

August 11, 2009

Fernald Reuse Committee, Reuse Intake Sub-Committee  
ATTN: Joe Vizard, Chairperson  
C/O Mayor's Office  
610 Main Street  
Waltham, MA 02452

Dear Mr. Vizard,

We are the members of the Waltham Affordable Housing Committee (WAHC). We are writing to give input regarding the reuse of the Fernald site.

WAHC is a group of Waltham residents committed to the affordable housing cause. While we are staffed by WATCH, we set our own agenda and work towards goals that we find important. As a group, our top priority is securing more quality affordable housing for residents of the city of Waltham. Quality affordable housing should have the following characteristics: safe living spaces, good relationships between tenants and landlords, careful tenant selection, ongoing property management, adequate but not exorbitant parking spaces, and recreational spaces including community spaces.

We have looked over the proposal that the Fernald Working Group has made to you for 800 units of mixed income housing that would be built on the property. We believe that this group, partnering with WATCH, could create a community that contains all of our housing priorities. WATCH has proven its abilities to build quality affordable housing, maintain that housing, foster good relationships between tenants and landlords, while also offering a plethora of other services that the community of Waltham desperately needs like a tenant clinic and English classes. WATCH, with all of its interest and involvement in the city, is therefore the perfect choice to develop housing that suits the entire Waltham community,

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Good luck with your final decisions.

Sincerely,

John Countryman  
Lowell Street

Norm Faramelli  
Harris Street

Doreen Frigo  
Ripley Street

Susan Mitchell

Maple Street

Paul Tremblay  
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