROPERTY.
6. THEFT OR POSSESSION OF STOLEN GOODS.
7. ARREST, EITHER ON OR OFF PREMISES.
8. ENGAGING IN OR SOLICITING PROSTITUTION.
9. HAVING SEX ON PREMISES.
10. FAILURE TO ATTEND REQUIRED AA/NA MEETINGS.
11. FAILURE TO ATTEND REQUIRED AFTERCARE.
12. FAILURE TO ATTEND HOUSE MEETINGS.
13. CAUSING DISTURBANCE IN NEIGHBORHOOD.



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& THE VETERANS COALITION**

International Headquarters

805 South Township Boulevard, Pittston, PA 18640

Phone: 570-603-9740 ~ Fax: 570-603-9741

1-800-843-8626

E-mail: vvwnatl@epix.net Website: vvnw.org



All Veterans – All Military Welcome

14. FAILURE TO PAY RENT.

15. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY RULES AND REGULATIONS.

NOTE: These rules and regulations for the residents of the United Veterans Beacon House may be changed or additions made at the discretion of the VVnW & The Veterans Coalition. Changes on the house level must have approval from the VVnW & The Veterans Coalition.

NATIONAL UNITED VETERANS BEACON HOUSE AND TRAINING CENTER

Will house:

6 - 12 Homeless Female Veterans with or without children

34 Homeless Male Veterans

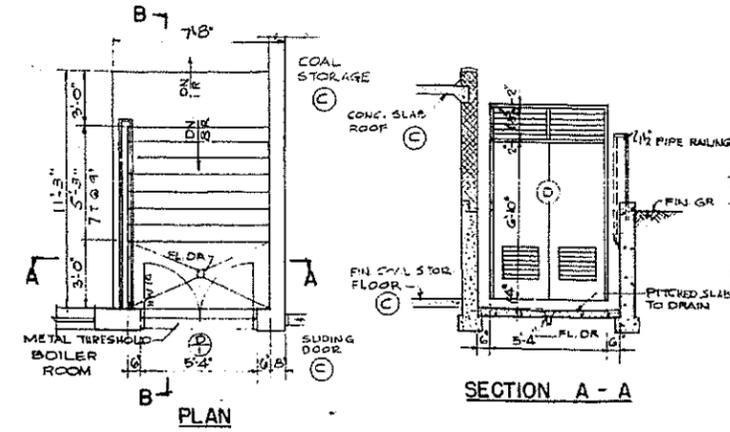
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1 Male House Manager

1 Male House Governor

Will train residents in:

- Culinary arts
- Computer skills
- Life Skill
- Trade Skills



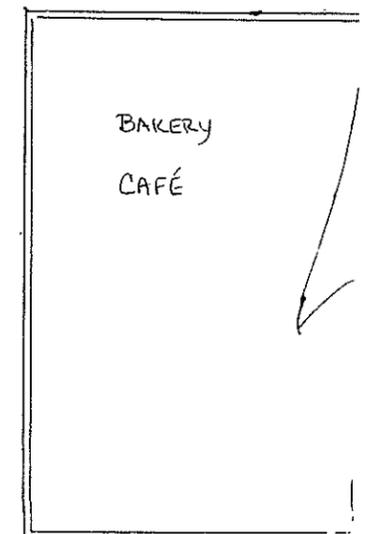
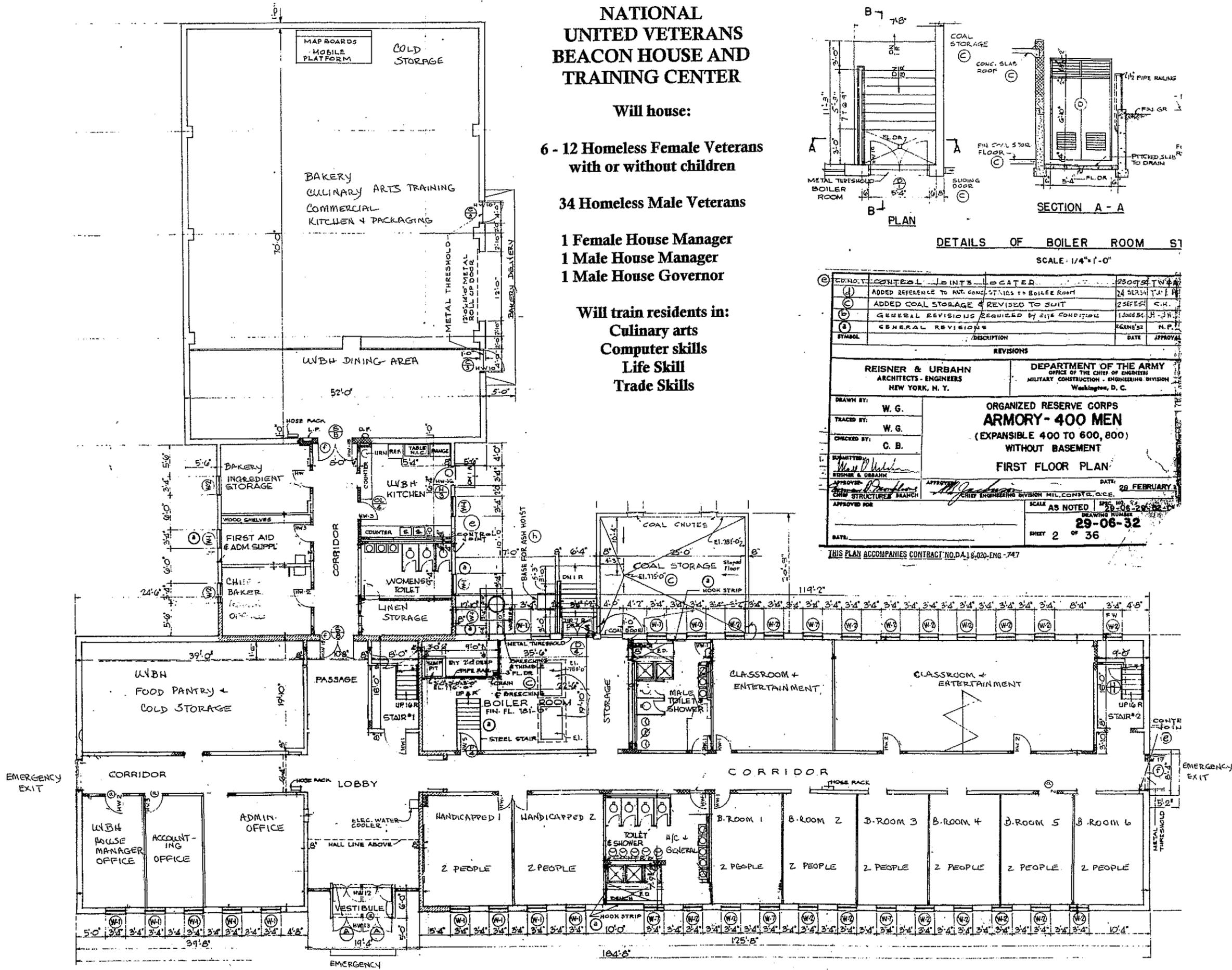
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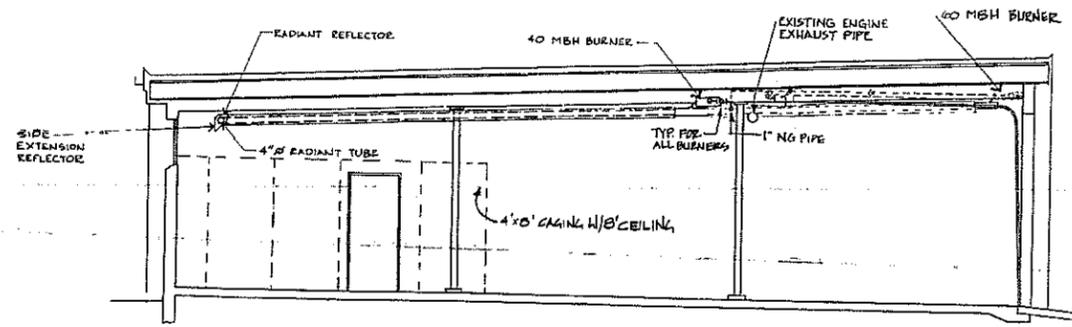
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(B)	ADDED COAL STORAGE & REVISED TO SUIT	2 SEP 54	C.H.
(C)	GENERAL REVISIONS REQUIRED BY SITE CONDITIONS	1 JUNE 54	J.H.
(D)	GENERAL REVISIONS	26 JUNE 54	N.P.

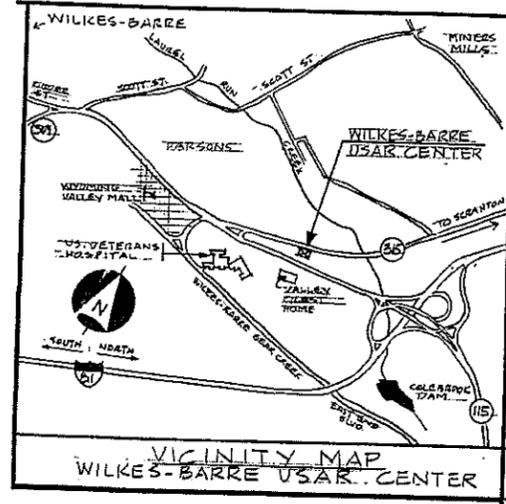
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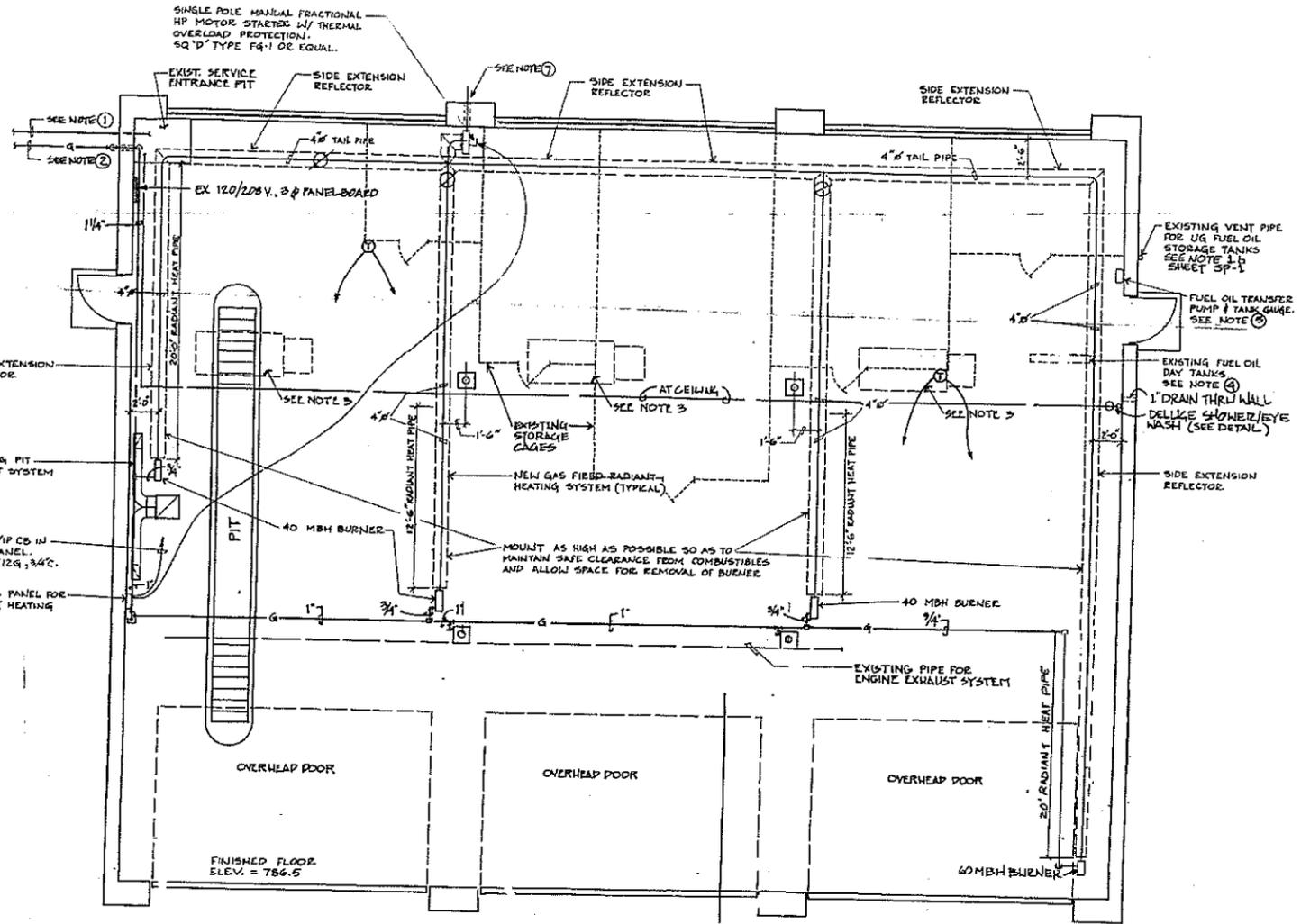
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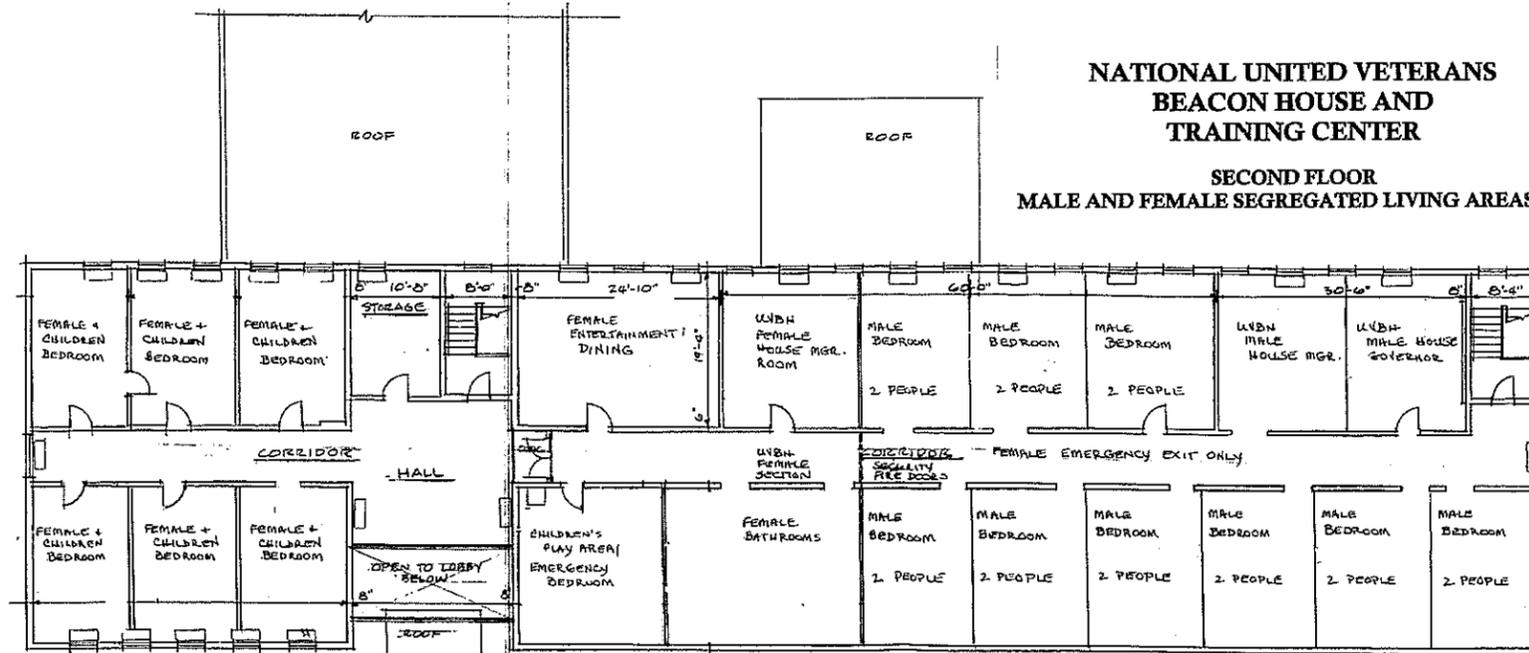
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MECHANICAL AND RESTORATION WORKSHOP

NORTH
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NATIONAL UNITED VETERANS BEACON HOUSE AND TRAINING CENTER
SECOND FLOOR
MALE AND FEMALE SEGREGATED LIVING AREAS



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

ALL VETERANS - ALL MILITARY

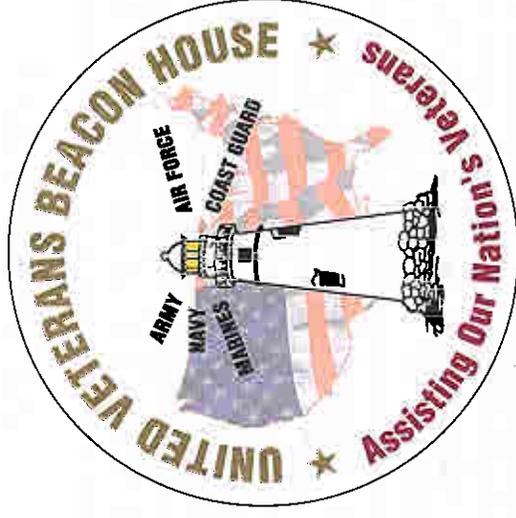
WELCOME



Some of our other programs include:

- Veteran Service Officers
- Veteran Service Officer Training
- Veteran Leader Magazine
- Military Support Packages
- Agent Orange – POW/MIAs
- Gulf War Syndrome
- PTSD Information
- Incarcerated Veterans

Want to Help?



— MISSION STATEMENT —

UNITED VETERANS BEACON HOUSE

*A Project of the Veterans of the
Vietnam War, Inc.
& The Veterans Coalition*

*The United Veterans Beacon House
provides transitional, drug and alcohol free
safe housing for homeless veterans as they
reintegrate into the society they willingly protected
through their military service.
United Veterans Beacon House makes a
difference through advocacy, education,
retraining and employment.*

OVERVIEW

The homeless veteran epidemic in the United States is becoming more and more prevalent due to a increasing national socio-economic crisis, a combined war-torn our nations uniformed services, the "dumping" of war veterans and PTSD patients onto our nation's streets as well as a host of other associated reasons. Today over 30,000 American Veterans live on the streets.

