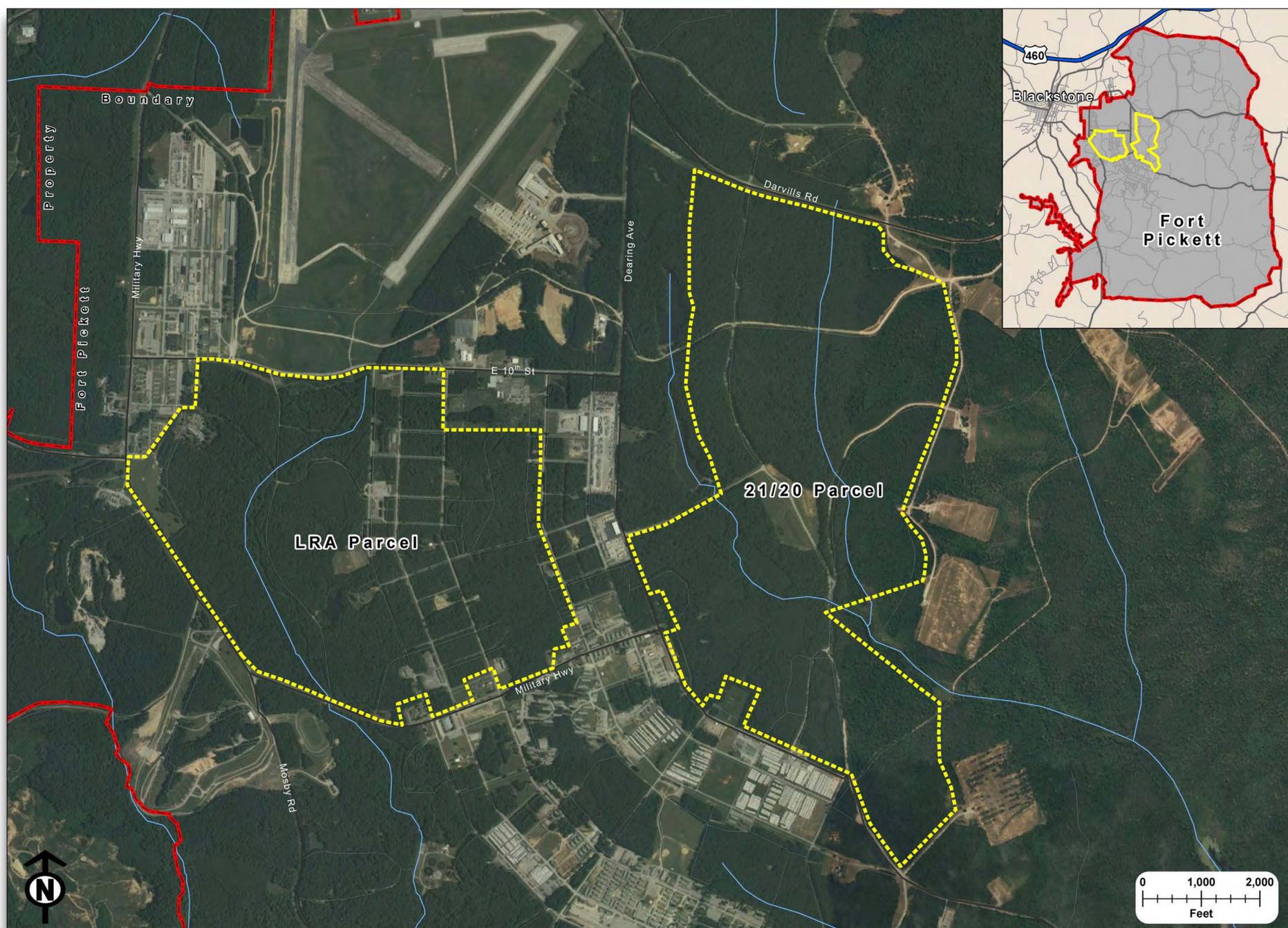




# WELCOME

**U.S. General Services Administration  
Welcomes You to the Scoping Meeting  
for**

**U.S. Department of State  
Bureau of Diplomatic Security  
Foreign Affairs Security Training Center  
Environmental Impact Statement**



**Open House Public Scoping Meeting 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Please Sign In**

*Scoping is Your Opportunity to Provide Comments to Help Us Improve Our Analysis*

# YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

## 1. Please ask questions.

Representatives from the U.S. General Services Administration and U.S. Department of State are here to talk with you about your concerns.

