

**Greenbelt City Council  
Goddard Space Flight Center**

**Stakeholder Work Session**

**March 2, 2015  
8:00 p.m.**

**Council Room  
Greenbelt Municipal Building  
25 Crescent Road**

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**List of Topics**

1. Introductions
2. Overview of Operations
3. Future of Goddard
  - Federal Budget
  - Status of James Webb Space Telescope
4. Update on Goddard Master Plan
5. Update on Water Tower Redevelopment Site (and Needed Demolition Work)
6. Federal Capital Improvements Program – New Projects at Goddard
7. Status of Visitors Center
8. Other Items

National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
**Goddard Space Flight Center**  
Greenbelt, MD 20771



Reply to Attn of: 221

Emmett Jordan, Mayor  
City of Greenbelt  
25 Crescent Rd.  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Dear Mayor Jordan,

Thank you for your response to our call for comments regarding *The Area Development Plan for the Water Tower Redevelopment Site*. We appreciate your involvement in the Section 106 process for this project and your comments regarding the neighboring archeological site (18PR548). GSFC intends to take all appropriate precautions to protect the site. We have procedures in place that follow the recommended guidance of the Maryland Historical Trust that address the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources, as well as paleontological resources to ensure their protection.

An installation-wide architectural survey was conducted of GSFC in 2012 and all buildings were photographed at that time. In addition, historic buildings that will be demolished as part of the Water Tower Redevelopment Project will be further documented with photographs prior to demolition and provided to the Maryland Historical Trust. We agree with you regarding the sensitivity of new construction within the historic district and are working with the architects to ensure the new buildings will be sensitive to the historic district. Thanks again for your comments.

Sincerely,

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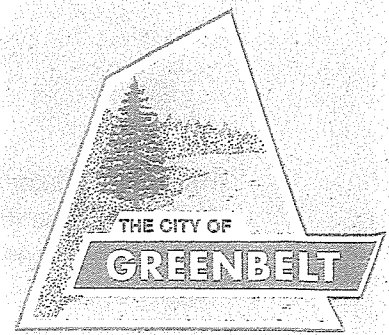
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# CITY OF GREENBELT

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October 15, 2014

Mr. Alan Binstock, GSFC Cultural Resources Manager  
Goddard Space Flight Center Code 221  
8800 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20771

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor  
Judith F. Davis, Mayor Pro Tem  
Konrad E. Herling  
Leta M. Mach  
Silke I. Pope  
Edward V.J. Putens  
Rodney M. Roberts

Re: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Water Tower Redevelopment Site,  
Historic Resource Impact

Dear Mr. Binstock:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Water Tower Redevelopment Site Section 106 process. The City Council met on October 13, 2014, to discuss the project and its potential impacts to historic resources on the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) campus.

We urge NASA to continue working with the Maryland Historical Trust during the detailed design phase of this project to ensure that the proposed new construction has minimal adverse visual and design impact on the GSFC Historic District.

The City also wishes to provide the following comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on historic resources:

1. We are in agreement with the Maryland Historical Trust that extra care and caution should be taken with the demolition of Building 84 to ensure there is no impact on the nearby National Register of Historic Places eligible archeological site (18PR548). NASA should follow the recommended procedures provided by the Maryland Historical Trust for working in this area.
2. All contributing historic structures and those that would likely be eligible within the next five years should be visually documented for archival prior to demolition. Copies should be provided for the City's museum archives.
3. Construction of new buildings within and near the GSFC Historic District should be sensitive to the style and integrity of contributing resources.
4. The outcome of the design phase be referred to the City for review and comment.



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On behalf of the City Council, I want to thank you again for this opportunity to comment and to reiterate that the City would like to be included in all upcoming process opportunities.

Sincerely,

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Emmett V. Jordan  
Mayor

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cc: City Council  
Michael McLaughlin, City Manager  
Celia Craze, Director, Planning and Community Development  
J. Rodney Little, Maryland Historical Trust

*WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, February 4, 2013, with NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC).*

*Mayor Davis started the meeting at 7:34 p.m.*

*PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Edward V.J. Putens, Silke I. Pope, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Judith F. Davis.*

*STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, and David Moran, Assistant City Manager.*

*ALSO PRESENT WERE: Chris Scolese, Center Director; Ray Rubilotta, Deputy Director of Management Operations, Phillina Tookes, Legislative Affairs Specialist, Bill Orleans, Greenbelt resident and Angel Torres, News Review*

*Mayor Davis began with introductions. Mr. Scolese summarized the activities and missions that Goddard was involved in. He noted the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution spacecraft had been built at Goddard. Mr. Rubilotta reported that GSFC had authority to build a flight projects building.*

*Mr. Scolese stated that the personnel level and budget for GSFC had been stable. He noted there were some cuts but they had not been significant. Mayor Davis asked about the impact of sequestration. Mr. Scolese responded that GSFC had not received guidance from NASA headquarters as to what would be cut under sequestration.*

*Mr. Jordan asked if sequestration would impact capital projects. Mr. Scolese responded that they did not foresee an impact.*

*Mr. Rubilotta reviewed the GSFC Capital Improvements Program. He noted the new facilities being built as well as several buildings being deconstructed. He stated that GSFC was actually reducing the overall square footage by a more efficient use of space.*

*Ms. Tookes provided a timeline on the new Visitor Center project.*

*Mr. Scolese stated they were planning an Open House in September, 2013. He announced a Veterans job fair being promoted by the Maryland Space Business Roundtable.*

*Mr. Jordan thanked GSFC for participating in the City's business breakfast. Mr. Jordan asked if there was anything the City could do to support GSFC contractors. Mr. Scolese indicated that Greenbelt is viewed as a good place to work and thanked the City for its support to GSFC.*

*Mayor Davis asked about the bike path to connect GSFC to Greenbriar. Mr. Rubilotta indicated that a lack of funding prevented them from undertaking any new activity like the proposed path.*

*Informational Items*

*Mr. Putens stated that the street lights at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen were dim, making it difficult to see pedestrians at the intersection. Mr. Putens also noted a problem with persons using debit cards at gas stations being penalized.*

*Mr. McLaughlin announced that Fire Chief Bashoor would be at the Council Meeting on Monday. Mr. McLaughlin reported on a tour of the five classrooms identified for possible lease to the City at the old Greenbelt Middle School.*

*The meeting ended at 8:52 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*David Moran  
Assistant City Manager*