

## FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLANNING AUTHORITY

Minutes filed by Jeanne Gannon on behalf of the Authority Members of actions taken at the Open Session of the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority, held at the Tinton Falls Municipal Building, 556 Tinton Avenue, Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07724 at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Chair and Public Member Robert Lucky who led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Open Session was convened at 7:07 pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

### **Present:**

Monmouth County Freeholder Lillian Burry  
Public Member Laurie Cannon  
Public Member Rosemarie Estephan  
NJ Economic Development Authority's Designated Member Timothy Lizura  
Tinton Falls Mayor Peter Maclearie  
Eatontown Mayor Gerald Tarantolo  
Chair and Public Member Robert Lucky  
Garrison Commander COL Stephen Christian

Oceanport Mayor Michael Mahon had previously advised the Board of his absence. Chair Lucky welcomed Mr. Lizura, who filled the seat vacated by Virginia Bauer.

### **Elected Officials Comments:**

Chair Lucky asked if any representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg or U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, U.S. Representative Frank Pallone or U.S. Representative Rush Holt or other members of the Congressional Delegation or their staff members were present. A staff member from U.S. Senator Menendez's office was present, but no remarks were offered.

Chair Lucky presented the agenda for approval. Mayor Tarantolo moved for the approval of the agenda, Freeholder Burry seconded the motion, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Chair Lucky opened the floor for nominations for the Vice Chair seat vacated by Virginia Bauer. Public Member Cannon nominated Freeholder Burry, Mayor Tarantolo seconded it and it was approved by a vote of six to one, one opposed. Mayor Maclearie voted against the motion.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the February 18, 2009 Open Session (no Executive Session was held) were moved by Mayor Maclearie, seconded by Mayor Tarantolo, and approved. NJEDA Representative Lizura abstained.

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

1. Tom Mahedy, Wall, protested that NJEDA Representative Lizura was appointed to the Board without solicitation of public input. He further stated that a Board member with more experience in renewable energy should have been appointed.

Mr. Mahedy also objected that a member of Fort Monmouth said at the March 10 Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee meeting that the media would not be informed when veteran services would be stopped at the Patterson Army Health Center. Also, Mr. Mahedy stated that he was shocked when another attendee at the meeting asked if the West Point Preparatory School could be considered for

injured vets and was told no. He also objected that Joe Fallon, one of the primary people involved in the clean-up, may not be available to attend future Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meetings.

2. Bill Robinson, Eatontown, pointed out U.S. Representative Pallone was incorrectly identified as a U.S. senator in the February 18 minutes. He asked for a full copy of the FMERPA budget and was told that one would be available that night. He also urged the Board to pass a resolution in support of Congressman Smith's proposed bill HR 1003 to stop the closure of Fort Monmouth.

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Lucky deferred to ED Cosentino to give an update on FMERPA activities.

### **Executive Director's Report**

ED Cosentino noted that some of his activities date back to February since the March Board meeting had been cancelled.

#### February

- 19 - Section 106 Meeting – Rick Harrison
- 23 - DRAFT Budget Meeting
- 25 - Meeting at WIB – Workforce Projections
- 26 - Ethics Liaison Officer Meeting – Trenton  
- Emergency Services Advisory Committee Meeting
- 27 - Environmental Objectives Meeting

#### March

- 2 - Prospective Tenant Fort Monmouth Tour  
- Infrastructure Advisory Committee Meeting
- 3 - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 4 - Garrison Liaison Meeting  
- Monmouth University Presentation
- 5 - Red Bank Rotary Presentation
- 9 - NJEDA Fort Monmouth Tour  
- I&I Project Meeting
- 10 - Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting  
- 911 Dispatch Follow-up Meeting
- 11 - Personal Property Meeting
- 18 - Garrison Liaison Meeting  
- Meeting with Frank Barton – Review Cost Projection Elements  
- Implementation Meeting with Mayors Maclearie, Mahon, Tarantolo, Freeholder Burry
- 19 - Meeting with Bob Lucky  
- Meeting with Louis Rodriguez – Member of Public
- 26 - FBI Building Tour
- 27 - Monmouth County Engineers Fort Monmouth Tour
- 31 - Bowling Center/Commissary Tour  
- National Governor Association Web Cast