## 2. Please provide comments.

This will help us understand your concerns. Your comment form identifies several ways to submit your comments.

## 3. Please stay involved.

Please add your name to the mailing list to receive future notices.



**Thank You For Participating!**

For more information please visit the project website at

[www.state.gov/recovery/fastc](http://www.state.gov/recovery/fastc)

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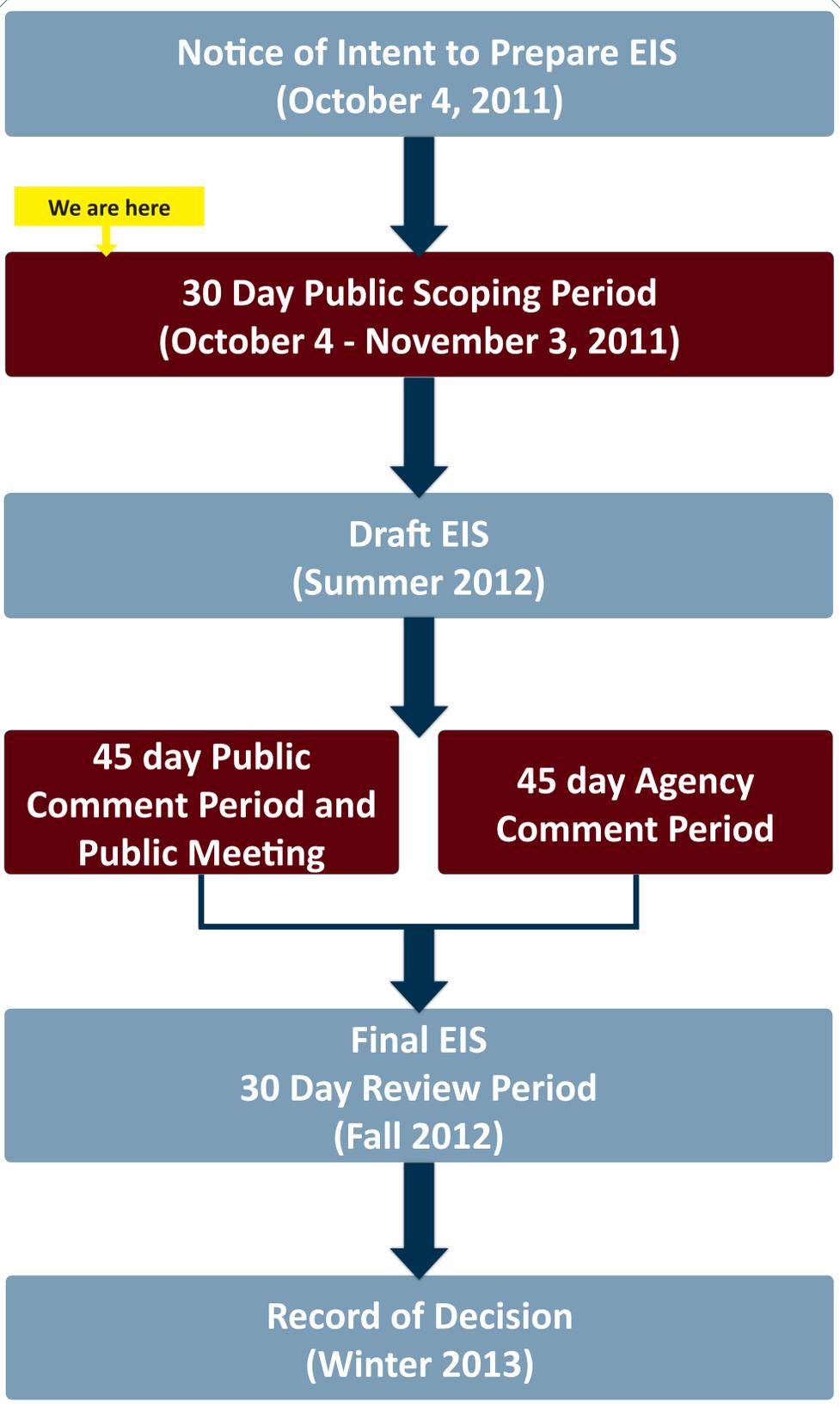
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## NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) PROCESS