The Veterans of Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition, in response to the homeless veteran challenge, is operating comprehensive projects designed to assist the homeless veteran. This project has been designated by the VVnW and The Veterans Coalition as the United Veterans Beacon House Project (UVBH). United Veterans Beacon Houses are designed to offer a safe drug/alcohol-free haven, direct the veteran to a multitude of support agencies offering assistance, provide skills training, and provide the veteran with supportive housing while the veteran rebuilds his/her life.

The concept of the UVBH is to provide housing for the veteran to allow the veteran to restructure and rebuild his/her life. The veteran is allowed to stay in a UVBH for a period of six months to two years, a VA requirement. Studies have shown that with this length of stay, the veteran has the ability to begin a new working career, change jobs as upward mobility dictates and amass the financial resources to become self-sufficient.

During the veteran's stay at a UVBH, he or she will be assisted in obtaining a full range of services including drug and alcohol counseling, PTSD counseling, other psychological and family counseling, life skills training, full employment counseling and have access to a wide range of medical services.

Each UVBH networks with existing community services and the Department of Veterans Affairs resources to insure against a duplication of services.

Currently, the VVnW & The Veterans Coalition is affiliated with United Veterans Beacon Houses in Akron, Pennsylvania, 16 sites in New York; Huntington, West Virginia, and Promise and Parade, South Dakota. Proposed future sites include Chesapeake, Virginia, Forest City, PA and in the states of New Mexico, Kansas and Montana. The United Veterans Beacon House project also operates food pantries for veterans and their families in need. Permanent housing is also under consideration and planned.

JUST HOW DO YOU -

A HOMELESS VETERAN - GET INTO BEACON HOUSE PROGRAM?

- YOU want to change your life for the better.
- You are an honorably discharged veteran.
- You are ready to accept a hand up - not a hand out.
- **AIR FORCE** United Veterans Beacon House Program is not a shelter. It is a transitional housing program for veterans as they reintegrate back into society.
- You will be required to complete community or Volunteer Service.
- Call 1-800-843-8626 to find out about just where the closest United Veterans Beacon House is located. This will also set up a contact that can assist you within the VA process. Once you make this contact you will be guided through the VA process and the VA will recommend you to go into a Beacon House.
- You must come through a VA program to get into a Beacon house - you cannot just show up at a house and be accepted.
- You must stay in therapy throughout your time at a United Veterans Beacon House.
- You must be prepared to live by the rules of the United Veterans Beacon House.
- **If YOU** are ready to be helped we are here to help you. Contact us today to start the first day of the rest of your life! We value you as a veteran and want to support you. We are our brother's keeper.

CALL 1-800-843-8626

Plains Township Commissioners Reject Veterans Proposal

Here is the scenario so far:

Once the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition became aware of the fact that the Wilkes-Barre, PA Reserve Center would be available for re-distribution in 2010 we submitted a proposal to the Plains Township Land Redevelopment Authority and the Plains Township Commissioner Board.

Meetings and discussions apparently were held with a Core Advisory Group headed up by Commissioner Rose Corcoran with little or no public input. Some other members of the Board were apparently not aware of what the LRA was planning to recommend for the use of the Reserve Center – additional facilities for the Police and Fire Departments of the Township. We do not even know if there was a Veteran on the Core Advisory Group. Veterans needed to have some input and residents need more information.

There was an interactive television segment scheduled on WYOU TV22 in Wilkes-Barre, PA set up for an open discussion of what the best use would be for the Reserve Center. Nancy Verespy was told that the segment would be done with Commission Board Chairman Ronald Filippini and she went to the station. Once she arrived there she was told that the segment was “put on the back burner” at the request of Plains Township Commissioner Rose Corcoran. Mrs. Corcoran felt that since the Project Manager she was taking advisement from was not part of the discussion it should not happen. Politics in action.

A public hearing was held on July 10th with organizational representatives in attendance along with many tax-paying residents of Plains Township. Only two Commissioners were in attendance with a third one coming in much later. Once the meeting was opened Nancy Verespy asked Mrs. Corcoran if questions as well as statements would be accepted by the forum. She was told that yes, it was okay to ask questions and make statements. Nancy provided a description of the plans the organization would

have for the Reserve Center and asked questions about things like the TV segment being canceled. No one had any answers.

Person after person got up to make their feelings known – PUT VETERANS FIRST – and they asked questions. After approximately 45 minutes Lia Vannucchi, a township resident and taxpayer, asked to be recognized and asked the panel if the questions being posed would be answered that evening. She asked the question more than once and finally she was told that they would not be answered that evening but rather would be made part of the official record of the meeting. This outraged those in attendance since the questions were about how the process was working, who would make the final decision, whether the Commissioners who represent the residents of Plains Township would

discuss their decision for what THEY think is best for the Reserve Center, and Nancy Verespy, Peter Forbes and Ed Faatz who represented the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition multi-service Veterans Service Center and provided detailed information about what the United Veterans Beacon House, a transitional housing program of the organization, would do for Veterans.

Commissioner Brigid O'Connor clearly stated to those of us in attendance that the Commissioner Board would ensure that all of the questions would be answered.

However, no time frame was established nor was there any indication of when these questions would be answered before the Commissioner's recommendation is provided to the authorities. So far nothing has been forthcoming.

There were also representatives of the Fire and Police Departments in attendance who had no real idea why they were asked to attend this meeting and had no idea that the township was proposing that the Reserve Center should be used for those services. Veterans need to be put first – especially when Military facilities are shut down. Veterans need to stand together to ensure that these facilities stay in support of Veterans.



PUT VETERANS FIRST



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Reference #21

Copy of

Notice of Interest

From

**Wilkes-Barre Metropolitan
Development Corporation, Inc.**

Notice Of Interest (NOI)

Township of Plains Redevelopment
Authority (LRA)
Rose Corcoran - Commissioner
126 North Main Street
Plains, Pennsylvania 18705

Wilkes Barre Army Reserve Center
Highways 115 & 315
Plains Township

Surplus Federal Property Program
Department of Defense
Office of Economic Adjustment
“Helping Communities Help Themselves”
Garry E. Gontz – Project Manager

***WILKES BARRE METROPOLITAN
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.***

P.O. BOX # 2 PHOENIX PLAZA – 20-22 EAST UNION STREET

WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18703

Phone: 570 407.2000 – Fax: 819 2645

First Fridays
WILKES-BARRE



Save Mr. Peanut



THOM GRECO

February 18, 2008

Township of Plains Redevelopment Authority
ROSE COCORAN – COMMISSIONER
126 North Main Street
Plains, Pennsylvania 18705
(Hand Delivered)

Commissioner Cocoran:

Please consider this a Notice of Interest (NOI) submitted timely for the Surplus Federal Property Program – Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment “*Helping Communities Help Themselves*” on behalf of the Wilkes Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. – a non-profit 501 (c) 3 entity eligible under the Public Benefit Conveyance.

Consider this proposal as part of your redevelopment plan for the disposition of the Wilkes Barre Army Reserve Center at Highways 115 & 315, Plains Township. Please note that we have included the possibility of locating the Plains Township Emergency Services in the detached three bay garage on the site.

If you have any further questions or would like any additional input, please call me at your convenience. Thank you in advance.

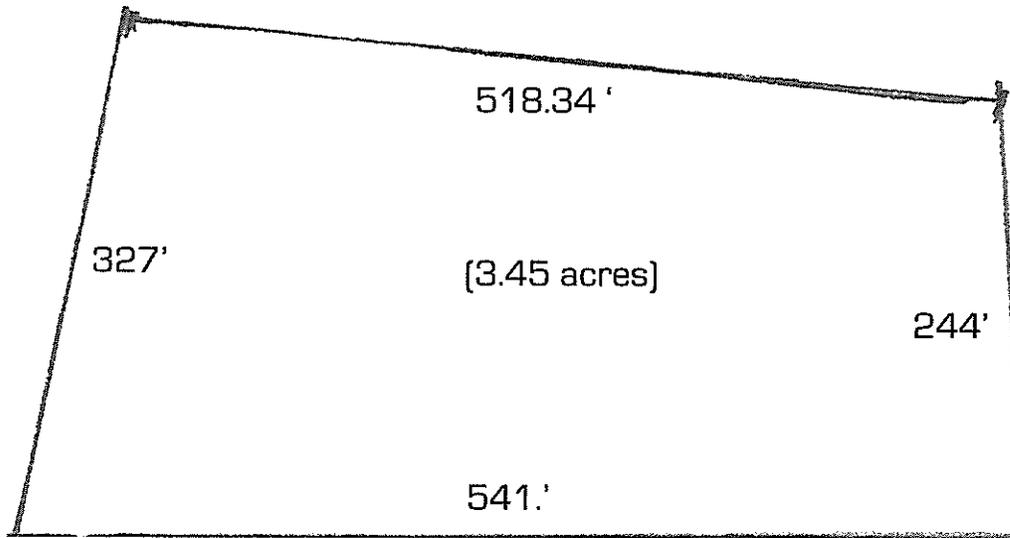
Sincerely,


Thom Greco

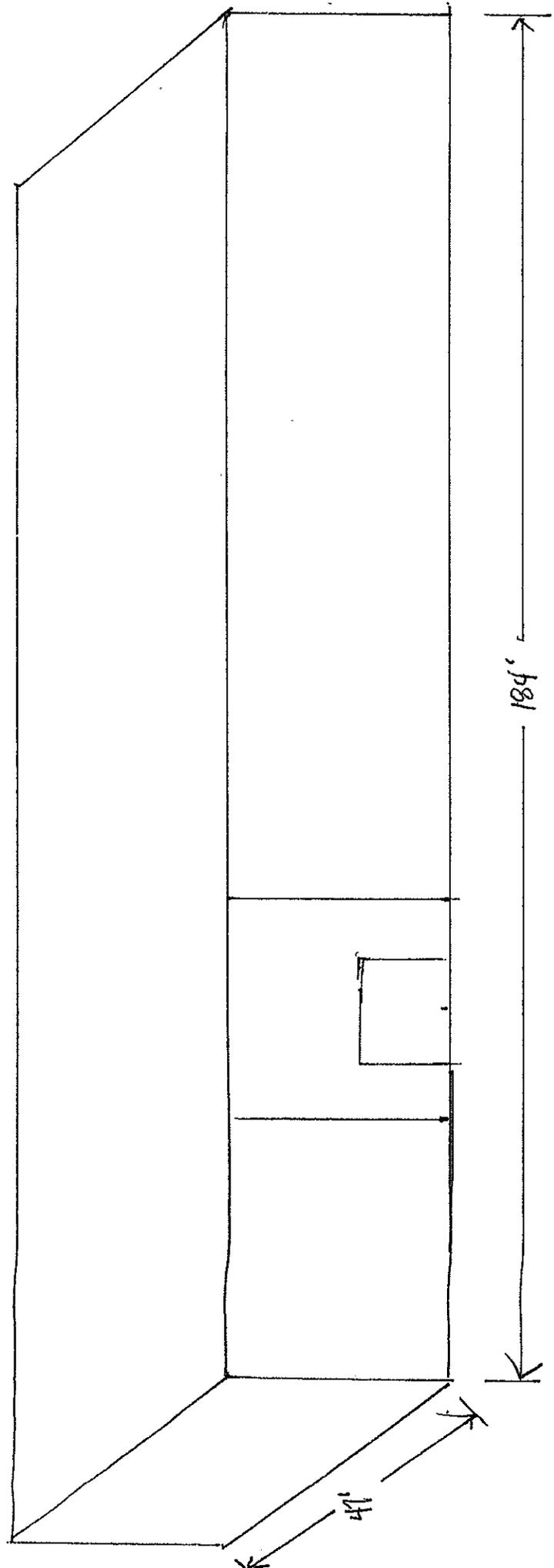
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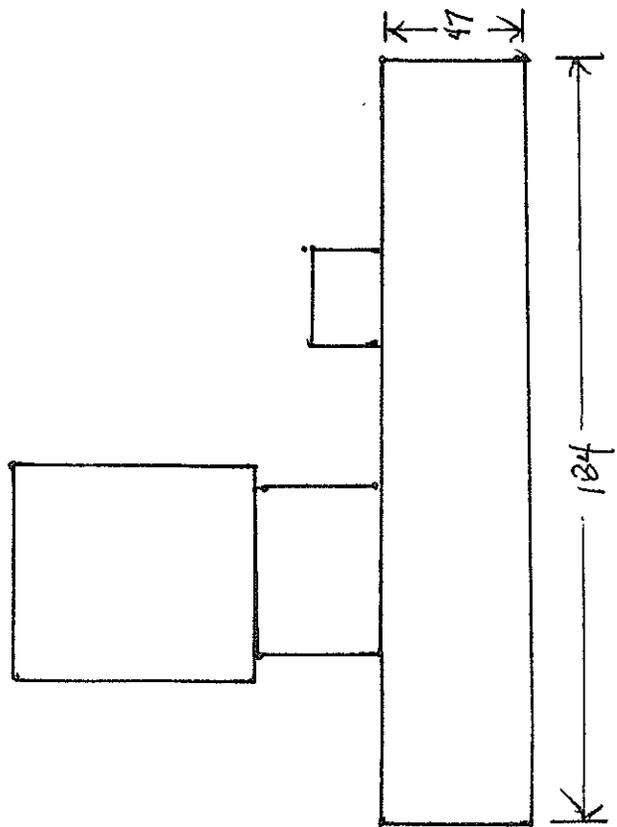
Dimensions of Site

US Highway 115



US Highway 315





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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff

vs

NO. 4094 C-111

3.45 Acres of Land, more or less,
in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania,
and CHESTER W. PERKINS, et al
Defendants

DECREE ON DECLARATION OF TAKING

AND NOW, to wit, July 7, 1950, this cause came to be heard at this term of Court, upon motion of the plaintiff, the United States of America, to enter a decree on the Declaration of Taking in the above entitled cause on July 7, 1950, vesting title in the United States of America to the extent of the right, title, interest and estate as hereinafter set forth in and to the land hereinafter mentioned, and as set forth and described in the Declaration of Taking and in a condemnation Complaint, and moving further for an order fixing the value when possession of the property herein described is to be surrendered to the United States of America, and upon consideration thereof and of the condemnation Complaint filed in the proceedings, said Declaration of Taking, the statutes in such case made and provided, and taken under in accordance with the Act of Congress approved February 26, 1902 (31 Stat. 1421; 40 U.S.C. 253a), and acts supplementary thereto and amendments, and under the further authority of the Act of Congress approved August 10, 1892 (25 Stat. 357; 40 U.S.C. 257); and the Act of Congress approved October 10, 1890 (26 Stat. 310), as amended by the Acts of Congress approved August 1917 (20 Stat. 241) and April 11, 1918 (40 Stat. 510; 50 U.S.C. 141), acts authorizing the acquisition of land for military purposes, and the Act of Congress approved September 8, 1950 (Public Law 760 - 81st Congress) which act authorized the acquisition of the land and appropriated the money for such purpose, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court,

FINDS: That the United States of America is entitled to acquire by eminent domain for the purposes as now set out and prayed in said Complaint in condemnation;

SECOND: That a complaint in condemnation was filed at the Court by ROBERT T. STORONY, Secretary of the Army of the United States, under the authority empowered by law to acquire the land described in the Complaint, and also under authority of the Attorney General of the United States;

THIRD: That said Complaint in Condemnation and Declaration of Taking shows the authority under which, and the public use for which said

taken; that the Secretary of the Army of the United States is the person duly authorized and empowered by law to acquire the land such as described in the Complaint and in the Declaration of Taking for the purpose of and in pursuance of the said Acts of Congress and said Executive Orders, and has selected as a site to adequately provide for the requirements of the Department of the Army and for other military uses incident thereto, in connection with the establishment of an Army Reserve Training Center, certain lands near Wilkes-Barre, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, which are required for immediate use, and that the Attorney General of the United States is the person authorized by law to direct the institution of the condemnation proceedings;

FOURTH: That a proper description of the lands sought to be taken, sufficient for identification thereof, is set out in said Declaration of Taking;

FIFTH: That said Declaration of Taking contains a statement of the estate or interest in the said lands taken for said public use;

SIXTH: That a plat showing the lands taken is incorporated in said Declaration of Taking;

SEVENTH: That a statement is contained in said Declaration of Taking of a sum of money, estimated by said acquiring authority to be just compensation for said lands, in the amount of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) and that said sum was deposited in the Registry of this Court for the use of the persons entitled thereto, upon and at the time of the filing of the said Declaration of Taking;

EIGHTH: That a statement is contained in said Declaration of Taking that the amount of the ultimate award of compensation for the taking of the said property, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army of the United States, will be within any limits prescribed by law as the price to be paid therefor; it is therefore

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the right, title, estate and interest hereinafter set forth in and to the following lands, to wit:

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Tract No. A-100

All that parcel of land located in the Township of Plains, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 315 South $28^{\circ} 44' 36''$ East 40 feet from the centerline of said highway at Centerline Station 246/96.34; thence South $23^{\circ} 41' 28''$ East 246.03 feet to a point in the northerly right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 135; thence with said right of way line North $77^{\circ} 28' 52''$ East 513.70 feet to a point; thence North $18^{\circ} 03' 58''$ West 327.19 feet to a point in the right of way line of the above mentioned U. S. Highway No. 315; thence along said right of way line South $23^{\circ} 18' 52''$ West 541.01 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 3.45 acres of land, more or less.

Being a part of the same land conveyed to Rubin J. Flack, et al by Calvin Parsons, and Anne Parsons, his wife, by deed dated 6 July 1964, and recorded among the deed records of the County and State aforesaid in Deed Book 94, at Page 518.

THE ESTATE in the lands hereinbefore described which is taken by the United States of America for the said public uses, is the fee simple title, SUBJECT to existing encumbrances for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads and pipe lines.

and being the same tract of land as more particularly shown on plan which is attached to and by reference made a part of the Declaration of Taking, VESTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA upon the filing of said Declaration of Taking and the depositing in the Registry of this Court of the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00), as heretofore specified, that said lands are deemed to have been condemned and taken for the use of the United States of America and the right to just compensation for the property taken, upon the filing of the Declaration of Taking, vested in the persons entitled thereto, and the amount of compensation shall be ascertained and awarded in this proceeding and established by judgment herein pursuant to law, and

IT IS FURTHER ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the possession of the above-described property shall be delivered forthwith to the United States of America and all persons in possession of or occupying all or any part thereof shall forthwith surrender and deliver up said lands to the United States of America, and

Further, that the United States Marshal be and he hereby is
 to serve a copy of this Decree upon any of the defendants
 in the Complaint now in possession of the above-described premises,
 such defendants are found in actual possession of such premises;
 and, further, that four copies of this order shall, as soon as
 possible, be conspicuously posted on said lands heretofore described;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED that a certified copy of
 judgment be recorded in the land records of Luzerne County,
 Pennsylvania, and indexed in the grantee-grantors index as a transfer
 heretofore set forth right, title and interest in and to the
 premises herein from the following parties:

CLEMENT W. PERKINS,
 Agent for the Estate of Rubin J. Flick, et al.

