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Fort Harrison Reuse Authority

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Fort Harrison Reuse Authority Elects Officers

Indianapolis, Indiana – Ann Lathrop has been elected president of the board of directors for the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority at the annual meeting to elect officers last night. **Keith Mathews** was elected Vice President and **Jeff Congdon** was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

The Fort Harrison Reuse Authority (FHRA) is a special purpose unit of government created to revitalize the economy following the closure of the Fort Harrison Army Base in 1991. The goal of the FHRA is to bring jobs and consumer spending back to an area that experienced loss of the same as a result of the vacation of enlisted and civilian military personnel.

Approximately 10% of the base remains under federal control with Building One, the military's financial headquarters and the Army Reserve enclave on the eastern boundary of the base. Approximately 70% of the base (including the golf course, forest and wetland areas that make up the vast northern reaches of the base) was preserved for reuse as Fort Harrison State Park. Over the years, a portion of the remaining 20% was sold to private investors for civilian and local government reuse. Ivy Tech Community College purchased property and redeveloped Building 400 into their Lawrence Campus which serves over 7,000 students each year. The YMCA leases land from the FHRA for their Benjamin Harrison facility, and the City of Lawrence maintains several acres for 21 soccer fields near Lawrence Community Park. In 2006, the FHRA adopted a Master Plan and Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Lawrence Village at the Fort to redevelop the last remaining acreage – approximately 58 acres – on the original base.

To learn more about the Fort Harrison Reuse Authority (FHRA) or Lawrence Village at the Fort, contact Kris Butler at 317.377.3400 or visit our website, www.FHRA.org.