- NEPA requires federal agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of any proposed major actions
- U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed FASTC  
**The EIS will include:**
  - Purpose and Need
  - Proposed Action and Alternatives
  - Existing Conditions
  - Evaluation of Impacts
- Cooperating agencies to the EIS are U.S. Department of State (DOS), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and National Guard Bureau
- A Draft EIS will be made available for public review and comment before a decision is made or actions taken
- Your input during the public scoping period (October 4, 2011-November 3, 2011) will assist GSA and DOS in identifying key environmental concerns that need to be evaluated in the Draft EIS



### WHAT WILL THE EIS EVALUATE?

- **National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)**
  - Section 106 consultation for effects to historic properties
  - Archaeological resources
  - Historic structures
  - Traditional cultural properties
- **Community**
  - Social and economic effects
  - Recreation (hunting/fishing)
  - Environmental justice
  - Community services
  - Health and safety
  - Traffic and transportation
- **Biological Resources**
  - Endangered Species Act
- **Wetlands**
  - Clean Water Act
- **Water Resources**
  - Waterways
  - Water Quality
- **Air Quality**
  - Clean Air Act
- **Noise**



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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### WHAT IS GSA PROPOSING?

- Acquire site and develop U.S. Department of State (DOS), Bureau of Diplomatic Security, FASTC
  - Establish facilities to train 8,000-10,000 students per year
  - Develop facilities for hard skills training, soft skills training, life support and infrastructure
  - Design facilities to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified
  - Facilities to be secured to all applicable federal standards
  - Facilities to be compliant with all environmental laws and regulations
- Proposed FASTC is expected to create construction jobs and permanent part- and full-time jobs

*No decision has been made about the proposed action and the impact analysis has not yet started*

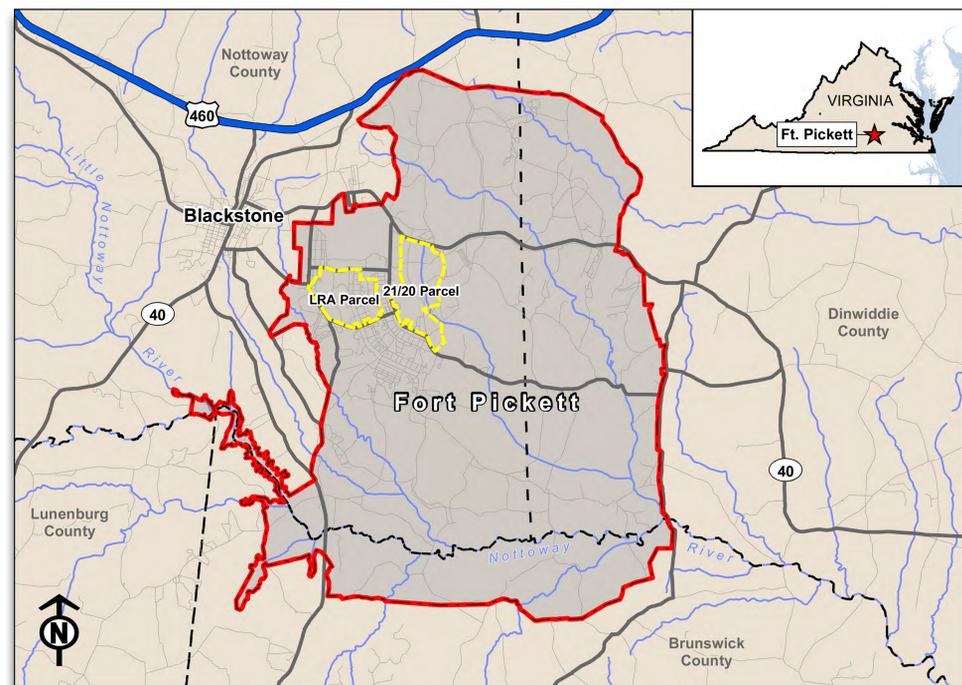
### WHY?

