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Surplus NASA land awaiting for cleanup

Handover will not happen after 2000, gov't says

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WP. — It will be at least five years before surplus land at NASA's Plum Brook Station will be ready for redevelopment, a federal official said.

Senior Erie County engineer and current Commission candidate, recently has been officials to apply for the land. In June, Feick Sandusky Recreation Board and said "the county is 350 acres of land that is available, as a government entity interested in this," according to meeting minutes. The County Commissioners in April the county a good place to relocate the Erie County

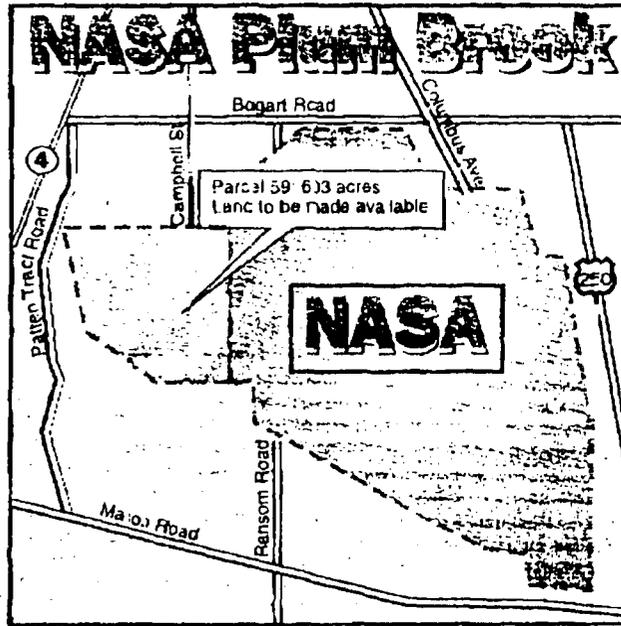
But Feick may be jumping the gun, said Dennis Spearman, an official with the General Services Administration in Chicago. GSA is responsible for disposition of surplus federal land.

Spearman said the land — contaminated during its years as a TNT-making facility — will not be available until well after the turn of the century. The 603-acre tract, known as Parcel 59, was declared surplus in the late 1970s, Spearman said.

"We're not expecting to get started on this anytime soon," he said, adding that a cleanup will take five or six years.

The parcel will first be offered to a federal agency, he said. The state will be next in line, with local governments getting an option on any leftover acreage.

"Six hundred acres is better than 300, so that's a fantastic deal," Feick said. "It can be done. I hope to be working for the city of Sandusky soon and hope to get them involved. Then maybe the county will get jealous and get involved."



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