LEHIGH VALLEY COAL COMPANY

SULLIVAN TRAIL MINING COMPANY

to

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This cause is held open for such other and further orders,
 decrees and judgments as may be necessary in the premises.

/s/ Frederick V. Pollmer

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

*Completed from the records
 of the Luzerne County
 Recorder's Office
 on 2/12/08
 by [Signature]*

- (i) a description of the eligibility for the proposed transfer

Public Benefit Conveyance (PBC)

Wilkes Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 – economic development corporation that has promoted tourism, arts, architecture, and developed properties in the downtown Wilkes Barre area. Wilkes Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. has been recognized by the State of Pennsylvania through the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts, Scranton Area Foundation, Diamond City Partnership and Luzerne County Cultural Council. This conveyance is for the purpose of economic development and to embody tourism by creating a recreational, educational, and historic museum. This use will create twelve (12) full time jobs and bring tourism dollars to the area. Visitors to our area will be able to learn about the history and significance of Planters Peanuts and Wyoming Valley.

(ii) the proposed use of the property, including a description of the buildings and property necessary to carry out such proposed use,

This location in Plains Township is the crossroads of Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Hazleton with Highways 115 and 315 bordering the property and access to Interstate 81, the Cross Valley Expressway and the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Visitors pass this site while visiting the Veteran's Administration Hospital, the Luzerne County Arena, the Mohegan Sun Casino, and Harvey's Lake.

This property is an ideal location for the proposed use with ample parking, a billboard location with high visibility, easy accessibility, as it is the crossroads of the Mohegan Sun Casino, the Luzerne County Arena, the Veteran Administration Hospital, the back mountain area including Harveys Lake, with direct access to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, 115, 315, Interstate 81, 309 and to Downtown Wilkes Bare development.

The main two story building will be used for the display of memorabilia from the history of Planters Peanuts with the attached garage for storage and display of the larger Mr. Peanut items including the Peanut Mobile. The outside of the main building will display the reconstruction of the original Mr. Peanut painted on brick that has been saved for

assembly at the museum. The neon sign from Broadway was purchased and will be attached to the outside of the main building.

Although the detached three bay garage could be used for additional Mr. Peanut memorabilia – we propose to integrate the three bay (3) garage to be used for an additional station for Plains Township Emergency Services.

All the surrounding parking (except for in front of the three bay detached garage) will be used for visitor parking. In the future there may be a need to increase the size of the parking lot with the excess land that is not developed on this site.

(iii) time frame for occupancy,

After approval, Wilkes Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. 501 (c) 3 will continue its work to inform Kraft/Planters Peanuts of the designated site for the museum and coordinate their pledge of funds, memorabilia and logo to construct the museum. The State of Pennsylvania will be contacted to coordinate with the Department of Community Economic Development First Tourism program to maximize their participation. Working with the Federal Government – we will coordinate with the corresponding Federal agency to gather input and maximize their participation to develop the Planters Peanuts museum. Monies from private individuals and funds from Wilkes Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation will be pledged to construct and maintain the museum. The time frame will coincide with delivery of the property from the Department of Defense – Surplus Federal Property Program – Office of Economic Adjustment at a time certain in 2009-2010. Upon delivery of the property construction shall commence on developing and renovating the buildings for the Planters Peanuts museum with a time frame of nine (9) months before it will be open to the public and fully occupied.

(iv) the benefit to the community from such proposed use, including the number of jobs the use would generate

The leading economic drivers for the State of Pennsylvania are tourism and agriculture. With the development of this valuable site – the Crossroads of Wyoming Valley – an asset to continue economic development of our area through tourism will be achieved with the Planters Peanuts museum.

Luzerne County benefits as this site will include a remote Tourist Promotion Center that will lead visitors to other historic monuments and sites of interest such as the Riverfront Development in Downtown Wilkes Barre, Eckley Village, the downtown Wilkes Barre Tourist Promotion Center, the Luzerne County Arena, the Mohegan Sun and all the other sites of interest to visitors.

Tourism is a major economic driver that has been embraced on a State level by Governor Rendell and by the Luzerne County government. For every one (1) job created in tourism there are three (3) jobs created in the private sector from ancillary businesses and services. There are several hotel properties located with a close distance of this proposed Planters Peanuts museum.

Tourism is an activity which promotes or encourages individuals to travel to a destination sites within this

Commonwealth for pleasure. By creating a state-of-art visitors center for Planters Peanuts, we can mirror the success of the Easton Crayola visitor center which has enjoyed two million (2,000,000) visitors over the first four (4) years of operation. Hospitality establishments, including hotels and restaurants, retail establishments and outdoor activity-based businesses in close geographic proximity to this Pennsylvania destination site or part of the marketing effort that targets the Planters Peanuts Museum Visitor Center will benefit greatly driving the much needed economic development in Plains Township and the surrounding areas. In Easton, home of the Crayola visitor center, over one hundred (100) retail businesses have opened in that four year period. Economic impact studies have set forth that a visitor center generating the number of visitors projected at the Planters Peanuts Museum can spin off over two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in increased revenue per year in direct revenue and another six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in related revenue for a total of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) in new economic dollars. Besides the creation of twelve (12) jobs at the visitor center the revenue will drive another thirty-six (36) jobs at all the related businesses that benefit from the visitors to this site with overnight stays at local hotels, revenue at restaurants, retail and other established tourist related businesses in the vicinity. Clearly, this Planters Peanuts Museum visitor center will be a tremendous boost to the local economy.

Visitors pass this site while visiting the Veteran's Administration Hospital, the Luzerne County Arena, the Mohegan Sun Casino, and Harvey's Lake.

The operation of the Planters Peanuts museum will include twelve (12) full time employees.

Atlanta, Georgia has Coca Cola; Easton, Pennsylvania has Crayola; and Wyoming Valley has Planters Peanuts. We need to embrace the history of the hard working immigrants that created this giant corporation and employed the hard working people of Wilkes Barre, Plains Township, and all Wyoming Valley to help make this possible.

Kraft/Planters Peanuts has expressed support for this museum. Upon submission of a concrete developed proposal they would commit cash support, memorabilia and permission to use the Mr. Peanut logo to help promote the museum.

Some very valuable memorabilia of Planters Peanuts has been obtained in advance of the creation of the Planters Peanuts Museum including the original Planters Peanuts neon sign from Broadway, New York City – original cast iron Mr. Peanuts from the original Wilkes Barre headquarters, a pledge from Peanut Pal members to donate important Mr. Peanut memorabilia, and items from Kraft.

Nabisco donated former headquarters to the City of Wilkes Barre and then sold it to a private developer for a retail shopping center. Through the efforts of Wilkes Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. the façade of

the original headquarters was saved and this past summer, the State of Pennsylvania dedicated a historic marker at that site. Wilkes Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. paid for the historic marker and helped obtain the designation. Unfortunately, the rest of the building was razed except for the façade and the current owner is not interested in developing a museum at that site. Wilkes Barre Metropolitan Development Corporation, Inc. saved the brick that the Mr. Peanut logo was painted so it could be reconstructed at another site – this site for the Planters Peanuts Museum.

The story of Planters Peanuts is about immigrants who started this business in the Wilkes Barre area. Their success eventually led them to be the wealthiest Italian immigrants in United States.

Emerging from an area deep in coal mining heritage two Italian immigrants – Amadeo Obici arrived in Scranton and Mario Peruzzi Hazleton from Italy. They both worked together to form Planters Nut and Chocolate Company in Wilkes Barre. Many of our forefathers and parents from Wilkes Barre, Plains Township and the area worked at Planters Peanuts It is a regional story of success that has led to national acclaim.

Attached you will find some detail on the history of Planters Peanuts. The importance of this project is paramount and will be a driving force to the economic well being of our region.

Our time on earth is just a blink of time – we need to recognize those who make a difference – if we do not regard, memorialize and remember those who have succeeded to make a difference to the life and welfare of our citizens, then we send the wrong message to our children and youth who are deciding whether to sacrifice to make a difference in their lifetime. – we need to set an example through this museum and others like it – that if you succeed and make that difference – you will be remembered and recognized beyond our years here.

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Amadeo Obici The Peanut King



AMADRO OBICI developed an industry by changing the eating habits of a nation. His innovation, together with an idea of Dr. John Kellogg, superintendent of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, also changed the country's agricultural patterns. As the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* says, "The peanut is grown mainly for its edible oil, except in the United States, where it is produced for grinding into peanut butter . . . for roasted salted nuts; and for use in candy and bakery products."

Kellogg, a vegetarian, tried grinding peanuts into a nutritional paste to provide concentrated protein for his patients. (He also served his patients flaked wheat and flaked corn for breakfast—an idea his brother W. K. Kellogg used to revolutionize American breakfast habits.)

Peanuts (also called groundnuts, earthnuts, or goobers) are like soybeans. They enrich the soil with nitrogen and restore the nutrients that other crops, particularly cotton, deplete. George Washington Carver, a scientist at the Tuskegee Institute and one of the first black Americans to win fame for his achievements, saw commercially farming peanuts as a way to restore agricultural viability to the South, where dependence on cotton had exhausted the land and created a cycle of poverty. He directed most of his research to the development of approximately three hundred products derived from peanuts to try to ensure the marketing of a crop so ideally suited to the needs of southern agriculture. (He even succeeded in making peanuts taste like dill pickles.)

In 1890, peanuts were not even a recognized cash crop. Within half a century, they had become one of the six leading crops in the United States and the second cash crop, after cotton, in the South.

What was Amadeo Obici's contribution to this nutritional and agricultural revolution? Amadeo Obici was born on July 15, 1877, in Oderzo, in the province of Treviso, Italy. In 1889 his mother, a widow faced with raising



LEFT: Amadeo Obici was president and general manager of Planters until his death. He created and expanded the market for peanuts while providing the product to meet the increasing demand. **RIGHT:** Like her husband, Louise Mussante Obici operated a peanut stand in Wilkes-Barre, where she met and married Obici. The Louise Obici Hospital in Suffolk, Virginia, is her husband's memorial to her.

four children, sent Amadeo by steamer and train to an uncle in Scranton, with his destination on a label tied through his buttonhole. At the age of twelve, he spoke no English. In Scranton he attended school and worked with his uncle, a tailor, then went to work in a cigar factory. At fifteen he moved on his own to Wilkes-Barre where he worked for friends selling fresh fruit at a street stand for six dollars per month plus board.

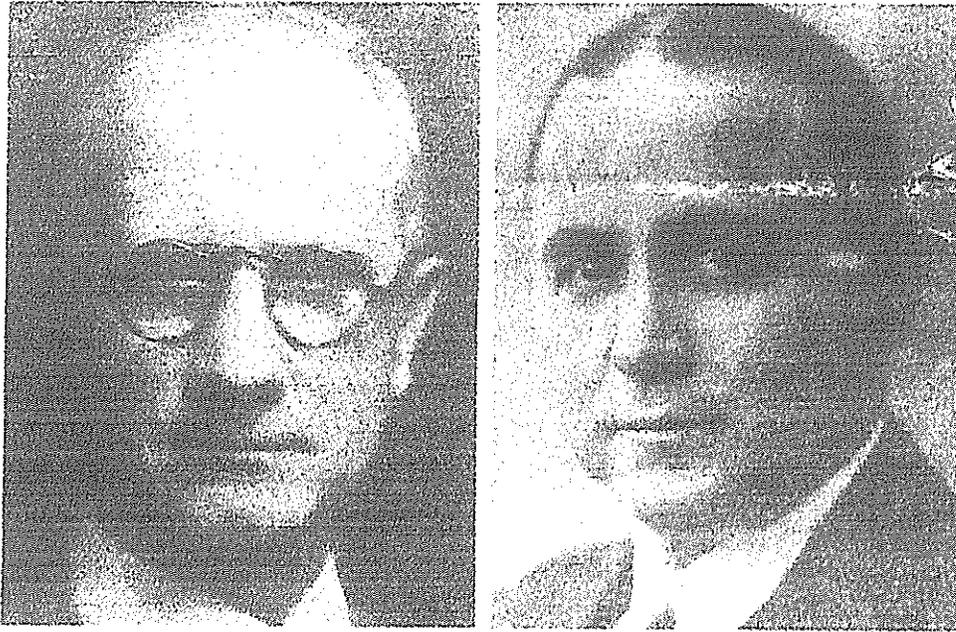
Obici next took a job tending bar for Andrew Lynch. Lynch, who was very involved in politics, asked Obici to locate any Italians in Luzerne County and persuade them to support his candidates. Obici went looking for Mario Peruzzi, who had also come from Treviso, and found him in a basement in Hazleton oiling a large cheese for the wholesale grocery firm where he worked. They became friends at once.

Obici's used his savings from barkeeping to open his own small fruit stand and peanut roaster. Fruit and peanut stands had operated continuously in the downtown area of Wilkes-Barre for a number of years—but Obici's is said to have been the first to have a whistle attached to the pipe where the steam escaped. In three years, he had saved enough money to bring his family from Italy.

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LEFT: Mario Peruzzi, vice president and treasurer of planters, became president after Obici's death. He was Obici's partner in the original incorporation of Planters Nut and Chocolate Company and manager of the Wilkes-Barre operation. RIGHT: Frank A. English was secretary of Planters when this picture was taken. He later became vice president, succeeding Mario Peruzzi as president. In addition to his responsibilities to Planters, he was executor of Obici's estate. FROM THE SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA, *Suffolk News-Herald*, 200TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION, COURTESY ELENA ENGLISH HORRIGAN PARKHURST

At this point, with \$600 cash to pay his agent's fee, Obici purchased a building for \$39,000—covered by a mortgage for \$39,000. The rest of his cash went to install an oyster bar and soda fountain. As a sideline to what he regarded as his future in the restaurant business, he also purchased a bigger peanut roaster and installed it above the store in order to sell roasted peanuts to other storekeepers and bars. This venture went so well that he soon hired someone to roast and package the peanuts and spent his time delivering the salted nuts in Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding towns. On his wagon, drawn by an ancient gray called Old Dick, he painted a sign: "The Peanut Specialist."

By 1906, at the age of twenty-nine, Amadeo Obici had decided that there was a future in the peanut business. He persuaded Mario Peruzzi, by that time head of the confectionery department of C. P. Wentz Co. in Scranton, to borrow \$2000 on a personal note. Together they formed Planters Peanuts. "Planters," said Obici, "sounded important and dignified." They never did actually own any peanut acreage. They rented a small factory for \$25 a month, installed two large roasters and some machinery, and employed six people.

Store owners were supplied with glass display jars and cups to measure the peanuts. Ten-pound cans were supplied as refills.

In 1908, with Obici still serving as president and general manager and Peruzzi as secretary-treasurer and director, the firm was incorporated as Planters Nut and Chocolate Company and capitalized at \$50,000. Of this, only \$10,000, representing a hundred shares of common stock, was actually paid in. Some stock was sold to friends in and around Wilkes-Barre, but most was absorbed by Obici (50 percent) and Peruzzi (20 percent).

One major asset of the company was a process Obici had discovered for roasting peanuts so that they could be readily blanched of their red skins before salting, without breaking in half. Its major premise was that people preferred whole blanched salted Virginia peanuts to the small, round red-skinned Spanish nuts that at that time dominated the market. (Fortune, April 1938)

Another asset was the creative combination of peanuts with chocolate and syrups. And perhaps most important was his family's strong support.

Elizabeth Obici Peruzzi, Amadeo's sister and later the wife of Mario Peruzzi, recalled during a 1974 interview with the *Sunday Independent* on her ninetieth birthday, "I had charge of our first plant in Wilkes-Barre when my brother first started selling peanuts in large quantities. There were more than 100 employees working under me, and we put in twelve hours a day, six days a week."

Obici also introduced his own business formula, according to *The Obici Story*, persuading dealers that "prices and first profits were not nearly so important as repeat business. Quality, brand name, and creation of consumer demand were far more important to the retailer and his continued success."

Obici's marketing genius was first demonstrated in the days when "The Peanut Specialist" distributed bags of roasted peanuts to children on the way to pick up raw peanuts at the railroad station. The parade he staged through Wilkes-Barre with his first full carload of raw peanuts was repeated several decades later when Planters introduced roasted peanuts to England and Obici staged a parade all around London.

Mr. Peanut—that elegant trademark with his top hat, cane, and spats, was far removed from the lowly goober—became the universal symbol of Planters. Many of us can remember him, nine feet tall, walking through Wilkes-Barre's Public Square, distributing bags of peanuts to a new generation of peanut-lovers. Mr. Peanut literally walked the streets of cities all over the United States, and the electric sign above Times Square in New York City, where Mr. Peanut was embodied in 6,700 lamps, was a familiar landmark. Single-page cartoon stories about "Mr. Peanut's Nutty History" were printed in millions of comic books. Ham Fisher, Wilkes-Barre's creator of Joe Palooka,



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Planters Nut and Chocolate Factory at 45 South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, as it looked about 1915. PHOTO BY JOHN JENNINGS, COURTESY R. CHARLES PETRILLO

drew some of these ads out of gratitude to Mario Peruzzi, who had helped him when he was a struggling advertising solicitor.

A large percentage of the advertising budget was directed toward premiums that would appeal to the peanut eaters of the future—coloring books, stamp albums, and the all-time favorite, the Mr. Peanut mechanical lead pencil. Adults could exchange their hoarded candy bar wrappers and peanut bags for the Ingersoll watch. National advertising of the popular “Nickel Lunch” enabled Planters’ sales to hold up well during the Depression.

Innovative packaging was another strength of Planters. In 1904 glassine was introduced into the United States from Germany. By 1912, with the development of a machine that could make the material into see-through bags, Planters was merchandizing prepackaged peanuts. In 1932 cellophane replaced glassine.

In 1912, Obici and Peruzzi found themselves at the mercy of commodity speculators in Virginia peanuts. Accordingly, they decided to take steps to secure their supply. Taking letters from his Wilkes-Barre bankers, Obici approached a Suffolk, Virginia, bank with a proposal to buy a peanut-cleaning plant there. By 1913 the plant had been renovated, and peanut production near the source of supply took over from the Wilkes-Barre operation, although the executive offices and the premium redemption center continued to operate in Wilkes-Barre.

