

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY DAIRY FARM
Wednesday, June 27, 2007

On June 27, 2007, representatives of Anne Arundel County met with representatives of the United States Navy for the first time following the decision of the Navy to select Anne Arundel County for exclusive lease negotiations in connection with the Naval Academy Dairy Farm. The purpose of that meeting was to determine the next steps in the process and a potential timetable for the completion of those negotiations.

At that meeting, the Navy indicated that:

- The Navy will initiate the process by submitting a draft lease to the County. This draft lease will be based on the Conceptual Plan and Offer submitted by the County in response to the Navy's Notice of Availability for Lease. The Navy and the County believe that since the Plan and Offer were the basis upon which the Navy made the decision to award exclusive lease negotiations rights to the County, the uses to which the property would be put should be consistent with those documents.
- The draft lease will provide that all provisions of Federal law with respect to the use and occupancy of Dairy Farm and all provisions of Federal law regarding use or occupancy of Federal land in general must apply to the County's use or occupancy of the property. This will include, but not be limited to:
 - Specific provisions of Federal law relating to the use and occupancy of the U. S. Naval Academy Dairy Farm
 - Provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act
 - Provisions of the National Environmental Protection Act
 - Provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act

The County concurred and indicated that it fully intended to implement its Conceptual Plan and Offer. The Navy requested, and the County agreed, to honor the existing lease of the property. The draft lease will allow the County to sublease any part of the property, with the approval (not unreasonably withheld) of the Navy. The County will determine the applicability of county procurement law to the any proposed sublease. Any use allowed by sublease would be consistent with the Plan and Offer as well as permitted uses under county zoning laws.

The County indicated that it would plan a public outreach to discuss the draft lease that will include members of the surrounding community as well as elected officials. The County will conduct a public forum at a convenient site near the Farm during which the draft lease and the County's Conceptual Plan and Offer will be discussed.

The Navy and County agreed that a final lease should be approved by the County Council no later than November 30, 2007. Public comment and County Council consideration will be scheduled so as to meet that timeframe. The Navy agreed to submit a draft lease as soon as possible in order to begin this process.