

Scranton Watres Armory Fact Sheet

Location:

900 Adams Ave
Scranton, PA 18501

Property Information:

The property sits on approximately 1.5 acres in Scranton, Lackawanna County. The Armory building is approximately 102,200 Square Feet. It consists of a large drill hall, administrative space, classrooms, a dining hall with kitchen, and multiple storage areas. Off-street parking is available for about 20 vehicles located on the North side of the building.

The Armory is no longer in use. The unit moved to the new Armed Forces Reserve Center located on Olyphant Avenue in Scranton.



Special Consideration:

The Scranton Watres Armory was constructed in 1900 (circa) and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Commonwealth prefers that any conveyance of the Scranton Armory be under and subject to an historic preservation covenant approved by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The Scranton Armory should be maintained and preserved in accordance with the Secretary of the Interiors *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. Purchasing the property subject to an approved historic preservation covenant has several advantages. First, the Commonwealth agrees that the Fair Market Value (FMV) of an armory sold subject to an historic preservation covenant is 20% less than the FMV without the covenant. Second, there may be federal tax incentives available to a purchaser who rehabilitates the property in compliance with applicable standards. Contact the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for additional information (www.phmc.state.pa.us). Third, the purchaser will have the satisfaction of contributing to the preservation of a part of Pennsylvania's history.

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Proposed Action:

Working by and through the Pennsylvania Department of General Services, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is actively seeking to dispose of the Scranton Armory. Conveyances of state armories must be approved by the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Governor. The Commonwealth intends to sell this property for Fair Market Value (FMV) as determined by an independent appraisal. The most recent appraisal of the property indicated its FMV is \$650,000.

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