- DOS needs to establish a consolidated training center to conduct training for a wide array of DOS law enforcement and security disciplines for the protection of diplomats and U.S. embassies abroad
- Training is currently conducted at up to 19 geographically separated, leased and contracted facilities
- A 2008 report to Congress identified need for a consolidated facility to improve training efficiency and provide priority access to training venues which meet current facility and efficiency standards



### WHERE?

- Fort Pickett and Pickett Park, Nottoway County, Virginia
- GSA and DOS evaluated 41 candidate sites
- Two adjacent parcels at Fort Pickett and Pickett Park in combination meet suitability criteria
  - Nottoway County's Local Reuse Authority (LRA) parcel 9
  - Virginia Army National Guard Maneuver Area parcel 21/20



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## FASTC PROGRAM AND ALTERNATIVES

### FASTC PROGRAM

- **Hard skills training**
  - Driving tracks
  - Mock urban environments
  - Indoor/outdoor firing and explosives ranges
  - Weapons/explosives storage

- **Soft skills training**
  - Classrooms
  - Simulation labs
  - Administrative offices
  - Fitness center

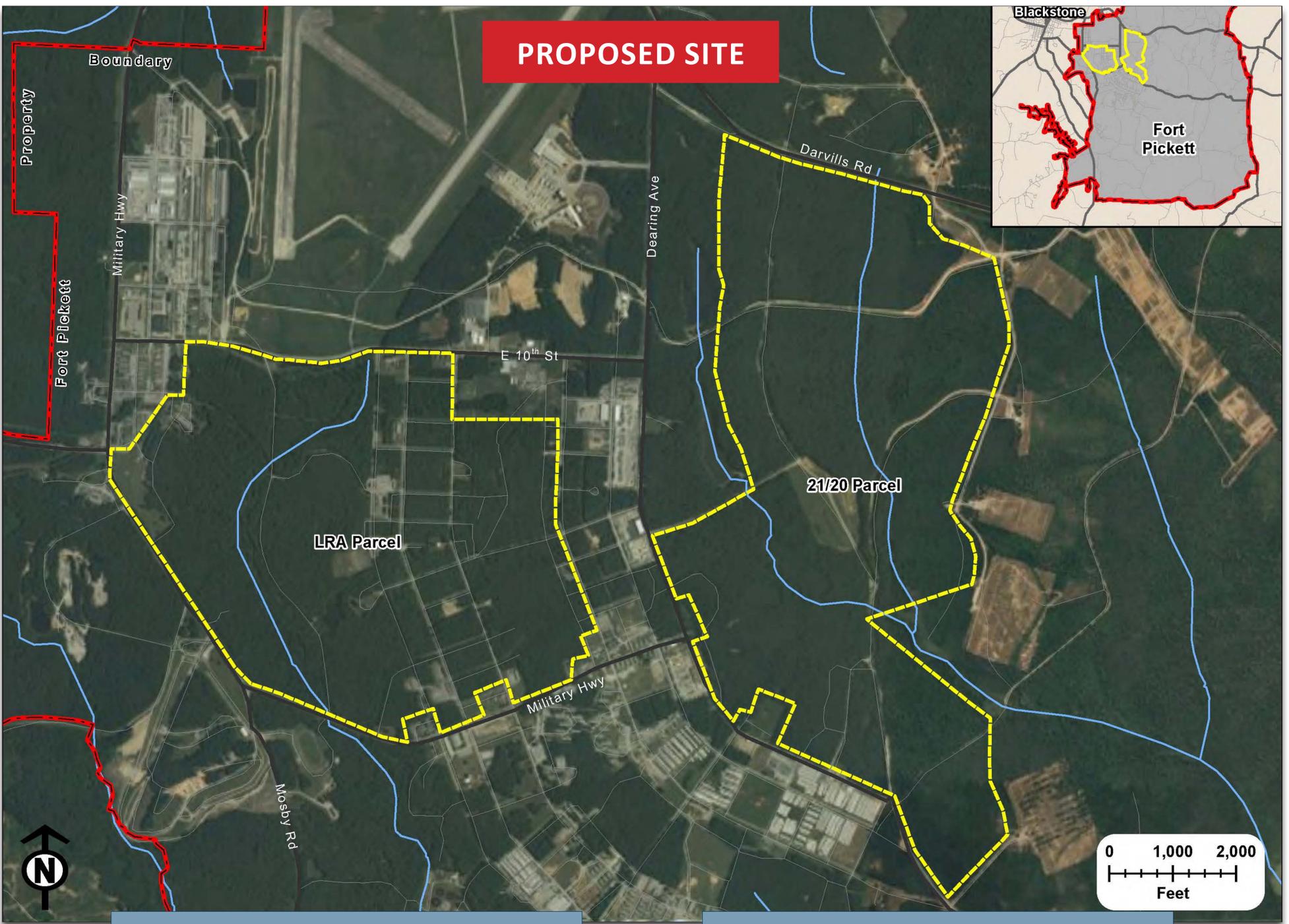


- **Support facilities**
  - Dormitories
  - Dining hall
  - Emergency facilities
  - Logistics support
  - Infrastructure
  - Utilities
  - Telecommunication



### ALTERNATIVES

- No decisions have been made about the proposed action, and the impact analysis has not yet started
- Potential alternative site layouts will be evaluated
- The no-action alternative (continued training at current facilities without constructing FASTC) will be evaluated



**LRA PARCEL 9**  
Approximately 750 acres of Nottoway County's Pickett Park

AND

**FORT PICKETT 21/20**  
Approximately 900 acres of Virginia Army National Guard Maneuver Training Area

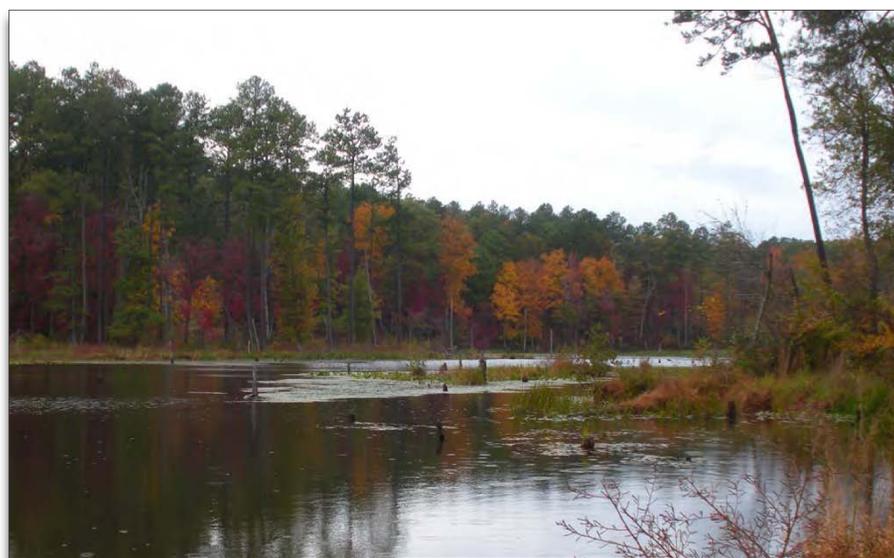


## ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

### WETLANDS

#### ■ Wetland Impact Analysis

- Delineate and evaluate wetlands
- Coordinate with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Compliance with Clean Water Act