## April

- 1 - Garrison Liaison Meeting
- RAB Meeting
- 2 - Prospective Tenant Fort Monmouth Tour
- 3 - Personal Property Meeting
- 6 - Meeting with Healthcare Provider
- Section 106 Meeting – Rick Harrison
- Hatch Mott MacDonald Monthly Meeting – Diane Canterbury
- 7 - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
- 15 - Garrison Liaison Meeting
- John DeBack Meeting
- Frank Barton Meeting

### **Deputy Director’s Report -Section 106 Meetings**

DD Harrison reported that the Garrison hosted 2 meetings for Section 106 Consultation since the last meeting. He also explained that Section 106 refers to Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act, which deals with archaeological issues. The first was on February 19 and the second was last Monday, April 6. At each meeting the Army Corps of Engineers and the NJ SHPO participated along with Garrison Staff. At each meeting the Draft Programmatic Agreement was fine-tuned and issues regarding archaeological concerns and covenants for historic properties were discussed.

Current status of outstanding issues:

1. Archaeological concerns on the golf course are now limited to areas within 300 feet of the stream and pond which should not impede implementation of the plan.
2. A new area of concern surfaced relative to a Native American artifact found in the Husky Brook area near the Nicodemus Gate. This should not present a problem with plan implementation.
3. The flag pole area/triangle parcel in front of Russell Hall will be included in the historic district.
4. Building 360 will be excluded from the historic district.
5. The sports bar and tennis court areas in Charles Wood – Suneagles Golf course will not be considered as historic for the purpose of mitigation or special covenants. The brick wall behind the pool will be considered historic.
6. A mural painted by the famous Dr. Kronenberg in building 2540 was viewed. It may be considered significant and may require a covenant or mitigation.

DD Harrison concluded with the announcement that the Historic Advisory Committee is meeting on April 21 at 4:30 in the FMERPA offices.

### **Proposed RFPs for Consulting**

DD Harrison reported that the BRAC Process is multi-faceted program with a number of required “steps,” beginning with the Reuse and Redevelopment Plan. The Authority has developed and submitted the Plan and is now moving forward with the planning for implementation. Accordingly, the Authority’s focus has now shifted to determining the condition and capacity of the existing utilities and infrastructure.

DD Harrison told the Board that later in the meeting they will be asked to approve a budget which includes funding for some studies needed to assist the Authority in determining conveyance and property transfer alternatives. Negotiations with the Federal Government for the Fort’s transfer will begin shortly after HUD

returns its comments on the submitted Plan. A successful negotiation of transfer demands current reliable data on the present conditions of the Fort property. The time for these studies to be performed is now: “Now” so that FMERPA can negotiate from knowledge and “Now” so the cost of these vital studies is borne primarily by the Federal Government through the Office of Economic Adjustment.

DD Harrison continued, potential Conveyance and property transfer alternatives may include an Economic Development Conveyance (EDC). The DoD requires that a Business Plan be submitted with the EDC Application. Key Business Plan Components are: Estimate of fair market value; Cost estimate and justification for infrastructure and other investments; and Demolition costs.

Should there be a combination of an EDC and public sale, an operations plan will be needed as infrastructure components may be split among the parcels involved and will require special treatment and both physical and financial. As one can imagine, the interoperability and configuration of the infrastructure will be complicated as there could be multiple owners of properties served by the same or common infrastructure.

