



HLRA Update

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HLRA MEETING SCHEDULE

All HLRA Meetings are open to the public.

- 3:30 pm October 21, 2020 at the Horsham Township Municipal Complex
- 3:30 pm January 20, 2021 at the Horsham Township Municipal Complex

HLRA Welcomes New Board Member

At the August 24, 2020 Horsham Township Council meeting, Eric Coombs of Horsham was appointed to the HLRA Board. Mr. Coombs will replace Dr. Curtis Griffin, who announced his retirement from the Hatboro Horsham School District and the HLRA Board earlier this year. Mr. Coombs has a long history of involvement in the Horsham community and is a current member of the Hatboro Horsham Board of School Directors. He brings an extensive background in information technology to the Board. His strategic



planning expertise will assist the HLRA Board in the redevelopment of the former base as the Navy continues the effort to investigate and remediate the contamination resulting from the use and releases of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The HLRA Board thanks Dr. Griffin for his many years of service on first the Horsham Township Authority for NAS-JRB Willow and then the current Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority. His input on the needs of the community influenced the development of the NAS-JRB Redevelopment Plan and his support of the goals of the HLRA will be missed by all. The HLRA Board wishes him well in his well-deserved retirement.

NAS-JRB WILLOW GROVE RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The next NAS-JRB Willow Grove Restoration Advisory Board meeting will be on September 16, 2020. The meeting will be a 'virtual' meeting open to the public. The meeting is virtual due to COVID-19 social distancing safety requirements. The virtual RAB meeting will utilize a webinar tool known as WebEx. If you don't have WebEx on your computer or mobile device, please allow time to download the application.

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The RAB meeting webinar information is as follows:

<https://tinyurl.com/WGRAB920>

Presentations and meeting agenda will be posted prior to the meeting at the following website:

https://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/brac_bases/northeast/reserve_base_willow_grove/meetings/html

Navy Proposes Remedial Action Plans for former landfill Sites 3 and 12

The Navy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have issued Proposed Remedial Action Plans (PRAP) for two former landfill sites located on the former Naval Air Station – Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove (Sites 3 and 12). The Navy investigated each site over the past several years and looked at various alternative remedial approaches to address the environmental contamination found. The PRAPs describe the various alternatives and detail the preferred plan recommended by the Navy and EPA.

Each PRAP is available on the Navy's website: https://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/brac_bases/northeast/reserve_base_willow_grove/documents.html

As required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (also known as the Superfund Law), the public has an opportunity to provide input to the upcoming decision on which alternative will be selected by the Navy and EPA. The public comment period for the Sites 3 and 12 PRAP's is September 25, 2020. The Navy will host a virtual public meeting for the Sites 3 and 12 PRAP on September 23, 2020 between 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The virtual public meeting will use a webinar tool known as WebEx. The link to the WebEx and phone number are:

<https://tinyurl.com/WGPP3-12>

Phone access: 1-408-418-9388 (toll free) Access Code 132 480 1632

The public is strongly encouraged to get involved and provide comments to the Navy and EPA on the proposed alternatives.