By 1927, with the purchase and modernization of two more plants in Virginia and the construction of cold storage for 600 carloads of peanuts, Planters was an industrial giant. It also manufactured and printed its own bags, boxes, and tins. In addition, plants had been set up in San Francisco in 1921 and in Toronto in 1924. Other plants followed in Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Atlanta, and Memphis. Two subsidiaries were also created. The National Peanut Corporation, founded in 1929, consisted of thirty-five retail stores selling all varieties of nuts and operating chiefly to promote Planters Peanuts. The Planters Edible Oil Co. pressed undersized and broken nuts for their oil, marketed as Hi Hat, Kosher Hi Hat, and Ali D'Italia. The dried remnant was sold as fodder for hogs and cattle. The ground peanut hulls were also sold for a variety of uses, from insulation to an abrasive for silverware. Other peanut by-products ended up in cosmetics and soap. Nothing was wasted.

The one major peanut product that Obici and Peruzzi did not manufacture was peanut butter. When asked about this in an interview, Obici said it was unseemly to compete too vigorously with one's best customers. The peanut butter manufacturers were the largest buyers of the processed peanuts that were not used in making Planters' own products. In fact, the raw nut market did not always make money for Planters, but it secured the supply for Planters' products.

Amadeo Obici became known as the Peanut King. Just over five feet tall, he was described in *Fortune* as impressively proportioned, with a big nose, double chin, and pudgy and expressive hands. "The most notable things about him are two: one is his personal likableness; . . . the other is the nature and design of the inside of his head. Mr. Obici is smart, with an extra smartness that is known in the business as 'peanut sense.' "

Obici was considered a demanding employer, expecting a day's work for a day's pay, and the company was run on paternalistic lines. Planters never faced a strike, however. According to an article in the Suffolk, Virginia, *News-Herald*, "Obici pioneered the five day work week in the peanut industry. He was among the first to pay blacks and whites equal wages for equal work, and shocked many in the community by bidding up the area's hourly wages."

In 1916 Obici married Louise Musante, who had also operated a peanut and confectionery stand in Wilkes-Barre, and from the 1920s on, they had a home at Bay Point Dairy Farm on the Nansemond River near Suffolk, in addition to their residence at 38 Dagobert Street, Wilkes-Barre. Mario and Elizabeth Obici Peruzzi continued to have their chief residence at Pine View, Nuangola.

Louise Musante Obici died in Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, in 1938, and in 1942 Amadeo Obici formed a corporation to hold funds from a variety of sources with which to build a hospital in her memory. After his death, also at Mercy, on May 21, 1947, additional funds became available through his will and through a favorable ruling on the Obici Trust, enabling construction to

Support for a Mr. Peanut museum in Wilkes-Barre is beginning to grow

Editor:

Over the past few weeks, I have received dozens of calls concerning my idea to create a Mr. Peanut museum in Wilkes-Barre to honor one of the world's most famous commercial images that got its start right here in our home town.

Calls have come from as far away as New Hampshire, New Jersey. I even received a letter from a family in California who spoke of having their photo taken on Public Square with Mr. Peanut many many years ago. And I remember my Uncle "Broich" Metzger treating a souvenir Planters Peanut pack from his World War II K-rations.

For the record, I am not against progress or making Wilkes-Barre "new," as has been suggested, but I am against tearing down our history when we could be promoting it and building on it. We already lost the Fell House, where anthracite coal was first burned.

We also lost Joe Palooka, the main character in cartoons and movies shown world-wide that featured "Nobby Walsh," who was modeled after Max Bartikowski. The only thing that's left of Palooka history is "Mount Palooka" (does anybody know where that is?).

And who can forget the cartoon

strip "Lil' Abner," which immortalized Wilkes-Barre with its references to the dinosaur named "Wilkesbarrasaurus?" Unfortunately, a lot of people can — in the name of progress.

Ah yes, progress. The same progress that turned a vibrant downtown into a bank and a bank and a bank and a hotel, with nowhere to go and nothing to do.

Whatever happened to the reason people went downtown? The Spa, the Betsy Ross, the Boston Candy Kitchen, the Capitol, Strand and Comerford theaters, the Fort Durkee, the Number One Pub, the dry cleaner/shoe repair shop, the clothing store, the fellow who carved chunks of coal into souvenirs sent around the world, and, of course, Mr. Obici's (and his wife's) peanut/candy stores?

There has been much confusion over where "Mr. Peanut" actually got his start. So, for the record, and after much research, I'll attempt to correct some misinformation (or "dis-information"). Mr. Obici started selling his peanuts on a small piece of sidewalk that he rented from the city for \$5 a week, roughly in front of where the Charles



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Adams Senior Center now stands. I am told he cooked his peanuts and invented the still-used "blanching" system in his kitchen on Dagobert Street. Then he wheeled them up to the square in a push-cart, from which he sold peanuts (for 5 cents a bag) until he could afford to buy a horse and wagon, which he then drove all over Wilkes-Barre, selling door to door. Is there a historical plaque on that bit of concrete?

Some years later, the national headquarters for Planter's Peanuts was built on South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, and the company became an international firm, selling millions of dollars worth of products around the world, opening processing plants from Canada to California and being one of the country's first advertisers to erect a giant neon sign on New York's Times Square. At the bottom of all the displays and ads were the words "Planter's Peanuts, Wilkes-Barre, Pa."

Let me ask you this: If we can have a Crayola crayon museum, a national popcorn museum, a museum dedicated to PEZ candies, a Barbie doll museum, a national cartoon museum, a national candy museum, and if Hershey can build an entire city around a candy bar, and if, as the Crayola museum does, a town can draw upwards of a half-million visitors every year, with their millions of tourist dollars being spent on site, can't we give Mr. Peanut a little room in Wilkes-Barre to proudly proclaim "This is where it all started?"

Yes, Mr. Obici did move to Virginia many years later to be where his peanuts were grown. In case the detractors haven't noticed, we don't grow peanuts here.

I am told there is an agreement in place to keep the "facade" of the old Planter's building in place, sort of like the Hollywood false fronts of buildings in "Blazing Saddles." Why not keep the whole headquarters building as a museum and build a mini-city around it, as they have the "Crayola" museum and as they have nationwide (according to "Fortune Small Business" magazine) with the new lifestyle centers (mini-cities inside cities).

Or is that too "progressive" for Wilkes-Barre's movers and shakers?

Councilman Jim McCarthy
Wilkes-Barre

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Our President... Mr. Peruzzi

(This is based on a feature article that appeared in the WILKES-BARRE SUNDAY INDEPENDENT)

Mario Peruzzi, the man, who pooled his knowledge of distribution of wholesale confectionery with the "know how" on preparing peanuts and nutmeats of the late Amedeo Obici to organize what today is the multi-million dollar firm of Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, had a word of advice to young men during the week when he observed his 77th birthday anniversary.

"It is fundamentally wrong to say that a young man in America today as well as in other countries of the world, has no opportunities for success as in the 'good old days.' The many new developments and discoveries of the past half century and especially those in the days since the beginning of World War 2, are a direct refutation of statements of those, who say that young men have no new frontiers to pioneer in in the highly developed America of today.

"As in the past, the young man of today must possess self reliance, self respect, ambition, initiative and vision, plus the ability to assume personal responsibility rather than depend on others for improvement of his condition.

"The resolve to eliminate the crude automatic performance of his daily work and the eagerness to do something better are characteristics of the young men of today, who can vision the greater opportunities available for the nation's leaders in industry, business, government and other fields of endeavor of tomorrow."

On the occasion of his 77th birthday anniversary, he recalled his close and always friendly associations with the late "Peanut King," Amedeo Obici, and recalled his early admiration of the manner in which Mr. Obici had conducted his early business activity in this city and vicinity.

Mr. Peruzzi knew the late president of Planters about eight years before the two teamed up in 1906 to lay the foundations for what today is the largest firm of its kind in the world. Mr. Peruzzi had been living in Scranton where he had charge of the wholesale confectionery department of the C. P. Wentz and Company, wholesale grocery firm in the Lackawanna County city. As head of the confectionery department, Mr. Peruzzi had the opportunity to meet Mr. Obici and they became close friends.

Mr. Obici in those days had a very prosperous fruit stand at 15 East Market Street in this city, site of the present Planters Peanut Store, next door to his close friend, John Hance, who at that time was a director in the First National Bank of this city. Mr. Obici also conducted an oyster restaurant at the same location, and had two large cases of con-

fections at both sides of the entrance to his store.

On special occasions when some big celebration such as the late President Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Wyoming Valley attracted large numbers of people into central city, Mr. Peruzzi helped Mr. Obici during those occasions. In discussing those early associations, Mr. Peruzzi recalled he was very much impressed by Obici's personal and business activities, and that on a number of times they discussed starting in the business of selling peanut specialties to the jobbing trade throughout the country.

The business of putting peanuts in bags, which also contained coupons redeemable for prizes, among which was the famous Ingersoll watch, recalled by many of the Valley's older residents of today, expanded rapidly in this area, Mr. Peruzzi recalled.

Finally in May, 1906, the late Mr. Obici and Mr. Peruzzi organized the Planters Peanut Company, the forerunner of the firm known throughout the world today as "Planters". They received their charter to do business from Harrisburg in 1907. When the new firm of Planters Peanut Company was organized on May 1, 1906, Mr. Peruzzi was elected secretary and sales manager. And though the business prospered, there was a need for hard work and weathering of all sorts of problems that arose in the conduct of the young firm.

The business boomed so rapidly they found themselves expanding to the point where additional capital for raw materials and room for expanding manufacturing operations were needed. They decided to interest some good reputable local businessmen to invest in stock in the company, and in this manner were able to raise the funds needed for the purchase of raw materials and new equipment to be housed in the larger R. S. Williams Building on South State Street in this city, as the plant on Baltimore Street had already become inadequate due to the rapid expansion of the business.

Local business and professional men responded to their appeal and among others, these Valley business leaders purchased stock in the expanding industry: Russell Uhl, Edwin B. Morgan, J. L. Williamson, T. W. Denniston, O. J. Behrens, William Stoffell, Frank Obici, E. Ferruggeri, George S. Walsh, R. S. Williams, C. S. Callahan, Thomas K. Sturdevant, Dr. A. G. Fell, and John Hance.

The present firm of planters Nut and Chocolate Company was organized in the latter part of 1907 with the late peanut king as president. Mr. Peruzzi was elected secretary, treasurer and a direc-

tor of the company, and was in complete charge of the Wilkes-Barre plant and office. The late Mr. Obici was chosen president, and one of the five directors of the new company. Others chosen to the first board of directors of the new company were E. B. Morgan, C. S. Callahan and Russell Uhl.

Upon the death of Mr. Obici in 1947, Mr. Peruzzi was elected president of the company and devotes his exclusive time and attention to the duties of that office. He has completed 46 years of continuous and active participation with the great growth and development of the company. His own individual efforts have brought him from the position of immigrant janitor to the position of one of the leading executives in the business of nutmeats and peanuts today.

Like the late Amedeo Obici, who died in 1947, Mr. Peruzzi also came to this country at an early age with visions of greater opportunities in America. He was born in 1875 in Treviso, Italy, the son of Angelo Peruzzi, who was a Baptist minister in this city, and the late Elvira (Morlacchi) Peruzzi, both of Italian ancestry. He received his education in the public school in Treviso, and at the Venice Industrial School, where he studied until his 11th year of age.

Shortly after completing his schooling, he went to work at the age of 12 in Rome, Italy, where he remained for only three months, working in a second hand book store. He then took a position with one of the large department stores in Rome, which had branches throughout Europe. He recalled that he just made himself useful in his position with the department store, doing anything and everything he was called upon to do. He remained with the department store for six years, and when he left the store he held the position of assistant bookkeeper, but far more important was the fact that he had learned much of the knowledge and information on distribution that was to stand him in good stead when he joined with Mr. Obici in the manufacturing and distribution of the Peanut specialties 12 years later in this country.

In 1894, at the age of 19, he and his mother came to the United States to join his father, a Baptist minister. They settled in Hazleton, where the present day president of Planters Nut and Chocolate Company secured his first job in this "Promised Land", that of a janitor in the office of A. S. Winkle, Hazleton coal firm, where he remained for four or five months.

He then took a position with a Hazleton wholesale importing grocery store in Hazleton, and was identified with the

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firm for three years, after which he went to Scranton where he accepted a position as head of the wholesale confectionery department for the C. P. Wentz Company, wholesale grocers, and which led to his association with the late Mr. Obici.

Mr. Peruzzi was married in 1897 to Miss Mary McCarthy of Hazleton, and from this marriage they had two children, Mario Peruzzi, Jr., now sales supervisor for Planters in the New York Metropolitan Sales District, and Mrs. Rita Elvira Peruzzi, wife of Dr. Earl Ridgeway, Trenton, N. J., optician. Mrs. Peruzzi died in 1910. On August 22, 1920, Mr. Peruzzi married Miss Elizabeth Obici, a sister of the late Amedeo Obici, and they make their home at Pine View, Nuangola.

He is a member of BPOE of this city, Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, and the Chamber of Commerce, in addition to serving as a member of the board of directors of Mercy Hospital.

The foregoing article mentions the early beginnings and the pooling of abilities of both Mr. Peruzzi and the late Mr. Obici, and fortunately we ran across these two photographs showing Mr. Obici at his desk and Mr. Peruzzi dictating to his secretary, who is Mrs. Jo Stoneham, whom many of you know.



The late Mr. Obici at his desk.



Mr. Peruzzi dictating to his secretary.

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Notice of Interest

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Dear Board Members,

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 163 would like to express our notice of interest for the Army Reserve Center located on State Route 315 in Plains Township. Local Union 163 was unaware the facility was available for transfer of property. We recently discovered that the property was available for transfer from Congressman Kanjorski's office. Our intent is to utilize the existing structure to train people from the area including numerous local veterans for a rewarding and excellent paying career in the electrical industry. It is for this reason we request leniency, and ask for consideration for transfer of property.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is an organization with deep historical roots in the Wyoming Valley. On February 19, 2009, Local Union 163 will celebrate our 108th Anniversary for serving the Wyoming Valley and surrounding areas. Our members have come to the need of our community for generations. During the 1972 hurricane Agnes disaster, Local 163's members help rebuild and reshape the entire Wyoming Valley. We always come to the aid of charitable organizations whether it is monetary or donated labor and materials. Mandatory community service is built into the standards of our apprenticeship, which is certified and registered with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Our interest in the Army Reserve property lies with the future development of the young men and women who aspire to obtain a free education and become a Journeyman Wireman with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. All individuals are selected from the local area. Many of our apprentices are selected from the local vocational technical schools. However, a great increasing number of apprentices are referred to the Local Union through the "Helmets to Hardhats" national program, which Governor Ed Rendell enacted just a few years ago. Many of our members are veterans from the armed forces, and our apprenticeship program qualifies for the GI Bill. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 163 and our local Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee provide a superior electrical education at no cost to the individuals. Our local area contractors pay for all educational schooling and tuition fees.

Currently, Local Union 163 is experiencing a rapid increase in membership due to the recent area development. Presently, we have four hundred and thirteen local men and women, many of them veterans, employed in this geographical area. Nationwide the IBEW's membership exceeds 850,000 members. These men and women enjoy a great paying job, health benefits, annuity, and pensions through our collective bargaining agreements. "Helmets to Hardhats" expects to recruit nearly 700,000 men and women within the next five years. This area is growing exponentially, and there is a greater demand for the skilled labor needed to complete

major construction projects. Our work can be seen from the nuclear power plant at Susquehanna Steam and Electric Station to the most recently constructed Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs.

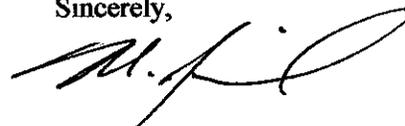
Our local skilled craft persons complete all electrical projects under budget and on time. Currently, the IBEW has instituted a construction electrician/wireman division, enabling our contractors to direct hire veterans through "Helmets to Hardhats". These are all local people working on local projects. They are individuals who live here, work here, and send their children to the local schools. With this area expanding, and our new divisions, our training facility cannot currently handle the influx of new membership. To currently manage the overflow of new recruits, Local Union 163 leases five separate classroom spaces at Luzerne County Community College.

The Army Reserve Center would provide the classroom space necessary to encompass the training needs for our expanding membership of new students. Moreover, our education does not stop with apprenticeship or construction programs. The facility would also be utilized for continuing education of all Journeyman Wireman. The electrical industry is continuously changing and our members have to stay at the forefront of these changing technologies. There would be minor renovations to the existing Army Reserve Facility, and we would immediately be able to utilize the structure to start classroom training.

The training and education we provide helps build careers for our community. A skilled trade can be taken anywhere, but it cannot be taken away. Providing jobs for veterans through "Helmets to Hardhats" would enable this structure to continue to serve our veteran countrymen with a free education. It is very costly for our Joint Apprentice Training Committee to educate students at no charge. This facility would enable the committee to expand and provide training to more veterans and students, providing them with not only a great education but also a rewarding career.

Attached are numerous references and national accolades of the partnership between "Helmets to Hardhats", and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. To understand the legitimate need for education and careers for our serving veterans, I implore the board members to contact Daryl Roberts who is the National Director for "Helmets to Hardhats". Please, review our request, and help our organization continue to provide the career opportunities for our serving countrymen and women.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Kwashnik
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At the CURT ceremony honoring the Helmets to Hardhats program are, left to right, President Edward C. Sullivan of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department (BCTD), CURT President Bill Tibbitt of Johnson & Johnson, Executive Director Matthew Caulfield of Helmets to Hardhats, Director Dan Caulfield, Helmets to Hardhats, Secretary-Treasurer Joe Maloney of BCTD, IBEW International President Edwin D. Hill, Ironworkers General President Joseph J. Hunt, IBEW International Secretary-Treasurer Jerry J. O'Connor, Carl Murphy of BCTD, CURT Past President Steve Satrom of Air Products & Chemicals and Norbert Young of McGraw-Hill.

In One Year, Helmets to Hardhats Attracts 13,000 Vets as Applicants

Lawrence Chavez of IBEW Local 5, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is one of the 13,000 returning U.S. military personnel who sought a civilian job by registering his skills with the Helmets to Hardhats program. It has worked out exceedingly well for him.

"Today, as a union journeyman wireman, I don't have to keep proving my abilities to each contractor I work for," Chavez says. "If I want I can work at any local union in the country on just the strength of my union ticket."

Even though the congressionally funded Helmet to Hardhats (H2H) program is only a year old, it has already been named the 2003 winner of the "workplace development award" by the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT). CURT co-sponsors the Helmets to Hardhats program with the 15 unions in the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades. CURT membership includes construction contractors and customers along with the unions.

About 82,000 contractors participate in Helmets to Hardhats, whose executive director, Matt Caulfield—a retired Marine major general—says the average Helmets to Hardhats cost for placing a candidate is only about 20 percent of the current construction industry average hiring cost. He credits the pre-screening of applicants and the use of the Internet—with 4.5 million hits during the first year—with a

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major role in the success of registering 13,000 applicants. Bechtel, Disney and the Tennessee Valley Authority are among the latest companies to join the program, Caulfield said.