The development of Business and Operations Plans will require a lot of data and cost estimates. FMERPA proposes to accomplish this with the next RFP for an Infrastructure and Operating Analysis Consultant. The consulting assignment is a request for: an analysis of all of the factors relating to the operation; rehabilitation and capital improvement of the 1126-acre Fort Monmouth facility as set out in our Plan; an analysis of the cost effectiveness of demolition; the potential for reuse; identification of needed water system improvements; storm water system improvements; electrical system improvements; geothermal system utilization and improvements; information and communication technology system improvements; cost to construct new systems; asbestos removal costs; costs of bringing existing buildings up to current code and marketability; retrofitting to meet the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements; road improvements; road access; new roads; landscaping; bulk-heading; environmental and other considerations of placing military facilities into use by the private sector. The assignment also includes data assembly, the preparation of infrastructure cost estimates and a GIS-based (geographic information system) cost model. This model will use physical and cost data to estimate capital costs associated with recommended infrastructure improvements and environmental remediation activities. The results of the Sanitary Sewer System Evaluation that is currently being performed under a separate contract will be added to this GIS Database. This database will be the data source for the proposed Business and Operations Plan RFP.

The Infrastructure and Operating Analysis RFP will go out sometime in May with the hope to have the study completed in the October/ November timeframe. DD Harrison hopes to issue the RFP for a Business and Operations Plan Consultant in the August time frame so that it can start coincident with the completion of the Infrastructure and Operating Analysis study. Three RFPs and Business and Operations Plans issued by other 2005 BRAC LRAs for similar studies have been reviewed in the development of our RFP.

Following DD Harrison’s report, Mayor Tarantolo asked ED Cosentino whether any fire apparatus equipment would be left. ED Cosentino responded that he wasn’t sure, but if there were a need, it will be added to the list, including anything else considered appropriate. Mayor Tarantolo continued that the Emergency Services Advisory Committee (ESAC), which is being split into subgroups, would be interested in knowing what emergency apparatus may be available for the committee’s use. He asked that this list of fire apparatus be made available at the next ESAC meeting. DD Harrison responded that a list will not be available by that time and that all committees should submit a list of property they may want. He added that FMERPA has fire apparatus on its request list along with other EMS services requests received from Oceanport and Tinton Falls. ED Cosentino stated that FMERPA reached out to homeless continuum supporters as well for their needs.

On another topic, Mayor Tarantolo noted that the Eatontown Council had authorized the engineer to review the RAB reports on the environmental conditions that exist in the contaminated areas of Fort Monmouth. \$5,000 was appropriated for that resolution. He questioned whether this effort was really necessary and asked if assurances that the contamination will be cleaned up or remediated could be given. ED Cosentino responded that there has been and continues to be a great deal of investigative effort by both the Garrison and the Environmental Advisory Committee. ED Cosentino invited Eatontown's engineer to participate in the committee meetings.

Public Member Cannon stated that the Eatontown engineer may be interested in attending the next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, when underground storage tanks and stream bank reinforcement will be reviewed. Both the DEP and Fort Monmouth representatives will attend.

ED Cosentino added that FMERPA has been challenging No Further Action (NFAs) items that were granted a number of years ago just to ensure that there have been no further changes.

### **Advisory Committee Chair Reports**

Freeholder Burry reported that the chief of the police academy recently stated that the county is in dire need of an indoor firing range. She understood that there are some problems with the Fort Monmouth range but said that the county would be willing to put money into repairing it. This will be addressed on a future date. COL Christian noted that he has no knowledge of any problems with the firing range. Freeholder Burry said that the March 10 Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee was well attended. She read the minutes of the meeting (Exhibit A).

Public Member Cannon reported that the Environmental Committee met on March 3 and April 9. In March the decision was made to break down the environmental concerns into different areas to facilitate a more in-depth discussion. Committee member Ben Forest prepared a report on landfill concerns at the April meeting (the report will be available in the April minutes). It was established that the landfill monitoring would continue if the contaminants were not below allowable levels. If the levels increased, the Army would be required to go back and do more remedial action. Joe Fallon stated that the Army can request discontinuation of monitoring landfills only after eight consecutive quarterly tests with results compliant within allowable levels.

The NJ DEP will determine if current monitoring wells are in the best location and will make ongoing recommendations regarding those. A few wells are being added, and none are currently scheduled to be closed at this time. Only the NJDEP can approve the closing of wells. Joe Fallon stated the Army is exploring additional landfill covering. Larry Quinn, NJDEP, reported that they test for sediment, surface water, soil and ground water samples before a decision regarding landfill covering is made.

