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Public Service Announcement

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Contact Your Elected Officials

In 2020 the Central Virginia Training Center (CVTP) will close, leaving multiple buildings empty. This land could be used to expand Amherst County's economic development, but we need your help. Virginia DEQ Certification Standards must be met for banks to issue loans to a business to use for purchasing property.

Below is a letter than can be used to contact your elected officials and encourage them to approve funding for demolition and remediation of the buildings and contamination sites on the CVTC property. Please feel free to send this letter or use it as a template for your own. Here are the addresses of our leaders in Richmond.

Governor:

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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I am writing to ensure the Commonwealth of Virginia completes an environmental site study and remediation of the 360-acre Central Virginia Training Center property located across the James River from Lynchburg, Virginia, in Amherst County. The measure of your success is compliance with Virginia DEQ Brownfield Certification Standards making the property eligible for banks to issue loans to purchase the property.

If a private entity were vacating this property, the Commonwealth of Virginia would rightly require it to clean up all toxins, asbestos, landfill, unsafe buildings, etc. As the Commonwealth of Virginia itself vacates this property, no less should be required.

Despite the fine people who have worked and resided at the Central Virginia Training Center, its history has long brought a cloud of shame and disgrace to Madison Heights, Amherst County and the Lynchburg region. The past cannot be changed, but the leadership and citizens of Amherst County and the region stand ready to turn that dark history into a bright future. We need the help of each of our elected officials to ensure comprehensive, responsible clean up by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

With proper site cleanup, the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance considers this property a "game changer" for the region. The property offers significant road frontage on a four-lane highway as well as extensive James River frontage. Its highest and best economic utilization is mixed use with a mid-size corporate headquarters. Appealing employee pedestrian and bicycle access to downtown Lynchburg is easily provided through connecting to the existing Percival Island Trail.

Proper site cleanup is the most critical issue for the long-term prosperity of Madison Heights and Amherst County. As you develop creative and persistent ways to make this happen, you will be representing me, the region and our interests. Please keep me posted on your efforts.

Very Respectfully,