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VA seeking bidders for Fort Howard

Historic waterfront site could become retirement community

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The historic site in Baltimore County where the British came ashore during the War of 1812 could become home to hundreds of war veterans.

[The Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System](#) is looking for developers to build a retirement community at Fort Howard, its 95-acre former medical center on the North Point peninsula in eastern Baltimore County. There are about 36 mostly vacant buildings on the site, which overlooks the Chesapeake Bay and is just south of North Point State Park.



*Photo by Nicholas Griner, Staff
Ft. Howard*

A half-dozen developers have already expressed interest in bidding on the property, which they would lease for up to 75 years from the federal government at a negotiated rate, said Troy Hagger, with the federal VA's Office of Asset Management. The agency will hold a forum for interested bidders June 29, and developers have until August 16 to submit their proposals.

Hagger declined to identify any of the interested developers, but the offering comes at a difficult time for the retirement community industry.

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