By the next meeting, Joe Fallon will have a report on underground storage tanks, which the committee wants removed entirely. Also, committee members Ed Dlugosz and Merwin Kinkade will have a report on underground storage tanks and stream bed resurfacing.

The next meeting will be on May 12, 4 pm at the FMERPA offices.

Public Member Cannon added that FMERPA Project Manager Diane Canterbury reported that Birdsall Engineering was hired by Eatontown. They will be reviewing the conditions at Fort Monmouth as it pertains to their client. Public Member Cannon also expressed the need for a county representative and that PM Diane Canterbury will be contacting Freeholder Burry for a suitable representative.

Mayor Maclearie reported that the March 2 meeting was cancelled due to weather and the April 6 Infrastructure Advisory Committee was well attended. Three presentations were given: 1) ED Cosentino updated the committee on specific existing conditions for gas, electric, fiber optics, water, storm water, waste water, and geothermal. Public members representing the respective authorities also attended. 2) DD Harrison discussed in detail the Infrastructure and Operating Analysis RFP. The draft of the RFP will be available at the June meeting. 3) PM Canterbury updated the committee on the I&I study. Hatch Mott Macdonald will make presentations at the June 17 and August 19 meetings. The next Infrastructure Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 4, 7 pm at the Tinton Falls Municipal Building.

Mayor Maclearie requested that HR 1003 be explored later during the meeting. Chair Lucky said he was willing to open the floor for discussing the subject at a later point during the meeting, and added that it would be a good idea to establish a time to discuss new business at future board meetings.

Mayor Tarantolo reported that the ESAC met on February 26. He stated that a better relationship between the three municipalities as it relates to emergency services has been established. Public members now attending the ESAC meetings indicate that the issue of shared services among the three communities has to be looked at realistically, so all parties are back to the table.

At the last ESAC meeting, the committee broke into subcommittees; Fire, Police, First Aid, Court, OEM. At the next meeting, the subcommittees will report back April 23, 4 pm, at the Eatontown Municipal Building. PM Canterbury added that members leading the subcommittees will be assigned at this session. She further asked the three municipalities that their representatives play very active roles in the subcommittees.

COL Christian reported that the Environmental Advisory Committee received two reports of environmental condition of property studies conducted by Shaw Environmental. These reports are available online and at the Monmouth Public Library. He added that Fort Monmouth is working closely with DEP and will comply with all requirements with regard to remediation of the property.

COL Christian further stated that a report from Tetra Tech on environmental assessment was received. Beginning April 27, the report will be available at the Fort Monmouth website, as well as at the Monmouth County Public Library for public review and comment for 30 days.

Regarding disposition of property, Col. Christian reported that the command at Fort Monmouth will not make the final decision of the disposition of any of that property. The Department of the Army will determine where most of the surplus equipment –fire apparatus being a large part of that–will go. Regarding emergency vehicles, which include police cars, most of it, if not all, is leased, and the leases will expire upon the shutdown of the installation. All of the fire equipment is owned but will be sent to fire departments at other Army installations. Lists of other ancillary equipment, such as communications equipment, are being assembled, and COL Christian projects that it will take months to assemble the list, which will be shared with the municipalities upon completion.

**Item 0904-01: Authorization for Expenditure for BRAC Special Counsel**

This item is to authorize the expenditure of funds to pay the invoice submitted by BRAC Special Counsel for services provided for the month of January 2009 to McManimon & Scotland LLC in the amount of \$8,952.90, upon the approval for payment of such invoices by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. Mayor Tarantolo moved the motion, Freeholder Burry seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.

**Item 0904-02: Authorization for Expenditure for Planning Consultant Invoice**

This item is to authorize the expenditure for an invoice from EDAW, Inc., the Reuse and Redevelopment Planning Consultant (the "Planning Consultant") and its team members. ED Cosentino stated that this eighth invoice for \$44,690.14 for work already completed. As with similar invoices received from EDAW, FMERPA broke it down by hours of activity by individual sub-consultants. Afterward, follow-up information regarding the invoices was requested from EDAW.