Chavez says that once the local labor board alerted him to Helmets to Hardhats, "before I knew it, I was taking the journeyman test, which I passed and was admitted." And indenturing brand new electricians as highly qualified as Brother Chavez is termed by International President Edwin D. Hill as one of the goals of the IBEW's aggressive new organizing program.

"We are simply not going to rest until we know that every local union has removed all artificial barriers to IBEW membership," Hill said last fall in announcing the expanded program. "And Helmets to Hardhats is an exemplary way for us to continue expanding our membership. There is no one we would rather have to help us meet the needs of a constantly changing industry than those brave men and women who have been defending us in these perilous times."

After 20 years in the military, Local 5's Lawrence Chavez says the wide variety of assignments served to attract him to the IBEW. "The entire spectrum of the craft is at your disposal," Brother Chavez says. "Today I may be punching down CAT wire and connectorizing fiber optical centers. Tomorrow, I may be doing high voltage connections on a multistory skyscraper or designing UPS systems for a hospital or a bank. We do it all."

More information on how local unions can participate in the program is available at www.helmetstohardhats.org.





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IBEW and NECA Support New Program to Recruit Military Veterans for Construction Careers

The innovative Helmets to Hardhats Program, designed in response to a critical work force shortage in the construction industry, seeks to recruit U.S. military personnel leaving the armed services into construction jobs.

The IBEW and the National Electrical Contractors Association have enlisted in the Helmets to Hardhats program, which the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, helped initiate through its Apprenticeship and Training Committee. The program has the support of all BCTD unions and eight employer associations.

The Helmets to Hardhats initiative calls for establishment of a Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment & Veterans Employment to carry out this goal. The non-profit center, scheduled to open in January 2003, will be directed and managed by a board of labor and management trustees. IBEW International President Edwin D. Hill is one of the labor trustees.

The U.S. construction industry will need to recruit an additional 1.6 million workers in the next five years, estimates show.

Helmets to Hardhats hopes to recruit 700,000 workers for the construction industry from personnel exiting military service over the next five years.

Thousands of men and women leave military service each year to seek civilian jobs and many would be excellent candidates for work in the construction industry. In general, military service people are dependable and educated, with 99.9 percent holding at least a high school diploma. They are often trained in leadership, racially diverse, drug-free and typically have acquired a variety of technical skills required in construction.

The center will first assess a veterans level of training and experience. The program will then connect personnel with a local apprenticeship program where they will receive additional job training, or be provided journey-level placement with participating employers. The center also will screen employers to make sure contractors meet program criteria, including participation in federally approved apprentice programs, and demonstrate a record of fairness

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to workers.

Retired Marine Corps General Matthew P. Caulfield, who heads the HQ Group that is assisting establishment of the center, highly commends the union trades for their training facilities and hiring halls. Several members of Congress are seeking a \$5 million earmark in the fiscal 2003 budget to fund the program.





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The IBEW represents workers in the electrical industry including construction, gas and electric utilities, telecommunications, railroads and government agencies. Construction and residential electricians work in all phases of the electrical construction and service industry. Their work site ranges from single-family residences to state-of-the-art industrial plants. Inside wire workers may install and maintain conduits, switches and converters, as well as wire lighting, to complex systems incorporating computerization and high technology. Electricians work in the electric sign industry and increasingly perform more work in the installation of fiber optics and voice/data/video equipment. IBEW electricians participate in a five-year apprentice program.

What Do Electrical Workers Do?

There are four specialty areas where you will find electrical workers. These four areas are best described by the type of work done in each of those areas.

Outside Linemen are the electrical workers who install the distribution and transmission lines that move power from power plant to a factory, a business, or your home.

Inside Wiremen are electrical workers who install the power, lighting, controls and other electrical equipment in commercial and industrial buildings.

VDV Installer Technicians are electrical workers who install circuits and equipment for telephones, computer networks, video distribution systems, security and access control systems and other low voltage systems.

Residential Wiremen are electrical workers who specialize in installing all of the electrical systems in single-family and multi-family houses or dwellings.

What is an Electrical Apprenticeship Program?

Each of the four types of electrical work (inside Wireman, Outside Lineman, Installer Technician and Residential Wireman) share common skills and knowledge. Each also has other skills and knowledge, which are specific to that particular area of work. Because of these differences, each type of work has a different apprenticeship program associated with it. Apprentices receive their training through the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee of NECA (National Electrical Contractors

Association) and IBEW. It's a model education partnership which produces the best-trained, most up-to-date electrical apprentices and journeymen in the country. In addition to receiving skill training on the job, apprentices are provided trade related classroom training that produces competency and pride which lead to true craftsmanship. Quite often some local training committees provide special classes with hands-on training to support classroom lectures and discussions.

How Much Will I Earn?

You earn while you learn the trade. Union journeymen Electrical Workers wages and fringe benefits are negotiated on their behalf by the union through collective bargaining with signatory contractors. Some apprenticeship programs partner with community colleges to offer college credit for apprenticeship classes.

Wages vary according to the geographic location of the local union. The average starting wage for 1st year apprentices is 40 - 50% of the Journeyman's wage rate plus fringe benefits. Your earnings are adjusted annually to reflect your advancing skills and increasing knowledge of the trade.

What is it Like to Work as an Electrician?

Electricians can specialize as a Lineman, an Inside Wireman, an Installer/Technician, or a Residential Wireman. Journeymen Linemen erect and maintain power lines, climb power poles, and work on communication lines. It's highly skilled work that requires a great deal of concentration, skill and knowledge. Demand for this type of work will never go "out of style"... as long as folks use electricity. Journeymen Wireman wire the industrial plants and factories, the warehouses, the office buildings, the shopping centers small and large... when something goes wrong with the electrical system in such facilities, journeyman wiremen are the ones who are called. Residential Wiremen are responsible for the repair and upgrade work in residential structures. With 90 million single family homes in the U.S., demand just for the repair/upgrade work will never cease. What's more, as more and more people buy computers, and buy items with electronic components that are sensitive to electric power quality, there's more need for the Residential Wireman's skills. Telecommunications -installer Technician are responsible for the wiring that makes the Internet and e-commerce possible. Communication industries rely on something installed everyday by our industry: wires and cables. When building owners and tenants have network wiring problems, they need a professional telecom installer/technician and he or she becomes the most important person in the building!

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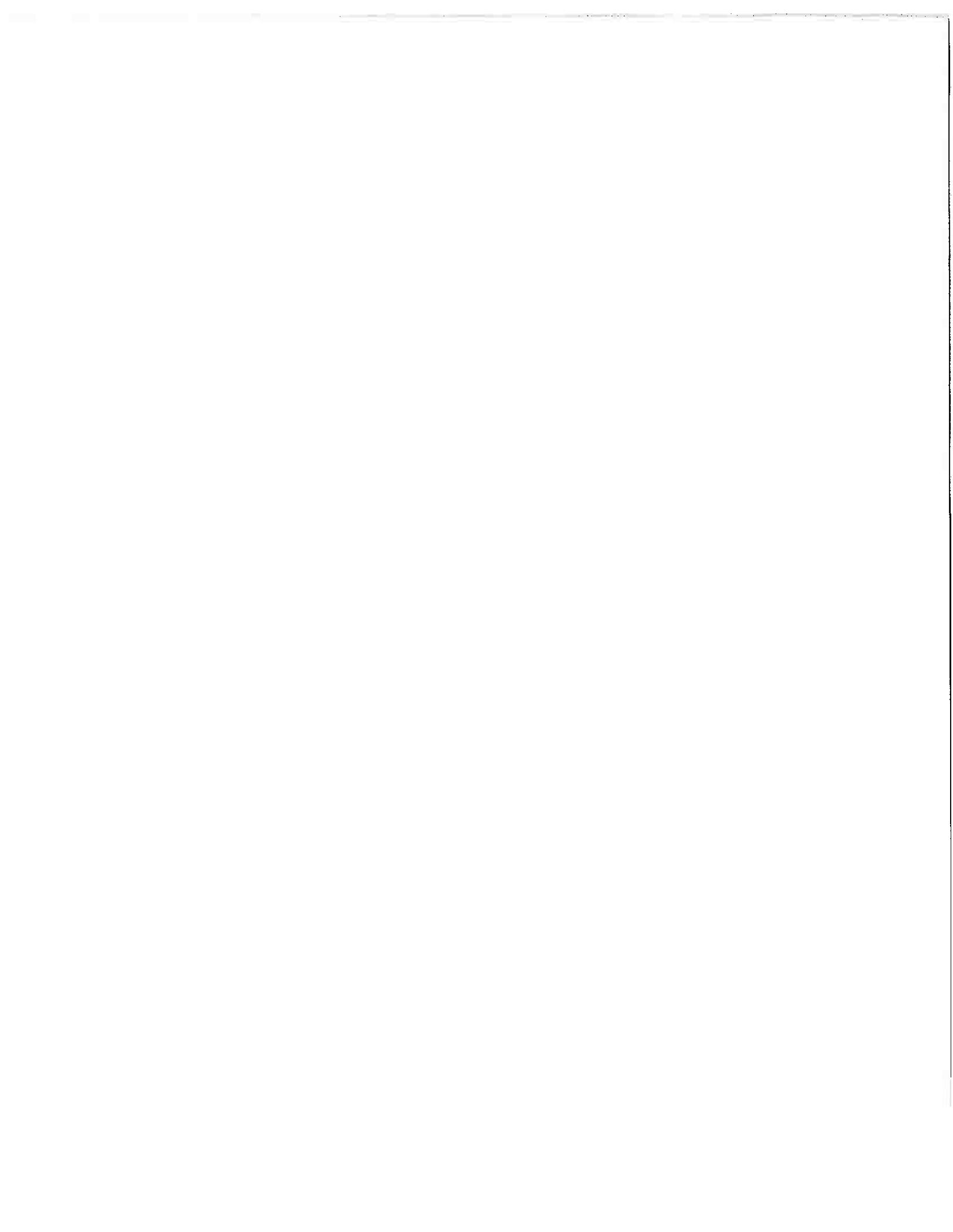
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New Job Opportunities in Renewable Energy

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Renewable energy means promising job opportunities for today's trade workers

As fossil fuel prices continue to soar, individuals, corporations, and municipalities are looking for ways to save on their energy bills thus creating a robust "Green Industry." Clean Edge, which has been tracking the growth of clean-energy markets since 2000, reports a 40 percent increase in revenue growth for solar photovoltaics (PV), wind, biofuels, and fuel cells in 2007 in the U.S., up from \$55 billion in 2006 to \$77.3 billion in 2007.

Photovoltaics utilizes energy from the sun to generate power to homes and provides electricity on site. According to the Solar Energy Industry Association, solar PV installations in the United States grew 45 percent in 2007. Many businesses and individuals are becoming more aware of the possibility of using this type of energy due to the increase in tax credits for wind-and solar-power.

It is also becoming more widely recognized that homes with solar equipment have lower energy bills. Based on an analysis of utility bills, energy costs in a California development of solar homes were 14 to 54% lower than a comparison community.

This means there is an increasing need of individuals with skills in this field. According to a November 2007 report commissioned by the American Solar Energy Society, the current tally of 8.5 million US jobs in renewable-energy and energy-efficiency industries could grow to as many as 40 million by 2030. The U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office predicts that in order to meet the goals of the Solar America Initiative, the US needs 4,700 more certified installers.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) has many training centers that focus on developing the skills and knowledge necessary for planning and installing both residential and commercial solar electric installations. Each training site offers students hands-on experience with a variety of standard solar components and the opportunity to complete a small residential installation.

A notable comprehensive solar training program run by the IBEW is at the Electrical Technology Institute (ETI) operating in partnership with the Los Angeles County chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

The ETI trains all union apprentices and journeymen in Los Angeles and includes solar PV training in the fifth year of its curriculum for apprentices. The center also offers 100 hours of training in PV principals and installation for journeymen who have completed their apprenticeships and are working electricians. This extra certification allows tradesmen to get a step ahead of the competition.

ETI also plays such an important part in assuring building owners, developers, plant managers, general contractors, architects and engineers that journeyman electricians trained at the ETI have received the highest quality training in the industry. It is this training that enables IBEW electricians to perform tasks that range from the basic knowledge to complex data and programmable logic control systems that are prevalent in today's commercial buildings.

IBEW electrician graduates of a National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee solar training certificate program, part of the IBEW, have installed PV solar systems on major public and private buildings across the United States, including many of their own union halls and/or training centers.

Additionally, twenty-eight state governments have mandates generally requiring that 10 percent to 25 percent of their energy be obtained through renewable sources in a decade or two. In fact, California plans to have over 1 million solar panel roofs installed by 2018. As state and local government's investment in green energy continues to be a priority, so will it be a priority to employ the highly skilled tradesmen that install these technologies.

"For more information about IBEW career opportunities, please visit the Helmets to Hardhats [trade union page](#) or contact the Helmets to Hardhats [local Director](#) in your area for assistance."



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Local 441 Reaches Out to Returning Soldiers

Local 441 Business Representatives Ernie Oviedo, C. J. Johnson, and Doug Mangione, all being proud Marine Corps veterans, had a great opportunity to participate in job fairs at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base. The Marine For Life Program and the Transition Assistance Program of the Marine Corps hold these fairs regularly to help Marines leaving active duty to find employment. Local 441 believes that we all have a responsibility to help these fine young men and women, who have given so much, to successfully transition back into the civilian world.



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The response at our table was overwhelming. Marines from all over the country, who had never thought of a career in electrical construction, were very enthusiastic about what the IBEW and Local 441 had to offer. Other participants included police departments, security companies and defense contractors. Our table, however, had such a great response from the Marines that the staff sergeant in charge asked if we could "please come back." He said he was impressed that the troops kept coming back to us, bringing other Marines to listen to the opportunities available to them in all parts of the country. We told them how to get in touch with not only other IBEW locals, but with all of the other building trade unions as well.

We had an opportunity to connect with Dan Lozano, a retired Marine now representing Helmets to Hardhats, which is sponsored by the National Building and Construction Trades Council. Dan stated that the new National Building Trades

President, Mark Ayers (formerly the Construction & Maint. Dept. Director for the IBEW International), is planning to get the Helmets to Hardhats program up and running again and will need the support of building trade locals nationwide.

This experience at Camp Pendleton was very rewarding, and we felt it was well worth our time and effort to give these men and woman some hope and encouragement for a productive career. Local 441 believes that Helmets to Hardhats, the Marine for Life Program and other assistance programs within the military, are so worthwhile for our returning soldiers and sailors, that we will continue our outreach on a regular basis.

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International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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Visit IBEW Hour Power, an on-line magazine for IBEW Members. See the latest updates on issues that concern our organization. www.IBEWHourPower.com

National Electrical Benefit Fund

The National Electrical Benefit Fund and the National Electrical Annuity Plan were established to provide for the future financial security of organized electrical workers. The National Electrical Benefit Fund is a multi-employed, defined benefit plan. A Defined Benefit Plan provides benefits, after retirement, from a trust or other separately maintained fund. Benefits amounts are unique to each plan.

Second District Office

The Second District office is located in Shelton, Connecticut and represents the International in the New England area. They work with all branches of the IBEW and help the local unions with issues to better serve its membership.

National Electrical Contractors Association

The National Electrical Contractors Association is the voice of the electrical contracting industry, working to promote higher standards, quality workmanship and training for a skilled workforce. NECA's national office and 120 local chapters advance the electrical contracting industry through advocacy, education, research, and standards development. NECA celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2001. NECA is dedicated to enhancing the industry through continuing education, labor relations, current information and promotional activities.

Building & Construction Trades Department

Created in 1908, the BCTD has helped its 11 affiliated building trades unions to make job sites safer, deliver apprenticeship and journey-level training, organize new workers, support legislation that affects working families, and assist in securing improved wages, hours and working conditions through collective bargaining. It has 386 state, local and provincial councils in the United States and Canada.

In addition, the BCTD works to resolve jurisdictional disputes within the construction trades and builds solidarity by encouraging the formation of local building trades councils.

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National Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee

The NJATC was created over 58 years ago and has developed into what perhaps is the largest apprenticeship and training program of its kind. The mission of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee is to develop and standardize training to educate the members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association; insuring and providing the Electrical Construction Industry with the most highly trained and highly skilled workforce possible.

Helmets to Hardhats

The Helmets to Hardhats program collects information about the best career opportunities in building and construction trades and works to provide former military personnel with that information.

Helmets to Hardhats is co-sponsored by all fifteen Building and Construction Trades organizations, as well as their employer associations, which together represent about 82,000 contractors. Labor leaders have embraced the program, eager to help U.S. soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen transfer their experience and can-do attitudes into secure jobs within the construction industry. The Center is a not-for-profit trust directed by a joint

more labor-management construction industry committee.

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Nation's First Helmets to Hardhats Graduate

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The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) desired to help America's servicemen and women who, after being honorably discharged, were in need of a career, not just a job. Through the Helmets to Hardhats program, NECA partnered with two such candidates from San Diego, retired U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ken Dianovich and U.S. Navy (E5) Courtney Taggart. Both veterans now have completed their five-year journeyman training in electrical contracting, and each will embark on a new, promising career after they graduate with their classmates.

The graduation ceremony took place at the San Diego Hilton Resort International Ballroom on June 13, 2008.

"Military veterans possess the experience, skills and dedication we are seeking," said Patrick Knighton, director of the San Diego Electrical Training Center. According to NECA, the nation's veterans have been placed in harm's way and have given their time and talent to their country. NECA considers the Helmets to Hardhats program a due service to them for their sacrifice.





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Helmets To Hardhats' Takeover By Monster.com Intended To Produce

January 10, 2007

Although the Helmets to Hardhats website is currently being overhauled, this NECA-supported job-placement program for members of the armed services returning to civilian life is not only "still running strong" but "gearing up to go to the next level." That's the assessment of spokespersons for the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment, and Veterans Employment commenting on the program's take-over by monster.com.

Helmets to Hardhats was developed in 2002 by the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, and eight union contractor associations, including NECA. Its operation had been contracted to retired Marine Major General Matthew P. Caulfield and his son Dan, founder and president of HQ Group LLC, a private consultant group specializing in large-scale recruiting projects for businesses, government, and the military.

While praising the Caulfields for their work, H2H trustees began a search last fall for a new service vendor, with assistance from an information technology expert. The idea was to find an organization with substantial IT capacity to bring the construction industry's military recruitment efforts to a broader audience. Monster.com, a huge online job-placement firm that has become popular with construction workers, assumed operation of the program January 1, though some operational matters remain under discussion.

