

# **CAPITOL AREA** *neighbors*

Front St. to Third St., Walnut St. to Forster St.

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## **CAN CALLS FOR GSA TO MAKE FINAL DECISION Capitol Area Neighbors Still Awaiting Final Decision Regarding the Proposed Location for the New Harrisburg Federal Courthouse**

Harrisburg, PA - The *Capitol Area Neighbors* are again urging GSA to fulfill its Summer-2006 commitment to announce a final decision regarding the proposed location of the new Harrisburg Federal Courthouse. It has been fourteen (14) months since GSA announced its plans to choose a site for the new Harrisburg Federal Courthouse, and the clock is still ticking.

GSA has already twice delayed the announcement of this courthouse site. The original deadline for the decision was to be made last summer (2005) and was postponed to conduct additional fact finding. A second announcement date was set for December 2005 and was delayed by GSA in order to conduct a Social Impact Assessment. Once more, GSA has promised to render a decision this summer (2006), but will further delays and red tape continue?

“The residents of all three proposed sites deserve to know when a final decision will be made,” stated Bill Allis, CAN President. “It’s been over a year since GSA put everyone’s lives on hold in these three neighborhood communities. It’s time that we demand a decision. Well, summer is now officially here, and GSA has again promised the taxpayers and citizens of Harrisburg a final decision. The countdown begins today. Summer ends September 24<sup>th</sup>, so GSA has just 94 days to make their often ‘promised’ site selection” announced Allis.

“Neighbors, both residents and business owners, within the proposed CAN location (Green St. to Third St., Forster St. to North St.) have put their lives on hold and are tired of waiting for a decision” said Matt Simmons, CAN spokesman. “People have delayed home improvements and renovations for fear their houses will be demolished. People are afraid to invest here with this uncertainty looming. GSA needs to make a decision now so that people can stop worrying about their homes and get back to living their lives as best they can” Simmons continued.