

**Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Pink House update**

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Fri 12/11/2020 1:50 PM

To: Hillman, Matthew D <matthew\_hillman@fws.gov>

Matt – thanks so much for this update. Progress, indeed!

We just heard that the Senate passed a one-week CR, and President Trump has vowed to sign it. So, Congress has another week to finalize the budget. Hopefully, more progress to come with that next week, too.

Take Care,  
Kelly

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**From:** "Hillman, Matthew D" <matthew\_hillman@fws.gov>

**Date:** Friday, December 11, 2020 at 11:47

**To:** "Bovio, Kelly" <Kelly.Bovio@mail.house.gov>

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Thanks, Kelly. I can only imagine. My fingered are crossed that we can still come to work come Monday! Nothing like these last-minute CRs.

I am pleased to report that we have all signed the Authorization to Initiate the Exchange as of this morning. This is good -- it means we have all agreed on the process and the appraisal and subdivision can now be ordered. We are still looking at a 9-month time frame, but this is progress.

All the best,

Matt

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Hi Matt,

I hope you and your family had a nice Thanksgiving despite the limitations. I appreciate the update you provided. I've been so inundated with pandemic-related work that I haven't had time to reply, and I apologize for the delay.

It sounds like you are making great strides toward the end goal of finalizing the swap. I look forward to any additional updates you might have, and we certainly stand ready should you need any further assistance from our office.

Thanks so much for your efforts – our fingers are crossed as you continue your discussions with STPH.

Take Care,  
Kelly

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**From:** "Hillman, Matthew D" <matthew\_hillman@fws.gov>

**Date:** Friday, November 13, 2020 at 12:44

**To:** "Bovio, Kelly" <Kelly.Bovio@mail.house.gov>

**Subject:** Pink House update

Hi Kelly,

It's been a wild last 2 weeks, to say the least. With very good reason, the Pink House is likely the last thing on your mind, but I thought I would provide you with a brief update:

- StPH provided what we need (i.e., availability of funds) to advance this to the appraisal process.
- The Agreement to Initiate Exchange (AIE) has been drafted and I am coordinating with StPH to agree on the final use restrictions for the property (e.g., no commercial use, no expansion) prior to signature.
- Once the above is finalized, an appraisal will be ordered, which could take 6 (+/-) months. Simultaneously, we will subdivide the property to be 1 acre (+/-).
- We would propose a simultaneous closing whereby the USA transfers the property to StPH, who then transfers the property to the future owner.

Be well and enjoy your weekend!

Matt

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