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The East Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association has stated that it wanted to be part of any committee developed by the State, County, City or School District in relationship to any transfer of Allentown State Hospital land to any municipality, development corporation or any entity whatsoever.

In regard to transfer of land all has been quiet on the media front in regard to such transfers ... Except we received a suggestion a little over a month ago that there may have been a land transfer A development the City of Allentown really wanted for tax reasons ... An a neighbor noticed that in the South east area of Allentown State Hospital grounds the grass has been allowed to grow higher then it was normal for state hospital groundskeepers to do.

Our latest find is that the Allentown Commercial and Industrial Development Corporation has had the property since late 2009 perhaps since the time that Public Welfare Personnel have been talking about closing the hospital.

Now East Allentown has three state representatives since the redistricting from the 2000 census ... None of them revealed to us this important information and neither did City Council or the City Administration if they knew.

As far as I see EARN is the only group seeking to protect the livability and quality of life of all sections of East Allentown ..Indeed the City has needs but the livability and quality of life of all sections of East Allentown ought not be imploded to meet these needs... That is why we seek to be consulted about things that affect our area In all stages of planning not when decisions have already been made.