Congressional support for the H2H program has remained strong with an additional \$5.1 million under the fiscal year 2006 military appropriations bill signed into law on December 30, 2005, by President Bush. Rep. John Murtha (D-Pa.) has played a leading role in securing federal support for the program. However, prospects for further federal funding are uncertain at a time when budget earmarks are expected to come under greater scrutiny.

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PROPOSAL FOR AN EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER

In October of 2008, the Plains Township Local Redevelopment Authority commissioned Quad3 Group, Inc., Architects, Engineers & Environmental Services, to analyze the needs of the Plains Township police and fire departments and compare those needs to the facilities available at the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center at 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township, Pa. The following narrative and accompanying conceptual plans and study matrices are the result of this investigation and are included as part of the proposal by Plains Township to utilize the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center as an Emergency Services Center.

The Plains Township Fire Department

Plains Township has two municipal facilities housing their fire department; one at their primary municipal building at 126 North Main Street, and another at 50 Second Street. Each facility is normally staffed with 2 department personnel at all times. They employ 13 active full-time staff and 12 part-time staff and each site is normally staffed with two department personnel at all times in three shifts.

The fire chief maintains an office at 126 North Main Street in the primary Municipal Building with another adjoining office for the deputy chief/dispatch office, a small lounge and kitchenette for the staff, a small report room, and garage space for the chief's vehicle and one emergency rescue truck or brush truck. The space is over-crowded and lacks storage or training space or adequate space for necessary equipment and lockers. There is no working shower or bunk space. The building is shared with the Plains Township Police Department, municipal business office, Collector of Taxes, and the Plains Township Library.

The 50 Second Street facility contains larger garage space and can accommodate a ladder truck, a pumper truck and a brush truck. It contains a dispatch office and storage room and a small mezzanine for equipment storage and repairs. The 50 Second Street facility is shared with the Department of Public Works, a large community room (leased to the Area Agency on Aging) and a Municipal Public Hearing Room and Authority Meeting Room. There is a men's restroom with a shower and a small locker room. There is no specific bunk space.

The Plains Township Police Department

The Plains Township Police are headquartered in the Municipal Building at 126 North Main Street on two separate floors. The conditions are poor at best, with no holding cells, no showers and inadequate storage space for supplies, equipment and evidence. Offices are shared among the staff and are cramped for adequate space. There are no interrogation or conference rooms, no staff lounge and some storage is currently stored under the stairs in an open corridor. There is limited garage space for three to six vehicles but most of the seven police vehicles are parked outside due to the use of the garage for impounding space.

The Plains Township Police Department employs 16 full-time officers on three shifts.

Space Analysis

A detailed space program matrix of existing and required physical space was prepared and compared to those spaces within the existing Wilkes-Barre Army Recruiting Center, excluding corridors, mechanical and janitorial space, vestibules and stairways (see attached space requirements matrix). These spaces were laid-out on the plans of the Recruiting Center to position the Fire Department facilities on the first floor and the Police Department on the second floor so each department could have its own defined space and the Fire Department could be

close to their emergency vehicles. The fit is good, offering adequate enclosed garage space for the fire and most of the police vehicles.

The Fire Department

The large space that is currently the Drill Hall, is ideal for the large ladder and pumper trucks of a fire department. Large overhead garage doors would need to be cut into the existing building and proper ventilation systems installed for the trucks. The adjoining kitchen core with restrooms, supply and utility rooms would remain and be renovated.

The large office wing would be renovated to include central air conditioning, proper restrooms and showers for both men and women staff and necessary office space and lounge for the general staff, chief and deputy chief. A portion of the existing Training Room would remain for this function and there would be approximately 1,100 square feet of future expansion space available on this floor for community or storage functions.

ETA Response Analysis – A Significant Finding

An analysis was conducted to look at the average emergency response time from actual fire department records for both the two existing fire stations and the anticipated ETA from the Wilkes-Barre Army Recruiting Center. While the average ETA from the Recruiting Center was slightly above the total average of the two existing stations, the average ETA to major facilities in the region – office parks and shopping centers, central downtown Wilkes-Barre office core, and local area hospitals, indicated a significant improvement from the Recruiting Center of nearly 30%, representing a time saving of almost two minutes over the existing facilities due primarily to its very close proximity to the Interstate Highway system and the Cross Valley Expressway.

The Police Department

The second floor would contain the Police Department. Since no restrooms currently exist on this floor, new men's and women's restrooms would be added. Holding cells would be constructed in close proximity to the elevator and the police chief's office where that end of the building would be secure from public access off the lobby. The remaining space would be renovated for police training and classrooms, evidence and general storage, and proper staff reporting rooms. It is assumed that the first floor lounge/day room and locker rooms could be shared with the fire department.

All spaces in this building would be renovated for ADA accessibility including restroom and shower rooms. The current facility has no elevator. A new two-stop hydraulic elevator will be required to provide the proper access.

The Garage

The free-standing garage would be shared between the police and fire departments, offering enclosed space for the brush truck and Fire Chief's vehicle and space for four police vehicles and a vehicle impounding area.

The Site

There is more than sufficient parking accommodations presently on the site. The large parking lot across Route 115 is not required and could be sold-off by the Army to Jack Williams Tires that adjoins the property.

Hazardous Materials Survey

In 2007 an Environmental Condition of Property Report was prepared for the Army Corp of Engineers on this property indicating that there were no significant hazardous materials present on the site. There was some asbestos floor tiles under existing vinyl composite tiles in some of the office/class rooms and this could remain encapsulated or removed during the renovations.¹⁹

Construction Budget Figure

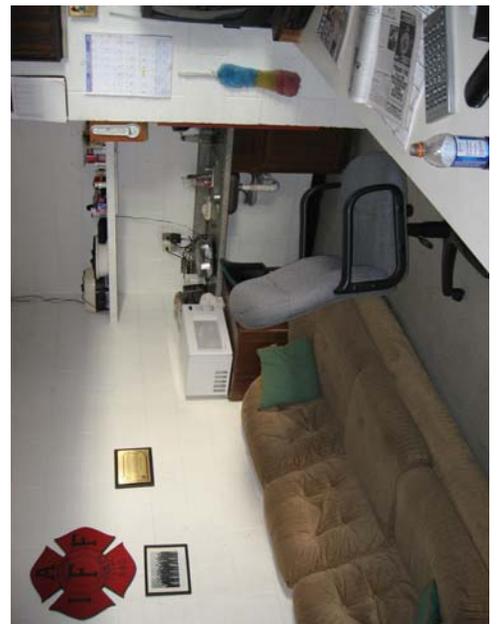
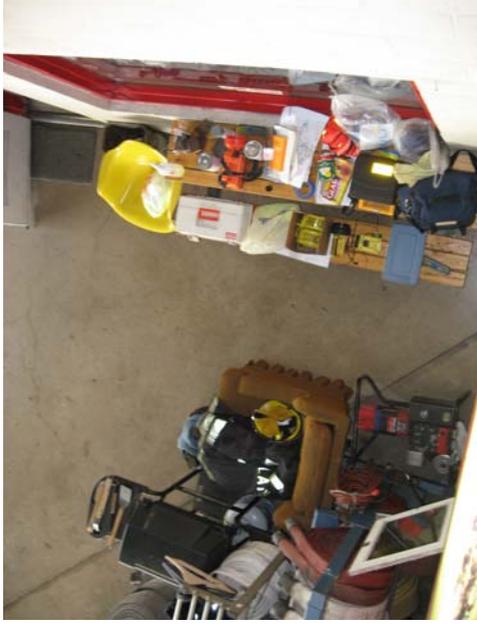
The anticipated construction budget, based on the conceptual plan presented, at January 2009 rates, is estimated at \$3.4 million (see attached estimate breakdown sheet); providing a code-compliant, fully sprinklered building, with central air conditioning, adequate restrooms and lockers and proper ADA accessibility.

Although the costs of renovation will surely change by the year 2012 when the Reserve Center is scheduled to be vacated, it is anticipated that a significant portion of the funds for this facility will come from the Township's shares of the Mohegan Sun revenues.

Time Table

Construction time table for renovations of this magnitude are normally six to nine months. It is assumed that design time could occur in the months prior to vacating the building.

¹⁹ Excerpts from the February 2007 Environmental Condition of Property Report



Fire Department - 2nd Street, Plains Township



Municipal Fire & Police - Main Street, Plains Township

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50 Second Street

Normally 2 Staff on Duty per Shift

		EXISTING QUANTITY	EXISTING AREA PER UNIT	EXISTING TOTAL SQ FT	PROPOSED QUANTITY	PROPOSED AREA PER UNIT	PROPOSED TOTAL SQ FT	SIZE ON PLAN
Vehicles	Pump Trucks	2	800	1600	2	800	1600	1696
	Brush Truck	1	800	800	1	400	400	848
	100' Ladder Truck	0	0	0	1	800	800	848
Rooms	Radio Room	1	170	170	1	200	200	204
	Mens Locker Room	1	80	80	1	225	225	242
	Mens Shower Room	1	30	30	1	80	80	142
	Mens Toilet Room	1	113	113	1	200	200	188
	Womens Locker Room	0	0	0	1	100	100	70
	Womens Shower Room	0	0	0	1	40	40	60
	Womens Toilet Room	0	0	0	1	150	150	118
	Reporting Room	1	100	100	1	120	120	493
	Mens Bunk Room	1	in above	0	1	120	120	188
	Womens Bunk Room	0	0	0	1	120	120	157
	File Room	1	130	130	1	150	150	191
	Mezzanine Storage/Repair Shop	1	385	385	0	0	0	0
	General Repair Shop	0	in above	0	1	200	200	
	Equipment Storage Room	0	in above	0	1	200	200	183
	Hose Drying Area	1	45	45	1	100	100	
	Coat Rack Area	1	26	26	1	60	60	

		EXISTING QUANTITY	EXISTING AREA PER UNIT	EXISTING TOTAL SQ FT	PROPOSED QUANTITY	PROPOSED AREA PER UNIT	PROPOSED TOTAL SQ FT	
Main Street Location								
Normally 2 Staff on Duty per Shift								
Vehicles	Rescue Truck	1	208	208	1	400	400	
	Fire Chief's Truck	1	208	208	1	400	400	
Rooms	Chief's Office	1	136	136	1	200	200	290
	Deputy Chief's Office	1	192	192	1	150	150	215
	Report Room	1	80	80	0	0	0	
	Staff Lounge	1	336	336	1	400	400	370
	Kitchen	1	48	48	1	150	150	250
	Mens Locker Room	1	256	256	in above	0	0	
	Womens Locker Room	0	0	0	in above	0	0	
	Mezzanine Storage	1	112	112	0	0	0	
	Meeting/Training Room for 20	0	0	0	1	400	400	

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOTALS:

5055

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POLICE STATION

15 Full-Time Staff

Main Street Location

Vehicles

Police Cruisers	7	-	0	-	0	0	
Cruiser Garage	3	500	1500	4	500	2000	
Impounding Yard	3	0	0	1	Yard	0	

Rooms

Chief of Police Office	1	182	182	1	200	200	264
Lieutenant's Office	1	200	200	1	120	120	242
Sergeant's Office	3	in above	0	3	120	360	394
Reporting Room 1	1	168	168	1	1	350	
Reporting Room 2	1	220	220	0	0	0	0
Evidence Room 1	1	168	168	1	400	400	493
Evidence Room 2	1	84	84	1	0	0	0
Arms Vault	0	0	0	1	60	60	116
General Storage	1	84	84	1	400	400	391
Holding Cell	0	0	0	2	80	160	230
Mens Locker Room	1	81	81	1	225	225	0
Mens Shower Room	1	27	27	1	80	80	0
Mens Toilet Room	public	0	0	1	200	200	196
Womens Locker Room	0	0	0	1	100	100	0
Womens Shower Room	0	0	0	1	40	40	0
Womens Toilet Room	public	0	0	1	150	150	141
Exercise Room	0	0	0	1	300	300	
Cleaning Supplies & First Aid	1	152	152	1	200	200	129
Meeting/Training Room for 20	0	0	0	1	400	400	1127

POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTALS:

2866

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TOTAL FIRE AND POLICE * :

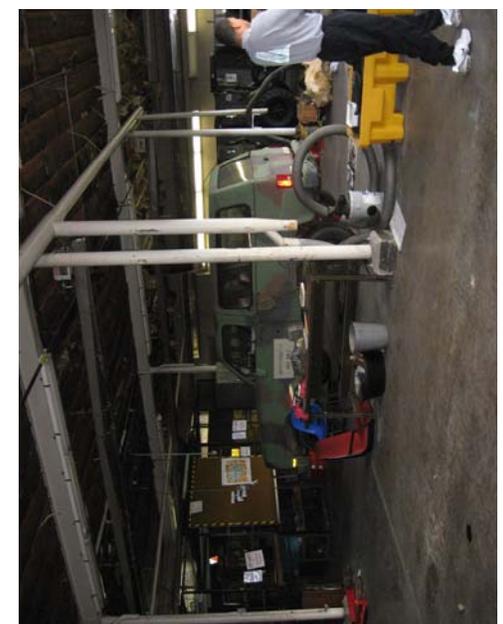
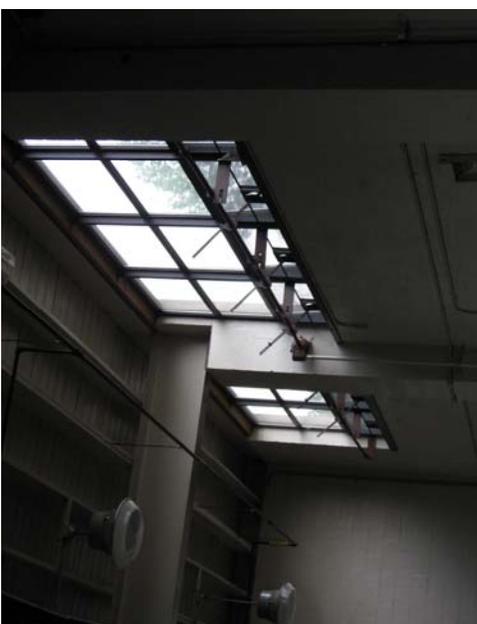
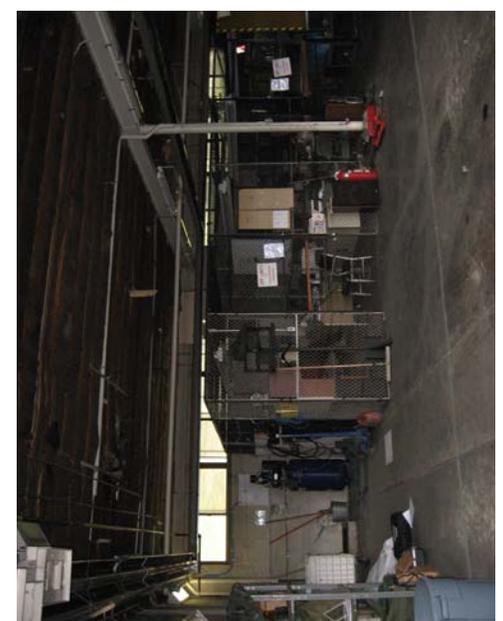
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PLAINS TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE TIME CHART

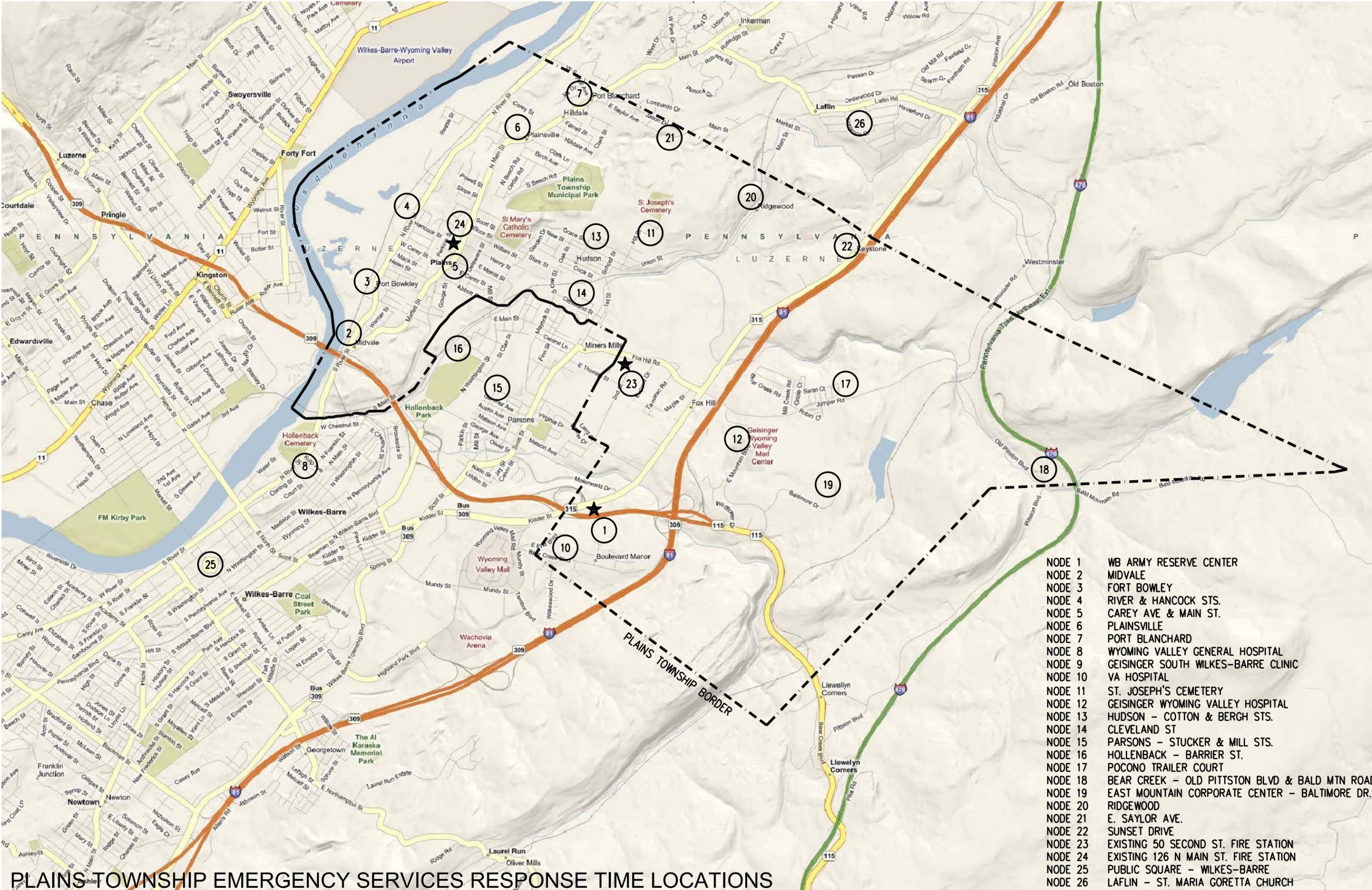
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		ARMY	50 2ND ST	126 MAIN
		RESERVE		
		CENTER		
		ETA	ETA	ETA
NODE 1	WB ARMY RESERVE CENTER			
NODE 2	MIDVALE	2.45	4.00	2.00
NODE 3	FORT BOWLEY	4.00	7.00	2.00
NODE 4	RIVER & HANCOCK STS.	3.35	4.00	1.00
NODE 5	E. CAREY ST. & MAIN ST.	3.45	3.30	0.45
NODE 6	PLAINSVILLE	4.15	4.30	2.00
NODE 7	PORT BLANCHARD	8.00	8.00	2.00
NODE 8	WYOMING VALLEY GENERAL HOSPITAL	3.30	4.20	3.30
NODE 9	GEISINGER SOUTH WILKES-BARRE CLINIC	10.00	13.00	10.00
NODE 10	VA HOSPITAL	2.00	4.00	6.10
NODE 11	ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY	7.00	4.00	5.00
NODE 12	GEISINGER WYOMING VALLEY HOSPITAL	4.00	3.00	6.00
NODE 13	HUDSON - COTTON & BERGH STS.	5.00	3.45	3.30
NODE 14	CLEVELAND ST	3.30	2.20	2.45
NODE 15	PARSONS - STUCKER & MILL STS.	4.00	3.00	6.00
NODE 16	HOLLENBACK - BARRIER ST.	6.00	5.00	3.00
NODE 17	POCONO TRAILER COURT	4.15	4.00	7.40
NODE 18	BEAR CREEK - OLD PITTSTON BLVD & BALD MTN ROAD	5.00	4.20	8.15
NODE 19	EAST MOUNTAIN CORPORATE CENTER - BALTIMORE DR.	4.05	4.20	8.00
NODE 20	RIDGEWOOD	4.00	4.00	5.15
NODE 21	E. SAYLOR AVE.	8.00	8.00	3.45
NODE 22	SUNSET DRIVE	4.10	4.10	5.30
NODE 23	EXISTING 50 SECOND ST. FIRE STATION			
NODE 24	EXISTING 126 N MAIN ST. FIRE STATION			
NODE 25	PUBLIC SQUARE - WILKES-BARRE	6.00	9.00	7.00
NODE 26	LAFLIN - ST. MARIA GORETTA CHURCH	7.00	6.00	7.00