Chair Lucky asked where things stood with respect to the original million dollar contract. Treasurer/Accountant Beverlee Akerblom responded that approximately \$145,000 remains unbilled and will probably not be billed in its entirety. Chair Lucky asked whether this new expense would be for work already done or for new work to be commissioned from EDAW. Ms. Akerblom responded that the contract runs out in early May and will not be renewed or extended. The total amount paid to EDAW amounts to \$1,180,774.44, upon approval of this invoice. Mayor Tarantolo moved the motion, Mayor Maclearie seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.

#### **Item 0904-03: Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Budget**

This action is in furtherance of the authorized purposes of the Authority as set forth in the Act, Section 8 that authorizes the Authority to review and approve an annual budget.

ED Cosentino stated that, consistent with the guidelines given to all authorities and agencies, the budget is flat compared to the prior year's budget. The amount requested consists of \$1,717,893 in Federal funds and \$190,877 in State funds. The State portion consists of the annual appropriation of \$150,000 and \$40,877 from previously unused State funds. The proposed budget contains no salary increases or provisions for additional employees.

Dr. Lucky asked John DeBack, Department of the Army, if this budget is consistent with other BRAC closings. Mr. DeBack deferred to Frank Barton, Office of Economic Adjustment project manager, who replied that the budget for this size project is lean and very efficient.

Mayor Tarantolo asked if the \$40,877 carried over from previous budget is permitted, and ED Cosentino replied yes.

Mayor Tarantolo also asked if the template that the State requires that municipalities use for submittal of budget preparations was also used by FMERPA. ED Cosentino replied a template was designed by OEA, and the State agreed to use it. Any additional details required by the State are supplied by FMERPA. Mr. Barton contributed that when FMERPA applies to the OEA for grant money, OEA requests very detailed budget information. Once a grant is approved, accounting issues are subject to local rules and regulations.

ED Cosentino added that a complete budget analysis is available for anyone who wants to view it.

Mayor Maclearie commended ED Cosentino for the Authority's frugality.

Mayor Tarantolo moved the motion, Mayor Maclearie seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.

Chair Lucky said that future agendas should include a section for new business and invited Mayor Maclearie to begin discussion of HR 1003.

Mayor Maclearie stated that the Board should pass a resolution supporting HR 1003 (Exhibit B) while continuing to work on the economic development of Fort Monmouth. Mayor Tarantolo, Chair Lucky and

Freeholder Burry agreed that the municipalities and county should support HR 1003 but still continue to plan for the closure, and that the Authority should remain neutral.

**Public Comments Not on Agenda:**

1. Bill Robinson, Eatontown, said that the endorsement of HR 1003 would have more pull if it came from the Authority. He also asked why money is being spent on special counsels when the Authority has access to the State Attorney General's office. ED Cosentino replied that the special counsel is extremely experienced with issues not common to the AG's office. This judgment was made in concert with the Office of Attorney General.

Mr. Robinson then asked who would be continuing the work of the Master Planner and was told that the planning stage is over and that the Authority is moving into the implementation phase. Mr. Robinson also asked why advisory committee meetings are held in the afternoon when most people work. ED Cosentino replied that the vast majority of meetings take place in the evenings and that for some people, late afternoons are a better fit than evenings. Efforts to consider and accommodate schedules have been made.

2. Tom Mahedy, Wall, submitted material regarding a forum at Fairleigh Dickinson University on May 19-21, "Jumpstarting a New Green Economy" (Exhibit C) and asked that an Authority representative attend. In addition, he had a listing of websites that allege that the American military continues to cover up toxic waste sites. Mr. Mahedy also referred to an Asbury Park Press article that reported that taxpayers would have to pay an additional \$19.7 million because Fort Monmouth has cut the geothermal program. He repeated his request that representatives of the solar and other renewable energy sources be active on the Infrastructure Advisory Committee. He also complained that negative comments have been censored from the minutes of meetings.

