



# HLRA Update

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## HLRA MEETING SCHEDULE

*The public is encourage to attend*

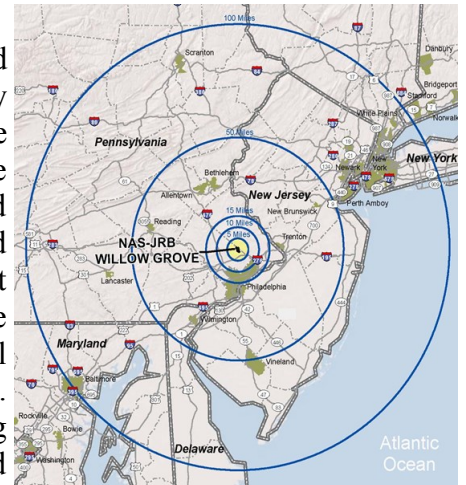
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## NAS-JRB Property Transfer Update

The projected date the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority will receive property at the former Naval Air Station – Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove keeps slipping into the future. Recently the Navy informally advised the HLRA that the earliest date of transfer would be in the Fall of 2019. The slippage is the result of continuing problems related to the perfluorinated compounds (PFC)/perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination at the base. The PFC/PFAS compounds were in firefighting foam that the Navy and Air Force used and trained with at the site before operations ceased in 2011. The Navy is continuing an investigation to understand the nature and extent of the PFC/PFAS contamination in the groundwater, soils, sediment and surface water at the base. The Horsham Air Guard Station is also conducting a similar investigation at their site.



The HLRA is waiting on the federal government (U.S. Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency) to determine and execute the cleanup strategy which will allow the property to be suitable for transfer to the HLRA. It is likely that land use controls and other restrictions will be placed on the property as part of the transfer process. The HLRA may have to adjust its redevelopment plan as the impacts of these restrictions become known.

Fortunately, the Department of Defense’s Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) is continuing to provide grants to assist with the HLRA’s operational expenses. The HLRA continues to monitor the efforts of the Navy and the Horsham Air Guard to investigate and cleanup the environmental impacts of their past operations.

## A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

The redevelopment of the 862-acres of surplus property at the former base is an unprecedented opportunity for Horsham Township to establish a vibrant place for residents to live, work, play and raise a family within their community. Once the land is transferred, the surplus property will comprise approximately 8% of the Township’s total land area. With proper planning, the redevelopment of the NAS-JRB Willow Grove will become a centerpiece for economic development within the Township and surrounding region.