



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 6, 2017

Jack Brown  
Escambia County Administrator  
221 Palafox Place, Ste. 400  
Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you for your letter dated March 31, 2017 requesting answers to questions about the Escambia Wood Treating Company Superfund Site.

All of the questions asked pertain in some manner to the disposition of real property so any definitive answers would require City Council action. We would be open to submitting the following recommendations to City Council, based on the understanding that the community's interests are best served if the site is developed under single ownership and single jurisdiction.

1. If the County took possession of the Escambia Treating Site we would recommend to City Council that the City de-annex portions of the site currently under City jurisdictional control with the exception of the existing commerce park consisting of Lurton St., Liggett St., Hopkins St. and Pasco St.
2. A recommendation to agree not to annex any portions of the site after development would be easier to make if that agreement had a time limit. Otherwise we would be reluctant to recommend that Council approve an agreement that would bind the City in perpetuity.
3. We would recommend that Council approve deeding the city-owned parcel on the site (parcel number 052S301001002017) back to the County.
4. We would not recommend that the City take ownership of the site or split ownership of the site.
5. Absent additional details about the plan for development of the site that show a quantifiable public benefit to city residents, we cannot recommend to Council that the City commit to contributing financially to the development of the site.

Before you move forward with your planning for the site I suggest that we have a meeting of key city and county staff to discuss the development options for the site and clarify our intentions with regard to the site. If you agree, please let me know and I will make the arrangements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric W. Olson".

Eric W. Olson  
City Administrator

CC: Keith Wilkins, Assistant City Administrator