

# AMIRIA

Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority

# 2021 INTERIM REPORT

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2021** 

The Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority ("MIRIA") is a municipal authority formed by Horsham Township to provide dedicated PA State funding for clean water initiatives to help address the financial burden on our local communities pertaining to the remediation of PFAS that originated from former military bases. MIRIA may also make funding available for economic development and infrastructure projects in Horsham Township in connection with the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove base redevelopment efforts.

#### A message from Todd Stephens, the Chair of the MIRIA

2021 marks the second year and cycle for the Military Installation Remediation and Infrastructure Authority ("MIRIA"). As our 2020 Annual Report confirmed, we had a very successful inaugural year that was filled with numerous challenges but ultimately afforded about \$15.5 million in state funding for MIRIA. In turn, MIRIA approved about \$12.5 million in MIRIA Clean Water Grants to four local municipal water providers and about \$2.9 million was dedicated to economic development and infrastructure projects in Horsham Township. While many factors contributed



to our success, the most important was an engaged and receptive Horsham business community and parcel owners who stepped up and submitted the required tax filing information to afford a 94% compliance rate in our initial year.

Once again, MIRIA has worked with both local municipals and municipal water providers. By May 15, 2021, six MIRIA grant applications were submitted and received, with total grant requests of \$14.3 million and local effort of \$3,160,674.22. By statute, MIRIA may be eligible for PA State funding up to five times the local effort (\$15,803,371.10), but the amount is reliant on the amounts collected and reported by MIRIA Zone businesses and parcel owners. On December 1, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Revenue will certify the actual amount of funds that MIRIA will receive.

The reporting window for MIRIA Zone businesses and parcel owners ran from July 1 to September 1. With the help of the MIRIA Compliance Consultant, Deana Zosky, a strong majority have filed the required information and it is our belief that a compliance rate of 96% was achieved this year. Our thanks and gratitude once again to the MIRIA Zone business community and parcel owners!

While estimating the cycle funding is difficult, we remain hopeful that our second year and cycle will provide adequate and sufficient funding so that we may continue our work and mission of reimbursing our communities for PFAS remediation costs and also to provide funding for economic development and infrastructure projects in connection with the NAS-JRB Willow Grove redevelopment efforts.

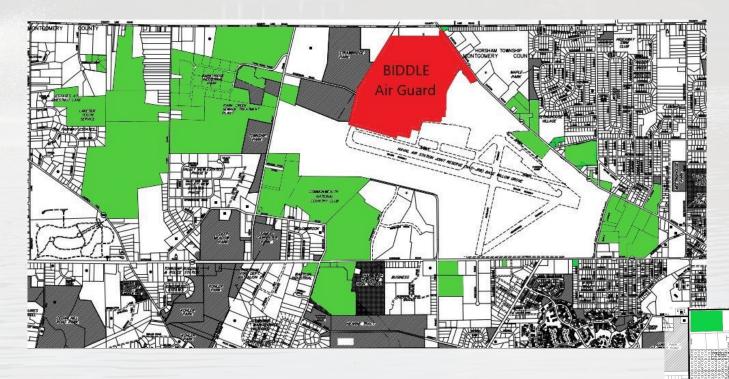
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#### The MIRIA Board

PA Act 101 of 2019 provided for a seven member board of directors who were designated by Horsham Township, the Hatboro-Horsham School District, the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority, the PA Senate, and the PA House.



(From left to right), Thomas Panzer, Secretary, Scott DeRosa, Tara Conner-Hallston, Todd Stephens, Chair, W. William Whiteside, Vice Chair, Theresa Harmon, Treasurer, and Gregory Nesbitt.



#### The New 2021 MIRIA ZONE MAP

In May of 2021, the PA Department of Revenue approved 7 new parcels to be included in the MIRIA Zone, increasing it to 65 parcels and a total of 1,798.242 acres. The new additions were primarily vacant properties which are not expected to immediately add revenue, but in future cycles are expected to provide additional available tax revenues as many are planned for redevelopment.

Our thanks and gratitude once again to the MIRIA Zone parcel owners and businesses for their compliance with our program and their efforts to file the required information with the PA Department of Revenue!

