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Subject: Branford Manor: Town/City Update

John and Keith – Below is an update on Branford Manor:

- We have recently engaged a third-party advisor, Hydro-Environmental Technologies, Inc. (“HETI”), to assist in our ongoing assessment and remediation efforts. HETI is a multi-disciplinary, full-service environmental health & safety firm that has extensive experience with projects of this scope and size. HETI will assign Certified Industrial Hygienists to provide ongoing assistance and oversight to this project.
- We have also engaged a third-party relocation assistance firm, Housing Opportunities Unlimited, to assist in ongoing relocation efforts. They have dedicated staff beginning this week.
- As indicated in the report previously provided to you, Atlas Consulting Services inspected 144 units and their basements and found some level of mold condition in 95 of those units, with the degree of mold condition varying among those 95 units.
- Of those 95 units:
 - 14 units presented with limited surface mold in a specific area of the bathrooms, which has been treated by site maintenance staff.
 - 16 units have received remediation.
 - 4 units are in process of receiving remediation/rebuild and are expected to be completed by end of this week.
 - 2 units are scheduled for remediation work to commence next week.
 - We have proposals for 9 units to commence remediation work and are awaiting feedback from residents and/or their attorneys on scheduling and/or moving furniture and other belongings. We are attempting to schedule these units for remediation as quickly as possible.
- All remediation work is being completed by licensed environmental firms.
- The remaining units that do not have basements (and were, thus, not previously inspected) are being inspected by HETI (or a licensed firm hired by HETI) to determine if there is any evidence of mold that requires remediation. To the extent mold conditions are discovered, a remediation protocol to address the findings will be developed and they will be remediated. Those inspections are expected to be complete within 3 – 4 weeks.
- We have also engaged a professional cleaning company to clean the bathroom exhaust vents in each of the 442 units on the property. That company is also inspecting the vents for damage. We will repair any vents that are discovered to be damaged. We have completed the cleaning and inspection of 30 vents and are scheduled to complete 17 more today.

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