Lastly, Mr. Mahedy referred to a Technology Center sponsored by Congressman Pallone and stated that he is not in favor of it if it pertains to military technology, but would support the center if it pertains to renewable energy source technology.

Since there was no further comment or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Tarantolo, seconded by Freeholder Burry and unanimously adopted at 9:00 pm.

## Exhibit A

### **FMERPA VETERANS AND RETIREES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 10, 2009**

**Freeholders' Conference room**

**Hall of Records**

**Freehold, NJ 07728**

The meeting was called to order at 3:45PM on Tuesday March 10, 2009, by Chairperson Freeholder Lillian G, Burry.

**Members Present:**

Mrs. Burry, Mr. Sfayer, Mr. Hoppe, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cosentino, Mr. Allen, Mr. Winnick, and Mr. Ciufu.

**Guests Present:**

Mr. Heine, Mr. Benevides, Ms. West, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haarup, Mr. Gorman, Ms. Mistretta, and Mr. Mahedy.

Freeholder Burry opened the meeting with introductions around the table and proceeded to open the discussion regarding to the status of the Patterson Army Clinic. She stressed that it is essential that medical aid be provided to returning veterans. Our returning soldiers don't know where to turn. She says that progress has been made to retain and improve the clinic and communications have been established with the private sector in this venture. One main focus must be that the pharmacy must be retained and needs to fit into the hospital plans.

Mr. Benevides, BRAC Implementation Team Leader, stated that the army is transitioning the clinic to serve active duty and medically retired soldiers and family members only and eventually the pharmacy will close. He will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Mr. Sfayer opined that the clinic should be for active duty and retirees, as well.

Mr. Cosentino, Executive Director of FMERPA, updated the committee with regard to the FMERPA plans. He advised that FMERPA has submitted a re-use plan to the DOD and to HUD regarding the commitment to support the homeless continuum.

He also said that new legislation is required to change the focus of the Authority from that of planning to implementation and has made it very clear that the presence of the clinic at the Fort, in its present location or somewhere close by, is a priority. He stated that the V.A. has been and continues to be very cooperative in this regard. He also stated that there are two private health care providers that are still very interested in a clinic on Fort property. The Army will remain on

site until 2011, with some movement out in 2010. The needs of all veterans must be considered and an element of patience is necessary. The transition will take time.

Mr. Griffith, Veterans Administration, The VA is anxious for the authority to commit to space needs 6,500 sq. ft. or less depending on costs. The VA is committed to stay in Monmouth County.

Mr. Winnick expressed his concerns about access to the clinic stating that many veterans make use of public transportation.

Mr. Cosentino stated that a shuttle is currently in the plan and efforts are being made to make it viable for the VA to stay on the premises. Tri-Care, the health insurer, supports this.

Mr. Sfayer gave a report on his efforts to help our soldiers' transition back into civilian life. He stated that these young soldiers are in much greater need emotionally than ever. 60% - 75% return with some level of PTSD. It is necessary that a facility be accessible to them. He is currently preparing and teaching a course to help them assimilate back into the work force and creating a social network. He foresees that this will help their adjustments as well as create a "mentor program", as well as bring attention to the clinic.

Mr. Ciufu, Monmouth County Dept. of Economic Development agreed that the county may be able to assist in this effort and will meet with Mr. Sfayer in the near future.

Ms. Mistretta, a member of the public, brought up the point that many of our soldiers return to no family and this would be an effective way to welcome them home. She also stated that there is a need for marriage counseling in the program.

Mr. Winnick stated that it is essential to expand programs and services to veterans with PTSD.

Mr. Griffith stated that every clinic provides all services including clinical services.

Mr. Benevides stated that there is a "do-out" timeline for the Fort Monmouth Clinic and there still seems to be a great deal of confusion between veterans and retirees. Patterson is presently a clinic, not a veterans' hospital.

Mr. Cosentino reminded the committee that its focus and FMERPA is to retain services at the clinic. It has become part of the plan.

Mr. Mahedy, a member of the public, stated that this is a great opportunity to help all our veterans.

