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Re: Expression of Interest - Fort Hancock

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Thanks for this email. I am forwarding to the business office for evaluation.

From: Genevieve Kahr <genevieve@jerichocap.com>**To:** "forthancock21stcentury@yahoo.com" <forthancock21stcentury@yahoo.com>**Cc:** Dan Freedberg <danielfreedberg@gmail.com>**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2013 10:21 PM**Subject:** Expression of Interest - Fort Hancock

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Dear Sandy Hook,

This is a response to your Request for Expressions of Interest.

Ever since we moved to New York, we've loved visiting your pristine beaches, octagonal lighthouse and bike paths that wind through the beach plums. Many times, taking the ferry from Manhattan, we've strolled by the fine but derelict houses and thought how wonderful it would be to see them filled with life again. So we were delighted to hear that our dream might not be so far off.

We propose to restore one of the houses (#3-17) to single-family residential use, either using our own contractor or one of your choice. We would be willing to invest up to \$1,000,000 in cash for the restoration, which would likely require 1 year to complete. In addition, we will pay up to \$500,000 up front for a fifty-year lease. We recognize that this is hardly a complete redevelopment plan, but we hope that other like-minded parties will emerge, bringing together a community of families who love the area. We would also look forward to sharing Sandy Hook with the millions of visitors who enjoy the park every year; we would hope that our restoration would only enhance the experience for the public. In addition, this plan would have the advantage of providing some immediate funds for Sandy Hook.

We're excited about this project not just because we cherish Sandy Hook, but also because we admire historic homes. Two years ago we bought a 19th century townhouse in Brooklyn and have since restored it in a style faithful to its era. We would look forward to working with you to come up with a plan that preserves the house's wonderful heritage while making it safe for

modern use. We are also avid gardeners and would relish the opportunity to develop the landscape around the house in a way that blends in with the natural environment.

We're flexible about the terms of such an arrangement but wanted to set this forth as an indication of our enthusiasm and as a starting point for discussion. Whatever you decide to do with Sandy Hook, we hope to enjoy it for decades to come!

Yours,
Daniel Freedberg and Genevieve Kahr