

January 12, 2017

Brigadier General Scott A. Spellmon
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Commander, Northwestern Division
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Dear General Spellmon,

The Tri-Cities Community has had a long and positive partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We have appreciated the many years of interaction and support we have received beginning with the creation of the Manhattan Project and later the Corps' role in protecting the community from flooding.

I am sure you are aware that there have been ongoing discussions in the Tri-City Area concerning the possible re-conveyance to the community of riverfront property acquired by the Corps for flood protection and the McNary Pool. We recognized the original need for, and importance of the levee system for flood protection in the 1940s and 1950s. With the addition of five new dams upstream on the Columbia River in the U.S. and three new dams in British Columbia, the danger of future flooding is almost non-existent. We also understand the Corps has extremely limited funding for maintenance of these properties which have been held by the Corps for more than 68 years.

With the recent passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and the language contained directing the Corps to provide a description of the properties held along both sides of the Columbia River in the Tri-Cities; the community looks forward to working with the Corps on the future of these properties.

We ask that the Corps move ahead expeditiously to satisfy the directive in the NDAA. Future maintenance and public access to these shorelines are in the interest of both the Federal Government and our local community governments.

If there is anything the community can do to support or aid the Corps in meeting the requirements of the NDAA, we offer our assistance.

Sincerely,



Carl Adrian, President/CEO

cc: •U.S. Representative Dan Newhouse
•LTC Damon A. Delarosa, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
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•Tri-City River Shore Enhancement Committee