Mrs. Burry stated that all have a common goal – Care is of the utmost importance to all.

The next meeting was set for **Friday May 15, 2009 at 3:00PM**

This meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

HR 1003 IH

**Exhibit B**

111th CONGRESS

1st Session

**H. R. 1003**

To prohibit the closure of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, notwithstanding the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES****February 11, 2009**

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

**A BILL**

To prohibit the closure of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, notwithstanding the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OF FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.**

Notwithstanding the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission contained in the report transmitted to Congress on September 15, 2005, under section 2903(e) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note), the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Army shall not close Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, or otherwise reduce personnel, functions, or operations at Fort Monmouth.

*END*



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## SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, May 19th

Conference Registration

### 5 p.m. Conference Registration, Green Expo and Networking Reception

We encourage all attendees to pre-register, and then to check in at 5 p.m. to pick up name badges and conference packets, visit the Green Expo and attend free networking reception.

### 7 p.m. Opening Keynote and Conversation

**Bob Willard:** The Business Case for Sustainability (Live from Toronto, Canada).

### Wednesday, May 20th

*Green entrepreneurship, corporate sustainability, government programs, current state of green business, green building, renewable energy, green collar jobs*

### 8 a.m. Breakfast, Late Registration

### 9 a.m. Welcome and Opening Session: Jumpstarting the New Green Economy

Welcome from: FDU President Adams, Governor Corzine (invited), Morris County Freeholder Director, local Mayor, other dignitaries and Conference Chair Jonathan Cloud

### 9:30 a.m. Green Entrepreneurship and Innovation

(Invention2Venture Track) - Starting a green venture. Opportunities and challenges. Getting help with the basics. How NJ's incubators assist new companies, create jobs, and help new ventures cross the threshold from idea to reality.

### 10 a.m. - Concurrent Sessions (proposed):

1. Great Green Jobs: Where are They?
2. Sustainable Communities: Towns and Suburbs
3. Sustainable Local Food Systems (1)
4. Renewable Energy: Promises and Realities
5. Campus Sustainability
6. Green Chemistry
7. Campus Eco-Tour

### 11 a.m. Green IP

(Invention2Venture Track) - Creating and protecting intellectual property.

### 12:30 - Lunch Panel on Green Venture Opportunities

### 2 p.m. Financing Your Green Venture

(Invention2Venture Track) - Funding your green venture. Sustainable Investing

## Schedule - continued

### 2 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (proposed):

1. Green Business Certification
2. Scaling Up Clean Energy
3. Selling Green
4. Sustainable Local Food Systems (2)
5. Sustainable Manufacturing
6. Socially Responsible Investing
7. Electrifying the Transportation System
8. Campus Eco-Tour

### 4 p.m. 12V Wrap-up, Expo

(Invention2Venture Track) - Finding Strategic Partners  
Green Expo Continues in the Gym

### 6:30 p.m. Awards Dinner and Keynotes

Co-sponsored by Morris County SRHM, the dinner will provide recognition for exceptional accomplishment by individuals and by companies.

### Thursday, May 21st

Beyond the current economic growth paradigm

### 8 a.m. Breakfast

### 9 a.m. - Plenary Session

Beyond the Current Economic Growth Paradigm

### 10 a.m. - Conference Sessions (proposed)

1. Corporate Sustainability Initiatives
2. Sustainable Communities: Urban Challenges
3. Sustainable Local Food Systems (3)
4. Green Building and Redevelopment
5. Transformational Leadership for Sustainability
6. Electrifying the Transportation System
7. Campus Eco-Tour

### 12 noon: Luncheon Panel on Government Policies and Programs

### 2 p.m. Action-Learning Workshops

(proposed initiative launches and updates)

1. GreenTech Angel Network
2. Neighborhood Green Incubators
3. Transitioning to Green Careers
4. Transition New Jersey
5. Sustainable Leadership Forum
6. Community Clean Energy Aggregation
7. Possibly others to follow

### 5 p.m. Green Jobs and Entrepreneurial Opportunities Fair, Closing Reception

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