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Memorandum

To: Symmes Advisory Committee
Arlington Redevelopment Board

Date: August 22, 2002

Project No.: 08157

From: Ken A. Schwartz

Re: Symmes Hospital
Reuse and Feasibility Plan
DRAFT Strategic Assessment Report

Attached please find a series of technical memorandum summarizing the initial Strategic Assessment phase of our work. The work included an inventory of base information including a review of previous site analyses, a reconnaissance of the site and environs, and meetings with the SAC, Town staff and other key stakeholders to identify needs, concerns, policies and priorities with regard to future development on the Symmes site. The memo's highlight the assets and liabilities for reuse of the Symmes property organized into the following four areas:

Architecture/Urban Design

- Building Inventory (including structural and mechanical analysis)
- Urban Design (town, neighborhood, site)

Environmental/Infrastructure

- Environmental Assessment (hazardous materials)
- Infrastructure (utilities, soils and bedrock, wetlands, stormwater, drainage)

Transportation

- Traffic
- Access
- Pedestrian Circulation
- Bicycle Circulation
- Public Transit

Market/Financial

- Demographics
- Employment
- Market Conditions

Material contained in the memorandum will be summarized and presented in both text and graphic format at the upcoming Community Workshop on August 29th.