Starting in 2014, Horsham was spot-lighted by the media as a community with ‘PFC’ problems.
In the summer of 2016, after the EPA reduced the HAL to 70 PPT, Horsham Council, the Water and Sewer Authority and the residents had lost faith in following an EPA standard. Instead, Horsham Council and the HWSA took decisive and proactive steps to enact “The Horsham Standard” of non-detect levels of PFOS/PFOA in the public water supply. By April 2017, Horsham achieved this objective and has continued to maintain this standard.

Horsham Township’s Plan has four distinct components:

- Education
- Communication
- Remediation
- Compensation
Reminders:

• Our citizens are being unfairly impacted.

• The Horsham Water and Sewer Authority was forced to add a PFAS surcharge on all customer’s bills.

• The lack of redevelopment on the former base due to the contamination has negatively affected our credit rating.

• The former base is 8% of our community. It is highly visible. It’s fast becoming an 862 acre abandoned, decaying property.
Our Concerns:

• Lack of organized coordination. There should be one coordinated response from the U.S. Department of Defense. Currently we are dealing with Navy, Air National Guard and the Air Force.

• Private well owners (over 100) have been hit hard and are most affected.

• Our veterans and former base employees must not be forgotten.
Recommendations:

- PADEP should permit alternative treatment, such as resin, for permanent treatment systems.

- Horsham should be included in any health study and/or blood testing that the Commonwealth is involved in.
Recommendations (cont’d)

• Stormwater leaving the former Naval Air Station – Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove and the Horsham Air Guard Station has PFOA/PFOS levels above the EPA LHAL
• Much of the stormwater enters Park Creek which likely impacts down stream drinking water sources in other communities
• We believe more could be done at the State level to stop these contaminants from entering the waterways of the Commonwealth
Recommendations (cont’d)

• DEP work more promptly in permitting filters so that the public wells can get online faster, providing a positive direct impact

• Consider increased collaboration and pooling of resources with other states such as NJ, MI, NY, VT, etc. to avoid too much duplicity and avoid a lack of coordination
Recommendations (cont’d)

• Establish a State-wide standard, not a Horsham standard, not a Montgomery County standard, not a Southeast PA standard but a State wide standard for all.

• We need the Commonwealth’s voice. We need your voice to join us to get the Federal Government to reimburse our citizens, to pay for all future costs, to control the stormwater coming off Base, to clean up the contamination 100%, and to test and study our residents and former workers of the Base.
Thank you!

- Governor Wolf and his Action Team
- PA Representative Todd Stephens
- PA Senator Maria Collett
- U.S. Senator Robert Casey
- U.S. Senator Patrick Toomey
- U.S. Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick
- U.S. Congressman Brendan Boyle
- U.S. Congresswoman Madeleine Dean

- U.S. Navy
- National Guard
- EPA Region 3
- PADEP Southeast Region