AVERAGE ETA FOR LOCATIONS LISTED ABOVE: **4.88** **5.04** **4.61**

AVERAGE ETA FOR MAJOR FACILITIES: NOTED IN YELLOW
 NODES 8, 9, 10, 12, 17, 19, AND 25 **4.79** **6.07** **7.42**

ESTIMATED TIMES OF ARRIVAL DERIVED FROM ACTUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TIMES



- NODE 1 WB ARMY RESERVE CENTER
- NODE 2 MIDVALE
- NODE 3 FORT BOWKLEY
- NODE 4 RIVER & HANCOCK STS.
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PLAINS TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE TIME LOCATIONS

Project: **GENERAL CONDITIONS
EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY**

Location: PLAINS TOWNSHIP PA
 Square Ft: 26,310
 Bid Date: JANUARY 19, 2009

DURATION: 8 MONTHS

Code	Function	Duration		Quantity	Unit	UNIT PRICE	MATERIAL TOTAL	UNIT PRICE LABOR	LABOR TOTAL Burden incl'd	TOTAL Mat'l & Labor		
LABOR SECTION												
	Project Manager	37	Wks	8	hrs/wk	296	hrs	\$0	\$85.00	\$25,160	\$25,160	
	Superintendent	35	Wks	40	hrs/wk	1400	hrs	\$0	\$75.00	\$105,000	\$105,000	
	Asst. Superintendent		Wks		hrs/wk	0	hrs	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
	Project Administrator	37	Wks		hrs/wk	0	hrs	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
	Asst. PM / Project Engineer	35	Wks		hrs/wk	0	hrs	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
	Project Executive	37	Wks		hrs/wk	0	hrs	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
	Laborer / Cleanup	35	Wks	24	hrs/wk	840	hrs	\$0	\$50.00	\$42,000	\$42,000	
	Safety Officer (2 trips / month)	16	Trips		hrs/trip	0	hrs	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
	General Superintendent (2 trips / mo.)	16	Trips		hrs/trip	0	hrs	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
	Project Accountant	37	Wks		hrs/wk	0	hrs	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
	Project Estimator/Procurement	2	Wks		hrs/wk	0	hrs	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
EQUIPMENT / EXPENSES SECTION												
	Super's Expenses					35	wks	\$150.00	\$5,250	\$0.00	\$0	\$5,250
	Mobilization					1	LS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500		\$0	\$2,500
	Dumpsters					13	pulls	\$650.00	\$8,551		\$0	\$8,551
	Storage Trailer						mos		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Field Office (use existing room area)					0	mos	\$800.00	\$0		\$0	\$0
	Telephone					9	mos	\$450.00	\$4,050		\$0	\$4,050
	Temporary Heat						wks		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Temporary Light & Power					9	mos	\$300.00	\$2,700		\$0	\$2,700
	Temporary Water					9	mos	\$50.00	\$450		\$0	\$450
	Winter Protection						SF		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Temporary Road						LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Snow Removal					20	days	\$450.00	\$9,000		\$0	\$9,000
	Trash Chute						wks		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Small Tools					1	LS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000		\$0	\$2,000
	Hoist						days		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Hoisting Engineer						days		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Temporary Elevator Const.						LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Temporary Elevator Operator						wks		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Protection & Barricades					1	LS	\$500.00	\$500		\$0	\$500
	Rough Hardware						LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Scaffolding						sq ft		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Temporary Fence						lf		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Sidewalk Bridge						sq ft		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Project Sign					1	ea	\$1,500.00	\$1,500		\$0	\$1,500
	Temporary Toilet					8	mos	\$300.00	\$2,400		\$0	\$2,400
	Window Washing & Cleaning					1046	sq ft	\$0.50	\$523		\$0	\$523
	Misc. Equip. Rentals						LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Security						wks		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Photographs					16	rolls	\$25.00	\$400		\$0	\$400
	Extra Blueprints					15	sets	\$125.00	\$1,875		\$0	\$1,875
	Professional Survey / Layout					1	LS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500		\$0	\$2,500
	Final Cleanup					26310	SF	\$0.20	\$5,262		\$0	\$5,262
	Pumping						hrs		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Travel						trips	\$25.00	\$0		\$0	\$0
	Travel for precon/prebid meetings					0	trips		\$0		\$0	\$0
	CPM Schedule					1	LS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500		\$0	\$2,500
	Punch List					1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000		\$0	\$1,000
	Contractors License						LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Business Tax						LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Meals & Entertainment						LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Legal Expenses					1	LS	\$500.00	\$500		\$0	\$500
	Courier Service					1	LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000		\$0	\$1,000
	Concrete & Soils Testing						tests		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Concrete Testing						tests		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Steel testing						tests		\$0		\$0	\$0
	Expediting (Permits)						LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
						1	LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
						1	LS		\$0		\$0	\$0
	GRAND TOTAL								\$54,461		\$172,160	\$226,621

BLENDING COST PER WEEK \$6,542

Labor Section Total	\$172,160
Equipment / Expenses Total	\$54,461
Preconstruction Total	\$0
Total of General Conditions	\$226,621

QUAD3 GROUP

**EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY
PLAINS TOWNSHIP PA**

JANUARY 19, 2009
26,310 SF

CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
1000	GENERAL CONDITIONS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$226,621
	Costs associated with supervising & managing the project	1	LS	\$226,621.00	\$226,621	
					\$0	
1500	SITE WORK			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$25,040
	Remove concrete apron	160	sf	\$6.00	\$960	
	Remove coal storage building	520	sf	\$8.08	\$4,200	
	Remove smoke stack	1	ls	\$2,500.00	\$2,500	
	Break up concrete slab @ coal storage floor	520	sf	\$3.00	\$1,560	
	Remove stairs	1	ls	\$1,500.00	\$1,500	
	Infill coal storage area	116	cy	\$40.00	\$4,622	
	Pave area	80	sy	\$29.00	\$2,320	
	Saw cut paving for new patio area	45	lf	\$9.00	\$405	
	Concrete patio area	396	sf	\$7.85	\$3,109	
	Extend concrete apron @ new overhead doors	175	sf	\$7.85	\$1,374	
	Restripe parking lot	600	lf	\$0.65	\$390	
	Repair landscape @ new utility lines	1	ls	\$1,250.00	\$1,250	
	Handicapped signage & traffic signs	1	ls	\$850.00	\$850	
					\$0	
	HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REMOVAL			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$8,500
	Hazardous material removal Allowance	1	ls	\$7,500.00	\$7,500	
	Remove damaged pipe insulation Allowance	1	ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	
					\$0	
2000	DEMOLITION			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$101,259
	Safe off electrical	1	ls	\$500.00	\$500	
	Safe off plumbing	1	ls	\$450.00	\$450	
	Safe off hvac	1	ls	\$450.00	\$450	
	Safe off gas lines @ heaters	1	ls	\$135.00	\$135	
	Remove electrical light fixtures	275	ea	\$40.00	\$11,000	
	Remove miscellaneous lighting fixtures	1	ls	\$500.00	\$500	
	Remove conduits, junction boxes & wiring	1	ls	\$650.00	\$650	
	Remove telephone system wires & conduit	1	ls	\$750.00	\$750	
	Remove HVAC boilers	3	ea	\$850.00	\$2,550	
	Remove perimeter heating units	1	ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000	
	Remove infra-red heaters in garage	1	ls	\$1,500.00	\$1,500	
	Remove men & women's room toilet partitions	9	ea	\$50.00	\$450	
	Remove plumbing fixtures WC & lavs	28	ea	\$48.00	\$1,344	
	Remove showers	4	ea	\$125.00	\$500	
	Remove hot water heater	1	ea	\$195.00	\$195	
	Remove tile floors & slab 1st floor @ new toilet rooms	780	sf	\$3.95	\$3,081	
	Cut & remove CMU wall for new man doors	38	ea	\$475.00	\$18,050	
	Cut slab for new elevator	32	lf	\$9.00	\$288	
	Remove 1st floor slab for elevator	64	sf	\$8.00	\$512	
	Remove 2nd floor slab for elevator	64	sf	\$9.00	\$576	
	Remove slab @ new kitchen	272	sf	\$4.00	\$1,088	
	Remove lockers	400	ea	\$7.00	\$2,800	
	Remove electrical transformer	1	ea	\$550.00	\$550	
	Remove panel boards	6	ea	\$125.00	\$750	
	Remove kitchen equipment - sinks, range, refrig etc.	1	ls	\$750.00	\$750	
	Remove piping	1	ls	\$450.00	\$450	
	Remove lay-in ceiling	19,276	sf	\$0.60	\$11,566	
	Remove wire mesh partitions	1	ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000	
	Remove chairs, file cabinets, tables, boxes & misc debris	1	ls	\$2,500.00	\$2,500	
	Remove boxes	1	ls	\$250.00	\$250	
	Remove toilet room mirrors	11	ea	\$25.00	\$275	
	Remove all debris in basement	1	ls	\$750.00	\$750	
	Remove windows AC units	7	ea	\$65.00	\$455	
	Remove windows in new truck bay area	3	ea	\$950.00	\$2,850	
	Remove masonry @ overhead door area	1,440	sf	\$6.00	\$8,640	
	Temporary protection @ masonry opening	1,440	sf	\$1.85	\$2,664	
	Temporary shoring @ new openings	72	lf	\$12.00	\$864	
	Remove overhead doors	3	ea	\$450.00	\$1,350	
	Remove freon from AC units & water cooler	8	ea	\$80.00	\$640	
	Remove compressor	1	ea	\$150.00	\$150	
	Cut roof for new skylight	64	sf	\$11.50	\$736	
	Dumpsters	20	ea	\$685.00	\$13,700	
					\$0	

QUAD3 GROUP

**EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY
PLAINS TOWNSHIP PA**

JANUARY 19, 2009
26,310 SF

CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
2205	BUILDING EARTHWORK			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$1,878
	Excavate for elevator pit	11	cy	\$115.00	\$1,227	
	Footing excavation	1	cy	\$125.00	\$148	
	Fine grade for slab	49	sf	\$1.95	\$96	
	Backfill existing smoke stack opening	7	cy	\$55.00	\$407	
					\$0	
2620	TRUCK BAY AREA DRAINAGE			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$6,720
	Cut slab @ door entrance	140	lf	\$9.00	\$1,260	
	Excavate for grate drainage	70	lf	\$20.00	\$1,400	
	Grating	70	lf	\$58.00	\$4,060	
					\$0	
3300	CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$9,686
	Stone under elevator slab	1	tn	\$50.00	\$73	
	Underpin @ elevator	1	ls	\$550.00	\$550	
	Elevator pit slab	49	sf	\$9.00	\$441	
	Foundation walls @ elevator	4	cy	\$525.00	\$2,178	
	Repour slab adjacent to elevator perimeter 1st floor	70	sf	\$8.50	\$595	
	Slab on grade @ toilet rooms	722	sf	\$5.85	\$4,224	
	Miscellaneous floor infill Allowance	1	ls	\$500.00	\$500	
	Handicapped ramp @ front entrance	75	sf	\$15.00	\$1,125	
					\$0	
4200	MASONRY			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$109,710
	Clean exterior stucco	19,126	sf	\$0.95	\$18,170	
	Infill masonry @ above new overhead doors	560	sf	\$15.00	\$8,400	
	Patch masonry @ interior	1	ls	\$450.00	\$450	
	8" CMU walls @ interior partitions	3,552	sf	\$16.00	\$56,832	
	6" CMU walls @ interior partitions	168	sf	\$14.00	\$2,352	
	Tie-in fasteners from new CMU walls to existing	1	ls	\$850.00	\$850	
	CMU walls @ elevator shaft	800	sf	\$17.00	\$13,600	
	Close openings @ removed doors	336	sf	\$18.50	\$6,216	
	Repair masonry @ new openings	1	ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000	
	Close opening @ removed exterior doors	42	sf	\$20.00	\$840	
					\$0	
5100	STRUCTURAL STEEL			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$3,200
	Structural steel support @ new lobby curtain wall	1	tn	\$3,200.00	\$3,200	
					\$0	
5500	MISCELLANEOUS METALS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$40,840
	Lintels @ new overhead door openings	4	ea	\$1,500.00	\$6,000	
	Loose lintels	1	ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	
	HVAC roof framing	5	ea	\$1,450.00	\$7,250	
	Skylight opening framing	32	lf	\$25.00	\$800	
	Added kickers @ overhead doors	4	ea	\$650.00	\$2,600	
	Reinforce 2nd floor slab @ new elevator	28	lf	\$65.00	\$1,820	
	Elevator hoist beam, pit ladder & sill angles	1	ls	\$2,100.00	\$2,100	
	Overhead door frames	4	ea	\$2,800.00	\$11,200	
	Wheel guards @ overhead doors	5	ea	\$115.00	\$575	
	Overhead door opening edge angle	4	ea	\$125.00	\$500	
	Bollards	5	ea	\$385.00	\$1,925	
	Security bars @ cell room 2nd floor	2	ea	\$750.00	\$1,500	
	Security bars @ RTU's	5	ea	\$650.00	\$3,250	
	Pedestals for locker room benches	8	ea	\$40.00	\$320	
					\$0	

QUAD3 GROUP

**EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY
PLAINS TOWNSHIP PA**

JANUARY 19, 2009
26,310 SF

CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
5700	ORNAMENTAL METAL					\$2,210
	Exterior handrails @ front entrance stairs	10	lf	\$85.00	\$850	
	Rails @ handicapped ramp	16	lf	\$85.00	\$1,360	
					\$0	
6100	ROUGH CARPENTRY - MISC.					\$23,795
	Roof blocking	1,050	lf	\$6.50	\$6,825	
	Blocking @ walls				NOT REQ'D	
	Replace damaged T & G roof deck material 10% Allowance	2,631	sf	\$6.45	\$16,970	
					\$0	
6200	FINISH CARPENTRY					\$2,795
	Locker room benches	21	lf	\$95.00	\$1,995	
	New fascia @ lobby 2nd floor (open area)	20	lf	\$40.00	\$800	
					\$0	
6220	MILLWORK					\$32,862
	Corian vanity tops	11	lf	\$185.00	\$2,035	
	Plastic laminate kitchen countertop	25	lf	\$65.00	\$1,625	
	Plastic laminate kitchen wall cabinets	32	lf	\$160.00	\$5,120	
	Plastic laminate kitchen base cabinets	25	lf	\$195.00	\$4,875	
	Plastic laminate countertop in day room	19	lf	\$65.00	\$1,235	
	Plastic laminate countertop in sergeants room	38	lf	\$65.00	\$2,470	
	Plastic laminate countertop in reporting room	86	lf	\$65.00	\$5,590	
	Labor to install millwork	236	lf	\$42.00	\$9,912	
					\$0	
7100	WATERPROOFING					\$1,581
	Waterproof below grade walls @ mechanical room	198	sf	\$4.75	\$941	
	Waterproof elevator pit	128	sf	\$5.00	\$640	
					\$0	
7500	ROOFING					\$354,905
	Remove existing roofing and insulation	26,310	sf	\$3.15	\$82,877	
	New EPDM roof with insulation	26,310	sf	\$9.10	\$239,421	
	HVAC flashings	112	lf	\$15.00	\$1,680	
	New scuppers	12	ea	\$185.00	\$2,220	
	Vent stacks	7	ea	\$135.00	\$945	
	Exhaust fan flashings	4	ea	\$195.00	\$780	
	Gutters @ RWC's	940	lf	\$18.00	\$16,920	
	Cover existing wood fascias with aluminum fascias @ garage	260	lf	\$19.50	\$5,070	
	Skylight @ lobby	64	sf	\$78.00	\$4,992	
					\$0	
7900	JOINT SEALERS					\$12,967
	At perimeter slab edge	50	lf	\$2.50	\$125	
	At storefront	120	lf	\$2.25	\$270	
	At stucco expansion joints	768	lf	\$3.00	\$2,304	
	At masonry expansion joints	280	lf	\$3.00	\$840	
	At plumbing fixtures	31	ea	\$28.00	\$868	
	At door frames	61	ea	\$40.00	\$2,440	
	At overhead door frames	7	ea	\$160.00	\$1,120	
	Miscellaneous joints	1	ls	\$1,500.00	\$1,500	
	At existing building exterior	1	ls	\$3,500.00	\$3,500	
					\$0	

