



**NIAGARA COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES**  
**NIAGARA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**LOCKPORT, NEW YORK 14094-2740**

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September 7, 2000

Mr. Raymond Pilon, Project Manager  
United States Army Corp of Engineers  
1776 Niagara Street  
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Dear Mr. Pilon:

In regard to our telephone conversation of August 22, 2000 concerning the Porter Center Road/Lakes Ordinance Works Project #3393. I would like to share with you some correspondence recently received from Mr. Arthur T. Ullenberg, a Realty Specialist in the Property Disposal Division of the United States General Services Administration.

It appears, based upon this correspondence, that the United States Department of Energy may have been the holding agency for the property on Porter Center Road in the Town of Porter, Niagara County, New York. However, Mr. Ullenberg called me today and informed me that he as since learned that the Department of Energy transferred this property to the Department of Defense. He did not have any dates associated with the transfer.

If your Real Estate Division staff can assist in ascertaining the holding agency of this property it is very possible that we can expedite the resolution of this matter.

Please feel free to have your Real Estate Division staff contact me for any information that may assist them with this effort.

Thank you for all of your assistance in helping us help the property owners involved in this property line settlement issue.

Very truly yours,

  
William F. Budde, Jr.  
Director

9/8/2000

Mr Raymond Pilon, U.S. Corp of Army Engineers  
09/07/00

cc: Clyde Burmaster, Niagara County Legislator  
Karen Schmidt, Town of Porter Assessor  
Arthur T. Ullenberg, General Services Administrator  
Derek M. Smith, Property Owner  
Antonio-Valeria Mariuuci, Property Owner  
John Esposito, Property Owner  
Maroon's Home Products, Property Owner  
Charles B. Martin, Property Owner  
Anthony-Florence Maiorana, Property Owner  
Scott-Melissa Meogrossi, Property Owner  
Keith-Karen-Kaktrina Janicki, Property Owners  
Helen Sumbler, Property Owner  
Dorothy Janicki, Property Owner  
Thomas-Mary Siegrist, Property Owner  
Kenneth-Delphine Veihdeffer, Property Owner

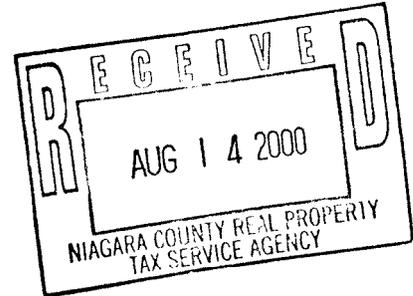


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VIA FACSIMILE  
Mr William F. Budde, Jr., CCD, IAO  
Director, Real Property Tax Services  
Niagara County Real Property Tax Services  
175 Hawley Street  
Court House  
Lockport, New York 14094



RE: Porter Center Road / Lake Ordinance Works Project W3393  
STATUS REPORT

Dear Mr. Budde:

The General Services Administration has attempted to locate the Federal Government Agency that holds the property abutting the landowners along Porter Center Road in the Town of Porter, Niagara County, New York State.

The following is the (current) status of this search:

1. Examination of the Worldwide Inventory for Federal Government property and NetReal (GSA's electronic database) resulted in no listings for the Town of Porter in New York State. Additionally, previously closed files were examined, with no results.
2. GSA was able to obtain a trace that listed corporations which were chartered out of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation. The Secretary of State's office for the State of Delaware provided this listing and ended with a 1968 corporation which failed to pay its incorporation fees and was delisted by the State and thus, is presumably defunct.
3. The Department of Agriculture was contacted, regarding the possibility of USDA being the land holding agency of the parcel in question. When the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation was abolished on October 4, 1961 (Public Law 87-353, Sec. 1,2), all assets were transferred to the Department of Agriculture. GSA is awaiting further advisement from USDA regarding the status of this parcel and/or assistance in identifying who the federal land holding agency may be, should USDA not be the holding agency in fact.

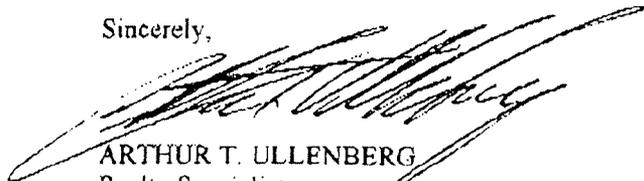
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To close. I am aware that abutting landowners are eager to have this matter resolved. Be assured, that GSA is attempting to locate the federal agency or private entity which is holding this parcel. However, your office could provide assistance by way of having someone inspect the property and note any signs/markers identifying possible federal agency control.

If you wish to discuss this matter further or could provide additional information, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 617.565.5709.

Sincerely,



ARTHUR T. ULLENBERG  
Realty Specialist  
Property Disposal Division  
Public Buildings Service



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RE: Porter Center Road / Lake Ordinance Works Project #3393

Dear Mr. Budde:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of August 22, 2000, I would like to once again thank you for your personal attention to this matter. The General Services Administration thanks you for assisting in providing an inspection of the property for possible signs and markers. Your follow up concerning environmental activity with the Army Corps of Engineers was also greatly appreciated.

I was contacted by Pauletta Feemster of the US Department of Agriculture last week, with regards to the federal agency that is holding this property. Ms. Feemster seems to believe that the US Department of Energy is the holding agency for the property on Porter Center Road and pending your response from the Army Corps of Engineers in confirmation thereof, GSA will then proceed to address the issue with the land holding agency.

In closing, the General Services Administration remains committed to working with you and your office in the disposition of this matter. To reiterate, GSA is certainly aware that abutting landowners are eager to have this matter resolved and given the recent developments in this regard, it would appear that we are at least one step closer to achieving that objective.

I look forward to working with you and Niagara County shortly and in the meantime, if there is anything that I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 617.565.5709.

Sincerely,



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