## 2021 Cycle MIRIA Clean Water Corporate Partners

Chapman Auto Group & Affiliates

Ro Mynalo, Inc.

Jr Real Estate Group, LLC

400 Horsham Corporate Center

Hatboro-Horsham School District

Joneric Products, Inc.

Thomas B Carr Trust

Keith Valley Partnership

Heffernan & Partners

Toll Bros., Inc. & Affiliates

Toll - Regency At Waterside, LLC

Horsham Water & Sewer Authority

M&M Building Company, LLC

Digital Systems Group, Inc.

Oxford Land Development Ltd.

The Lingo Group, Inc.

Phuc Luong, Were On A Roll Too

Self Heating & Cooling, Inc.

Horsham Property Associates, LP

Keith Valley Properties, LP

Pressler Felt & Warshaw, LLP

Nextgen Healthcare, Inc.

Patriot Sensors & Control Corp Ametek, Inc.

Delores & William Beauchamp

Lakeside Youth Service

Tripodi Associates, Inc.

Commscope Arris Group, Inc.

**Dougherty Landscaping** 

Mastec, Inc.

Primary Eyecare Associates PC Horsham

Regional Realty, LLC

Tinius Olsen International Co & Affiliate

Asak 1160 Easton, LLC

Busted Knuckle Garage, LLC

1008 Easton Rd, LLC

**SNH Medical Offices Properties** 

1485 Manheim Pike GP, LLC

James A Grundy Agency

Commonwealth/Matrix LP

Eastern Highreach Co, Inc.

Benjamin Obdyke, Inc.

Nancy Messina

Joseph Catering, Inc.

Propato Brothers, Inc.

Vincent And Nicola Propato

Envision Matrix Limekiln, LLC

Limekiln, LLC

Keith Valley Associates, LLC

328 Maple Ave., LLC

Envirogreen, LLC

E&A Therapy, Inc.

Dance To The Music

Hankin Road Partnership, LP

RMR OPF Horsham Road, LP

Vamanos, LLC

Aerotek, Inc.

WBCMT 2007-C31 Gibraltar Road

TD Bank, NA

Horsham Athletic Club, LLC

KDN Associates, Inc.

331 Maple Avenue Associates, L

Clayton's Hunting & Indoor Range

Van Hawk, Inc.

Applewood Enterprises, Inc.

Elite Concrete Maintenance, LLC

Park Ridge Properties

JBD, Inc.

**US Mortgage Corporation** 

**Naned Properties** 

PF Horsham Partners, LP

Edon Composites, LLC

Dajomani, LLC

Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.

6925 Essington Avenue, LP

Essington Avenue, LLC

Rohrerstown Road Investment, LLC

## **MIRIA - Supporting Our Local Communities**

**Ambler Borough** - In 2020, Ambler was awarded a \$405,000 MIRIA Clean Water Grant in support of a PFAS related piping project connecting wells #2, #6, and #7 into a centralized PFAS remedial system that will serve residents of Upper Dublin Township. In 2021, Ambler has applied for a \$1,047,240 grant to fund the design, permitting, and construction costs of a PFAS remedial treatment system at an impacted Ambler well that serves its customers in Lower Gwynedd Township.





Horsham Water & Sewer Authority - HWSA in the fall of 2020 was awarded a MIRIA Quick Response Grant of more than \$1.4 million that was used by the authority to reimburse Horsham residential ratepayers and customers for PFAS related surcharges. Last December, MIRIA awarded HWSA a \$6.5 million MIRIA Clean Water Grant in support of several projects including PFAS related operational costs for 2020 and 2021, the cost of connections of private well owners impacted by PFAS to connect to the public water system of a total of about \$4.5 million, commercial customer PFAS surcharge rebates of about \$985,000, and for the PFAS related de-watering costs related to the Area A project. In 2021, HWSA has applied for a \$3 million grant to fund additional PFAS related remedial projects including \$1.8 million for water main extensions, about \$650,000 for surcharge funded operation and maintanence costs, about \$700,000 for house connections for impacted private well owners, \$120,000 for tapping and metering fees, and about \$460,000 PFAS related capital projects.