QUAD3 GROUP

**EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY
PLAINS TOWNSHIP PA**

JANUARY 19, 2009
26,310 SF

CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
8100	DOORS, FRAMES & HARDWARE			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$84,935
	Replace existing interior doors & hardware	18	ea	\$1,375.00	\$24,750	
	New doors, frames & hardware	36	ea	\$1,085.00	\$39,060	
	New exterior doors, frames & hardware	2	ea	\$1,495.00	\$2,990	
	Replace existing exterior doors & hardware	7	ea	\$1,115.00	\$7,805	
	Premium for secure cell doors	2	ea	\$125.00	\$250	
	Labor to install	63	ea	\$160.00	\$10,080	
					\$0	
8400	STOREFRONT FRAMING / GLAZING			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$67,757
	Curtainwall @ lobby	480	sf	\$62.00	\$29,760	
	Vestibule glass	440	sf	\$34.00	\$14,960	
	Entrance doors medium stile	4	ea	\$2,200.00	\$8,800	
	Vestibule doors	4	ea	\$2,200.00	\$8,800	
	Glazing @ interior doors	30	ea	\$48.00	\$1,440	
	Aluminum framing & glazing @ interior lobby @ offices	96	sf	\$32.00	\$3,072	
	Sidelight glazing	1	ea	\$385.00	\$385	
	Safety bar @ 2nd floor curtain wall & vestibule	30	lf	\$18.00	\$540	
					\$0	
8402	OVERHEAD DOORS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$68,500
	New 16' x 20' overhead doors @ fire equipment area	4	ea	\$9,500.00	\$38,000	
	New 16' x 20' overhead doors @ police equipment area	3	ea	\$9,500.00	\$28,500	
	Service maintenance for 1 year	1	ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000	
					\$0	
9200	PLASTER & STUCCO			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$2,644
	Stucco infill @ removed coal storage building area	130	sf	\$14.85	\$1,931	
	Stucco infill @ removed double doors	48	sf	\$14.85	\$713	
					\$0	
9250	DRYWALL			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$2,342
	Drywall & framing @ lobby skylight	128	sf	\$6.85	\$877	
	Safing insulation	300	lf	\$3.75	\$1,125	
	Access panels	4	ea	\$85.00	\$340	
					\$0	
9310	CERAMIC & SPECIAL FLOORING			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$34,155
	Flash patch	1,059	sf	\$1.25	\$1,324	
	Ceramic tile floors @ toilet rooms	1,059	sf	\$10.50	\$11,120	
	Ceramic tile wainscot @ toilet rooms	1,786	sf	\$9.75	\$17,417	
	Ceramic tile base @ toilet rooms	406	lf	\$9.00	\$3,654	
	Thresholds	8	ea	\$80.00	\$640	
					\$0	
9510	ACOUSTICAL CEILINGS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$48,039
	2 x 4 acoustical ceiling	19,276	sf	\$2.45	\$47,226	
	Moisture resistant ceiling in kitchen	250	sf	\$3.25	\$813	
					\$0	
9650	VCT/RESILIENT FLOORING			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$52,872
	VCT	16,255	sf	\$2.40	\$39,012	
	Stair risers	32	ea	\$55.00	\$1,760	
	Stair treads	32	ea	\$55.00	\$1,760	
	Stair landings	72	sf	\$8.15	\$587	
	Vinyl base	4,150	lf	\$2.35	\$9,753	
					\$0	

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
9680	CARPET			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$6,113
	Carpet @ 2nd floor, training, classroom & police chief	218	sy	\$28.00	\$6,113	
					\$0	
9900	PAINTING			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$79,440
	Interior CMU partitions	27,720	ea	\$0.90	\$24,948	
	Interior partitions scrape loose areas Allowance	2,500	sf	\$0.85	\$2,125	
	Perimeter walls	12,832	sf	\$0.95	\$12,190	
	Perimeter walls of garage	4,004	sf	\$0.95	\$3,804	
	Scrape & paint exposed structural steel ceilings	1	ls	\$750.00	\$750	
	Doors, frames	63	ea	\$80.00	\$5,040	
	Paint overhead doors	7	ea	\$450.00	\$3,150	
	Clean & seal concrete floors (truck area)	7,034	sf	\$2.75	\$19,344	
	Paint exposed ceilings @ garage areas	7,034	sf	\$1.15	\$8,089	
					\$0	
10100	MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALTIES			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$42,270
	Exterior signage Allowance	1	ls	\$3,500.00	\$3,500	
	Interior signage	50	ea	\$65.00	\$3,250	
	Flagpole & base reuse existing				NOT INCLUDED	
	Entrance dedication plaque	1	ls	\$850.00	\$850	
	Compressor & air lines	1	ls	\$6,500.00	\$6,500	
	Lockers	30	ea	\$385.00	\$11,550	
	Gear lockers	48	ea	\$215.00	\$10,320	
	Name signage	48	ea	\$25.00	\$1,200	
	Record storage compartments	60	ea	\$85.00	\$5,100	
					\$0	
10160	TOILET PARTITIONS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$17,355
	Phenolic toilet partitions	8	ea	\$1,800.00	\$14,400	
	Phenolic urinal screens	3	ea	\$985.00	\$2,955	
					\$0	
10200	LOUVERS AND VENTS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$395
	Decorative louvers mechanical room	3	sf	\$90.00	\$270	
	Labor to install	1	ea	\$125.00	\$125	
					\$0	
10260	WALL AND CORNER GUARDS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$840
	Corner guards	12	ea	\$70.00	\$840	
					\$0	
10520	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$1,750
	Fire extinguishers & cabinets	10	ea	\$175.00	\$1,750	
					\$0	

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
10650	FOLDING PARTITION			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$250
	Refurbish existing	1	ls	\$250.00	\$250	
					\$0	
10800	TOILET ACCESSORIES			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$9,766
	Grab bars	16	ea	\$80.00	\$1,280	
	Towel dispenser w/waste	7	ea	\$335.00	\$2,345	
	Soap dispensers	11	ea	\$45.00	\$495	
	Toilet tissue holders	11	ea	\$55.00	\$605	
	Seat protector dispenser	9	ea	\$50.00	\$450	
	Coat hooks	9	ea	\$20.00	\$180	
	Mirrors	10	ea	\$165.00	\$1,650	
	Shower curtains	3	ea	\$135.00	\$405	
	Labor to install	76	ea	\$31.00	\$2,356	
					\$0	
11450	KITCHEN EQUIPMENT			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$3,955
	Range	1	ea	\$1,500.00	\$1,500	
	Range hood	1	ea	\$325.00	\$325	
	Refrigerator with ice maker	1	ea	\$850.00	\$850	
	Dishwasher	1	ea	\$785.00	\$785	
	Microwave	1	ea	\$495.00	\$495	
					\$0	
12480	ENTRANCE MATS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$936
	At main entrance surface type	144	sf	\$6.50	\$936	
					\$0	
14200	VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$58,360
	New hydraulic elevator 2500# 125 ft per minute	1	ls	\$58,000.00	\$58,000	
	Elevator flooring	30	sf	\$12.00	\$360	
					\$0	
15300	SPRINKLERS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$70,623
	New underground sprinkler fire line	80	lf	\$65.00	\$5,200	
	New sprinkler system @ 115 per head	168	hd	\$225.00	\$37,714	
	Dry type in garage areas with head protection	61	hd	\$265.00	\$16,209	
	Fire pump not included				NOT INCLUDED	
	Back flow preventer	1	ea	\$6,000.00	\$6,000	
	Detector check valve	1	ea	\$5,500.00	\$5,500	
					\$0	
15400	PLUMBING			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$84,090
	New water service	80	lf	\$40.00	\$3,200	
	Sanitary under slab piping	120	lf	\$48.00	\$5,760	
	Water distribution	1	ls	\$9,500.00	\$9,500	
	Reroute exterior gas line to interior	100	lf	\$45.00	\$4,500	
	Meter pit not included				NOT INCLUDED	
	Elevator sump pump & piping	1	ls	\$825.00	\$825	

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	Plumbing Fixtures					
	Water closets	9	ea	\$1,600.00	\$14,400	
	Urinals	3	ea	\$1,385.00	\$4,155	
	Vanity sinks	8	ea	\$1,200.00	\$9,600	
	Sinks @ counter top - kitchen, toilet room & day room	5	ea	\$1,185.00	\$5,925	
	Drinking fountains hi/lo	1	ea	\$4,400.00	\$4,400	
	Janitor sink	1	ea	\$1,800.00	\$1,800	
	Hot water heater	1	ea	\$2,100.00	\$2,100	
	Wall hydrants	8	ea	\$900.00	\$7,200	
	Special WC @ cell rooms (tamper proof)	2	ea	\$2,300.00	\$4,600	
	Special lav @ cell rooms (tamper proof)	2	ea	\$1,850.00	\$3,700	
	General Conditions	3	%	\$80,840.00	\$2,425	
					\$0	
15700	HVAC			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$473,487
	Area	19,276	sf	\$18.50	\$356,606	
	Garage area ventilation and unit heaters	7,034	sf	\$12.95	\$91,090	
	HVAC equipment			IN ABOVE		
	Ductwork			IN ABOVE		
	Supplemental heat			IN ABOVE		
	Miscellaneous fittings			IN ABOVE		
	Exhaust fans			IN ABOVE		
	GR& D's			IN ABOVE		
	Truck exhaust system	1	ls	\$12,000.00	\$12,000	
	Air balance			IN ABOVE		
	General Conditions	3	%	\$459,696.00	\$13,791	
					\$0	
16000	ELECTRICAL			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$438,600
	Area	26,310	sf	\$15.00	\$394,650	
	Temporary lighting	1	ls	\$2,500.00	\$2,500	
	Transformer	1	ea	\$25,000.00	\$25,000	
	Main distribution panel			IN ABOVE		
	Feeders & conduits			IN ABOVE		
	Switches			IN ABOVE		
	Receptacles			IN ABOVE		
	Standard fixtures			IN ABOVE		
	Accent fixtures			IN ABOVE		
	Power to overhead doors	7	ea	\$525.00	\$3,675	
	Grounding			IN ABOVE		
	Lighting protection				NOT INCLUDED	
	Exit lights			IN ABOVE		
	Emergency lights			IN ABOVE		
	Smoke detectors			IN ABOVE		
	General Conditions	3	%	\$425,825	\$12,775	
					\$0	
16720	ELECTRICAL - FIRE ALARM SYSTEM			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$32,888
	Area	26,310	sf	\$1.25	\$32,888	
					\$0	
17000	TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS			CATEGORY TOTAL----->		\$105,377
	PA system	26,310	sf	\$0.40	\$10,524	
	Security access card swipe	1	ls	\$10,000.00	\$10,000	
	Local access network	26,310	ea	\$2.75	\$72,353	
	Close circuit television security & console	1	ea	\$12,500.00	\$12,500	
					\$0	
	TOTAL - ALL TRADES				\$2,752,308	\$2,752,308

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Notice of Public Hearing

for

February 2, 2009

① THE CITIZENS' VOICE

75 N. WASHINGTON ST., WILKES-BARRE, PA 18711

BUSINESS OFFICE 821-2005
ADVERTISING DISPLAY 821-2030

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED 821-2020
GENERAL INFORMATION 821-2000

9 ADVERTISER/CLIENT

7 BILLED/ACCOUNT NO.

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2 BILLED ACCOUNT

PLAINS TOWNSHIP
126 N MAIN ST
PLAINS PA 18705

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BILLING PERIOD

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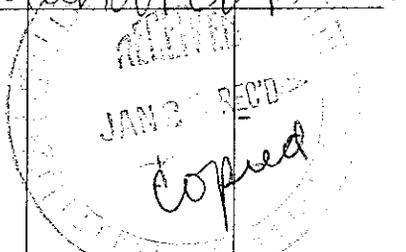
LEGAL BILL

10 DATE	11 REFERENCE NUMBER	12 CHARGES OR CREDITS DESCRIPTION/PRODUCT CODE	13 SAU DIMENSIONS	14 TIMES	15 BILLED UNITS	16 RATE	17 GROSS AMOUNT	18 NET AMOUNT
16	2551998	REDEVELOPMENT	49	1	49.00	1.50		73.50
<p>THE CITIZENS' VOICE (UNDER ACT P.L. 877 NO. 160, JULY 9, 1976) COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF LUZERNE</p> <p>JILLANNE MAHOVICH BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT SHE IS ACCOUNTING CLERK FOR THE CITIZENS' VOICE, OWNER AND PUBLISHER OF THE CITIZENS' VOICE, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, ESTABLISHED IN 1978, PUBLISHED IN THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE, COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, AND THAT THE PRINTED NOTICE OR PUBLICATION HERETO ATTACHED IS EXACTLY AS PRINTED IN THE REGULAR EDITIONS OF THE SAID NEWSPAPER ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, 1/16/09 VIZ.: ELOPMENT</p> <p>AFFIANT FURTHER DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT NEITHER THE AFFIANT NOR THE CITIZENS' VOICE IS INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AFORESAID NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT AND THAT ALL ALLEGATIONS IN THE FOREGOING STATEMENT AS TO TIME, PLACE AND CHARACTER OF PUBLICATION ARE TRUE</p> <p>SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS 16 DAY OF JAN. A.D., 2009.</p> <p><i>Irene Williams</i> (NOTARY PUBLIC) COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p>NOTARIAL SEAL IRENE WILLIAMS NOTARY PUBLIC CITY OF WILKES-BARRE LUZERNE COUNTY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 01. 2012</p>								

Notice of Public Hearing

The Plains Township Local Redevelopment Authority for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center will hold a public hearing at Plains Township Municipal Building, 50 Second Street, Plains, Pennsylvania at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, February 2, 2009, for the purpose of presenting the draft Redevelopment Plan for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center located at 1001 Highway 315, Plains Township, Pennsylvania. Public comment regarding the draft plan will be accepted at the Public Hearing.

A copy of the draft redevelopment plan will be on display for public review at the Plains Township Municipal Building, 126 North Main Street, Plains, Pennsylvania from January 20 to January 23 and January 26 to January 30, 2009. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. On Wednesday, the office is open until 6:30 P.M. For additional information contact the Plains Township Municipal Office at 829-3439.



24 AGING			

29 CONTRACT PERFORMANCE			
EXPIRATION DATE	REQUIREMENT	CURRENT MONTH	CUMULATIVE

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Minutes for Public Hearing

February 2, 2009

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLAINS, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: :

REDEVELOPMENT :

AUTHORITY DRAFT :

FOR THE WILKES-BARRE :

ARMY RESERVE CENTER :

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BEFORE: ROSE CORCORAN, CHAIRMAN

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

PLACE: FOX HILL FIRE HALL
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1 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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3 GARRY E. GONTZ, PROJECT MANAGER
4 400 ARMY NAVY DRIVE
5 SUITE 200
6 ARLINGTON, VA 22202

7 99th REGIONAL READINESS COMMAND
8 MONA GARRETT, BASE TRANSITION COORDINATOR
9 99 SOLDIERS LANE
10 CORAOPOLIS, PA 15108

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12 JOHN C. COWDER, AIA
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1 MRS. CORCORAN: It's 6:32 and this
2 is a public hearing for the Redevelopment Draft
3 for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center that
4 was conducted by John Cowder from Quad3, and this
5 is John Cowder.

6 Also, I would like to introduce
7 Garry E. Gontz, who is with the Project Manager
8 with the Office of Economic Adjustment,
9 Department of Defense, and Mona Garrett is a
10 Base Transition Coordinator with Defense.

11 There are no other commissioners
12 here at this time. My name is Rose Corcoran. I
13 am a commissioner of Plains, and I belong to and
14 am a member of the local Redevelopment
15 Authority.

16 The hearing is for comments from
17 the public on this draft for the Reserve Center,
18 and if people were here, they would now state
19 their name, address and/or organization and, also,
20 there is a sign-in sheet that would be passed
21 around if anybody does come.

22 It is being recorded and this will
23 be added to the draft that will be sent to HUD
24 and Department of Defense.

25 Anybody, any comments from either

1 John or Garry?

2 MR. GONTZ: No comments.

3 MRS. CORCORAN: Since there are no
4 public here to give us any comments, I guess
5 that will be the end of the hearing.

6 The next step is once everything
7 is compiled from the minutes, that will be also
8 put into the draft and it will be sent to be
9 examined --

10 MR. GONTZ: For the final.

11 MRS. CORCORAN: For the final,
12 yes, by the two organizations, HUD and
13 Department of Defense.

14 The postmark date for the final is
15 Friday, February 13th, 2009, and HUD will have
16 60 days to review it.

17 And I would like to make note that
18 it's now 6:40 and there is no public here to
19 make comments, so at this point I would close
20 the hearing and that's it then.

21 (Whereupon, the hearing in the
22 above-captioned matter was
23 concluded.)
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STENOGRAPHER'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately, to the best of my ability, in the stenographic notes taken by me at the hearing in the above-captioned matter, and that this copy is a correct transcript of the same.



Pamela A. Pienta Birtell
Notary Public

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Final Letter

of Recommendation

from the

Local Redevelopment Authority

Township of Plains

Municipal Building • 126 North Main Street • Plains, Pennsylvania 18705

Phone: (570) 829-3439 Fax: (570) 829-0710



To: Mr. Joe Calcara, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Installations and Housing)
From: Plains Township Local Redevelopment Authority
Date: February 5, 2009
Re: Redevelopment Draft, Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center, Plains Township

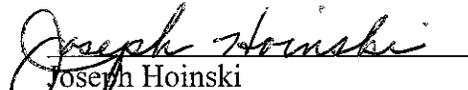
The Plains Township Local Redevelopment Authority held a meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2009. The LRA reviewed the draft redevelopment plan.

The consultant for the redevelopment draft for the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve was Quad3, an Architectural, Engineering, Environmental Science Group. John Cowder, Associate Principal and Architect, was the representative for Quad3.

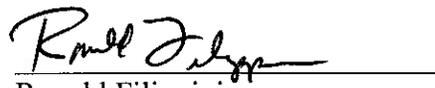
All the members of the LRA agreed with the recommendation of the LRA decision that is that the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center be transferred to the Plains Township LRA so that the Plains Township Police and Fire Departments will be located at the Wilkes-Barre Army Reserve Center. The LRA would request that the Army support the LRA's plan to acquire the property.

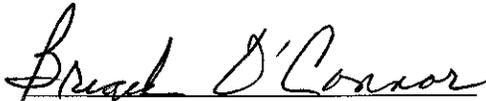
Sincerely,
Members of the Local Redevelopment Authority


Rose Corcoran


Joseph Hoinski


Joseph Spagnuolo


Ronald Filippini


Brigit O'Connor