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Notice of Intent

Executive Summary

We are writing a **Notice of Interest** to express an interest in obtaining a federal surplus property known as the **Germantown Veterans Memorial US Army Reserve Center**, located at 5200 Wissahickon Avenue, in the East Falls/Southwest Germantown section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We plan to obtain the facility through an **Educational Public Benefits Conveyance**. We attended the workshop/tour of the facility and received a copy of the floor plans from the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. We have determined that the facility would be a perfect fit for the future expansion of our education program in the community.

The Southwest Germantown Redevelopment Area Plan boundaries run along Wissahickon Avenue. The reserve center site is within the boundaries of East Falls, and East Falls is not a Redevelopment Area. A marketing study and business plan was done for the Ridge Avenue Business District, with City funding. The East Falls Development Corporation did a Riverfront Master Plan and a more recent plan for the Ridge Avenue Business District entitled East Falls Reconnects to the River. Both of these plans were done with State funding. The East Falls plans deal with the Riverfront and the Business District. The LRA re-use plan the Planning Commission is going to do will deal with the portion of East Falls and Germantown neighborhoods that surround the reserve center site. This area was determined to be the area of impact that any re-use of the reserve center site will have on the surrounding community.

The Greater Germantown Housing Development Corporation's (GGHDC) Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, completed in 1995, with funding from the Office of Housing & Community Development included all of Germantown below Cheltenham Avenue.