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Fort Monmouth eligible for Homeowners Assistance

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – Eligible military and federal civilian homeowners in the Fort Monmouth, N.J., area who suffer home sales loss may benefit from the Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP) recently approved by the U.S. Army.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing), [Joseph F. Calcara](#) approved the program for eligible applicants whose primary residence is in the impacted area, including communities within 30 miles of the installation. A Real Estate Market Impact Study conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Savannah District supports the conclusion that there was an adverse impact to the real estate market from the announcement of the Base Realignment and Closure 2005 (BRAC 2005). The HAP is administered by the Corps' Savannah District in Savannah, Ga. The effective date for the approved HAP is Sept. 11, 2009 and will continue until Sept. 30, 2012 to allow sufficient time to accommodate all potential applicants.

Authorized by law in 1966, the HAP assists eligible federal military, civilian and non-appropriated funds employees who face a financial loss when selling their homes in an area where real estate values have declined because of a base closure and realignment (BRAC). Although, the program does not eliminate all losses, it offsets some loss incurred due to BRAC.

There are four ways an [eligible applicant](#) may benefit under the HAP. The program can reimburse part of the loss from selling a home, provide funds at the closing to assist in completing the sale of a home, purchase the home, or provide payment for some costs associated with foreclosure. More information can be found at the HAP website at <http://hap.usace.army.mil> .

Any military member, including the U.S. Coast Guard, federally employed civilian or non-appropriated fund employee, who is a U.S. citizen and meets the basic qualifying criteria of the program may be eligible for benefits. Contract and temporary employees are not eligible. To qualify, an applicant must have served or been employed at or near Fort Monmouth and the owner/occupant of the home as of May 13, 2005, the date of the BRAC announcement. Additionally, an applicant must have owned and occupied property within the required geographic areas at the time of the announcement.

Applications are available through the Corps' HAP website at <http://hap.usace.army.mil/HowToApply.html> . Additional information can be obtained by writing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Real Estate Division (RE-RH), P.O. Box 889, Savannah, Ga. 31402-0889.

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