

### **Motor Pool Meeting Between County and Eatontown Representatives – September 13, 2012**

At a meeting this morning held at the FMERA offices, representatives of the County Public Works Department and the Borough of Eatontown discussed the eventual sublease of Fort Monmouth's former Motor Pool facility from FMERA to the County. The tone of the meeting was cordial, and although at times both sides presented differing viewpoints on certain issues, the meeting was conducted in a positive and cooperative manner.

Attendees from both the County and Eatontown agreed that for the ultimate benefit of the residents of the region, and to facilitate the eventual successful redevelopment of the former Fort property, it was imperative for both sides to think regionally and work together for the common good.

In response to Eatontown residents' questions and concerns, the County officials advanced preliminary plans to set aside additional areas of green space, install bermed landscaped buffers along property lines, deed restrict boundary lines to preclude any additional streets, remove and transform specific currently asphalted areas to green space, direct County vehicle traffic away from neighborhoods and toward more commercial roadways, and to consider other means of minimizing any impact on nearby residents.

Additionally, the County and Eatontown representatives discussed ways of working together on a broader plan that could potentially enhance both Eatontown's and the County's ability to provide services to their respective constituents that would save both time and money. This could involve joint use of facilities or shared services, still to be discussed further.

FMERA representatives at the meeting were pleased at the coordinated effort to address difficult issues, and by the commitment of both parties to find ways of using the Motor Pool facility and the nearby property in ways that would enhance the larger community and the redevelopment of the Fort.

Given the excellent progress today on this difficult issue, and the positive results of this meeting, FMERA staff agreed to recommend to the FMERA Board of Directors that the issue of the sublease, scheduled for September's board meeting, be held until the October board meeting, giving both entities more time to work on the broader plan. The FMERA staff's agreement to this one-month postponement was based on the unanimous commitment by all the attendees of the meeting to continue to work cooperatively and collegially toward a win/win action plan.