

# Canal Lands Memorandum

DATE: 6-30-2011

TO: David Payne, Chief Ohio State Parks

FROM: Mary Fitch, Canal Lands Coordinator

RE: Proposed Canal Land transfer in Allen County: Village of Spencerville

Village of Spencerville has requested that a Canal Lands parcel in Allen County be transferred to the Village for use as a community park. An existing structure will be converted to use as a picnic shelter. Per Canal Lands Real Estate Policy and Procedures, information about the sale was posted online for thirty calendar days. Three individuals/organizations offered comments, none were in opposition.

Per Canal Lands Real Estate Policy and Procedures, the Chief must review this sale and respond within 14 calendar days - in this case by July 14, 2011. The Chief's recommendation and rationale must then be posted on the ODNR website, and additional comments accepted. At the end of this process, the ODNR Director may recommend for or against the sale.

**Recommendation: Proceed with transfer.**

I recommend this transfer: 

Date: 6.30.11

I recommend against this transfer:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Written Comments Regarding the Proposed Village of Spencerville Transfer

Comment period: 05/17/2011 - 06/16/2011

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We've worked closely with Spencerville through the years and they have, for the most part, been cognizant and supportive of trail opportunities. I believe the transfer should go through. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

- Kevin L. Haver, Director, Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District

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Being familiar with the parcel that is being proposed for transfer, and the intended use, I see no reason not to approve this item.

Andy Hite,

Historic Site Manager

Johnston Farm & Indian Agency, an American Association of Museums  
accredited site

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Based on the above captioned application and use description, I find no objections to the proposed transfer.

*Bob Fonte, Director*

*Stark County Park District*