**North Wales Water Authority** - NWWA in 2020 was awarded a MIRIA Clean Water Grant of \$3.3 million in support of PFAS related projects including the reimbursement of about \$2,775,000 to Warrington ratepayers and customers for increased billings/surcharges related to PFAS costs, reimbursement of some interconnection costs they incurred in addressing PFAS regionally and reimbursing a portion of more than \$2.4 million in PFAS related costs to expanding capacity in their system with a new water tank in Montgomery Township. In 2021, NWWA has applied for a \$1.7 million grant to fund the balance of PFAS remedial costs associated with the new water tank project.



## MIRIA - Supporting Our Local Communities (continued):

Warminster Municipal Authority - In the fall of 2020, WMA was awarded a \$500,000 MIRIA Quick Response Grant, which was used to reimburse ratepayers and customers for a PFAS surcharge. In December 2020, WMA was awarded a \$2,250,000 MIRIA Clean Water Grant in support of a number of PFAS related infrastructure projects, including new water mains as part of PFAS remedial efforts and for connections to PFAS impacted private well owners. In September 2021, WMA was awarded a \$1.2 million MIRIA Quick Response Grant which will be applied as a credit to all customers, and afford them approximately 1 quarter of free water usage. In 2021, WMA has also applied for a \$6 million MIRIA Clean Water Grant to fund new water mains and house connections of impacted private well owners, to

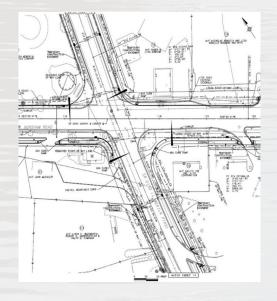


fund critical backup water supply costs for the County Line Road interconnect, and to fund additional rebates or credits to customers for past PFAS related water purchase costs.



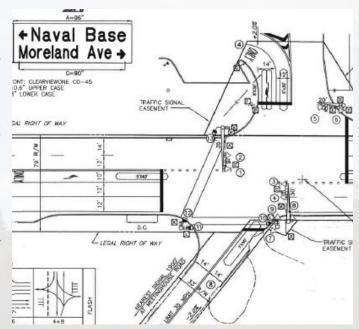
Upper Southampton Municipal Authority - USMA is a new grant applicant to our program in 2021 and has applied for a \$521,000 MIRIA Clean Water Grant to fund water main extensions and make house connections of the public water supply to 31 homes with PFAS impacted private wells in close proximity to the former NADC Johnsville base property.

Horsham Township - In 2020, Horsham Township was awarded a \$1.8 million MIRIA Infrastructure Grant to help support and fund the cost of a new traffic control signal at Walnut Grove Drive and Dresher Road and to fund a portion of the Blair Mill Road widening project, Phase 2. This year in 2021, Horsham has applied for a \$2 million Infrastructure Grant intended to fund a portion of the cost of the Horsham Road and Limekiln Pike Intersection Improvement Project. The Horsham Road corridor was identified in various studies as critically important as it is one of the four roadways along the perimeter of the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove property. The efficiency of travel on Horsham Road is paramount to the success of the base redevelopment plan.



## MIRIA Designated Economic Development & Infrastructure Projects

In 2020, MIRIA had set aside funds for various projects, including a traffic study of the intersections and road network in close proximity to the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove property to assess and prioritize future traffic improvements that would provide the most benefit to the base redevelopment efforts; to fund a study intended to determine the most effective method of developing open space and recreational areas on or in the vicinity of the base property; and to fund the acquisition of blighted properties in the vicinity of the base property for future road improvements.



In June of 2021, MIRIA acquired the blighted Granma's Grotto property at the intersection of Moreland Road

and Easton Road. The property was acquired with the purpose of removing existing structures on the parcel and to return it to green space. We hope in the coming months to seek PennDOT approval to place a traffic control signal at that busy and historically dangerous intersection.

# **MIRIA - Improving Our Community!**



Pictured here (left to right) are MIRIA Chair, State Representative Todd Stephens, MIRIA Treasurer Teresa Harmon, MIRIA Vice Chair William Whiteside, MIRIA board member Tara Conner-Hallston, and MIRIA Secretary Thomas Panzer, in front of a newly erected MIRIA Project sign.



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