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A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

The North Princeton Developmental Center (NPDC) purchase, environmental cleanup and redevelopment continue to command a lot of time and attention on the part of municipal staff and the Township Committee.

Concluding a thorough, competitive process that began last June, the Township Committee selected Weston Solutions to handle environmental remediation. Weston has been on the NPDC property for weeks now, performing the final due-diligence that will give the Township as much information as possible about environmental conditions so that we can negotiate the best insurance coverage available and transfer liability.

The Township Committee also has begun to define the process for selecting redeveloper(s). In a lengthy discussion held at a public meeting on January 20, consensus formed around the following goals and basic principles that will guide decision-making:

- Like the process used for selecting a cleanup company, the process for selecting a firm or team to work with the Township on redevelopment will be thorough and competitive.
- A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be circulated broadly to identify firms or teams that have the resources, experience and expertise to carry out this redevelopment project within the guiding principles and parameters set by the Township Committee. (See the list of guiding principles on p. 3).
- The availability of the RFQ and the unique character of the site will be widely publicized. The RFQ will be crafted to gather information not only about redevelopers, but potential end-users as well. Qualifications and concept plans submitted in response to the RFQ may address the entire tract or part of it.

- A subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued. The final Redevelopment Plan will be completed after the RFP process concludes, and will address land uses on the entire tract.
- The selection process will be deliberative and is expected to conclude within a year after the township closes on the property.
- The Township will encourage creativity and consider a broad range of ideas.
- The RFQ will make clear Montgomery's desire to recover costs associated with environmental cleanup.
- The RFQ will list a variety of specific redevelopment objectives such as a 24-hour medical clinic, relocation of the Skillman post office, and integration of civic, arts and cultural amenities.

Information regarding NPDC is available on the township web site: www.Montgomery.nj.us. Click on NPDC links in the left-hand column on the home page.

It's March: the windy month. Hold on to your hat and look forward to spring.

Township Committee Members

Louise Wilson, Mayor

Cecilia Xie Birge, Deputy Mayor

Karen Wintress, Committeewoman

Mark Caliguire, Committeeman

John Warms, Committeeman

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1	Sewer utility bills due
March 3	Recycling Pick-up
March 10	End of grace period for sewer utility bills
March 11	Container Facility Open
March 17	Recycling Pick-up
March 18	Container Facility Open
March 31	Recycling Pick-up

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