### SOCIOECONOMICS

#### ■ Economic and Fiscal Analysis

- Construction – short-term economic growth
- Operations – long-term economic effects
- Population, jobs, housing
- Local government revenues and costs

#### ■ Social and Community Impacts

- Schools
- Emergency Services

### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

#### ■ Environmental Site Assessment

- Determine presence and status of hazardous and toxic materials or waste

### AIR QUALITY

#### ■ Air Quality Analysis

- Calculate emissions from proposed operations
- Evaluate potential air quality impacts
- Compliance with Clean Air Act

### NOISE

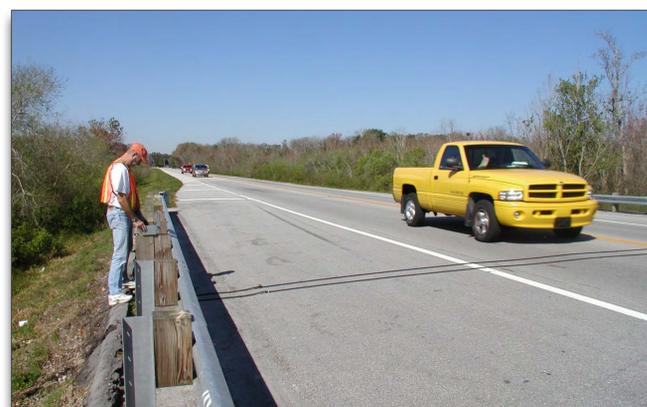
#### ■ Noise Analysis

- Calculate noise levels from proposed operations using computer model
- Compare with existing noise levels in the study area

### TRAFFIC

#### ■ Traffic Study

- Traffic counts to establish existing traffic conditions
- Coordinate with VA Dept. of Transportation and adjacent counties to determine intersections to be studied
- Evaluate travel patterns
- Traffic modeling to determine roadway capacity and levels of service (existing and future)



### CULTURAL RESOURCES

#### ■ Section 106 Consultation

- Sec. 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consider effects of actions on historic properties
- Buildings, districts, objects, sites, structures included in or eligible for National Register of Historic Places
- Consult with State/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and other public stakeholders
- Conduct scoping to identify properties through research and public input

#### ■ Identification

- Phase I/II archaeology survey
- Above-ground resource survey
- Coordination with Virginia Department of Historic Resources

#### ■ Assessment

- Determine eligibility of properties not currently listed on the National Register
- Determine potential effects on historic properties
- Resolve adverse effects in consultation with the State/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and other public stakeholders



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## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### PARTICIPATE TODAY

Your comments are an important part of the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act processes and will contribute to the successful completion of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

There are 3 ways to comment until November 3, 2011:

1. Provide written comments at tonight's meeting
2. Submit comments via email to: [FASTC.info@gsa.gov](mailto:FASTC.info@gsa.gov)
3. Mail your comments to:

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U.S. General Services Administration  
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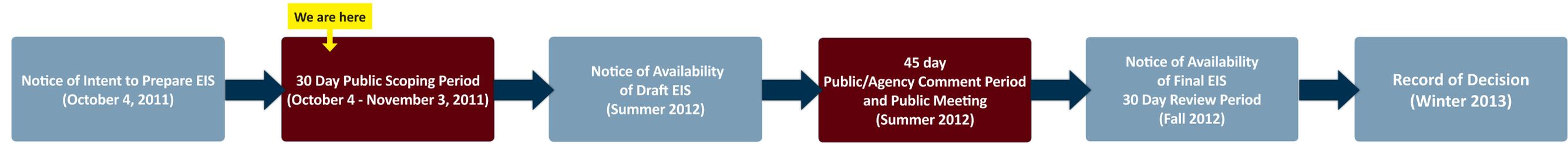
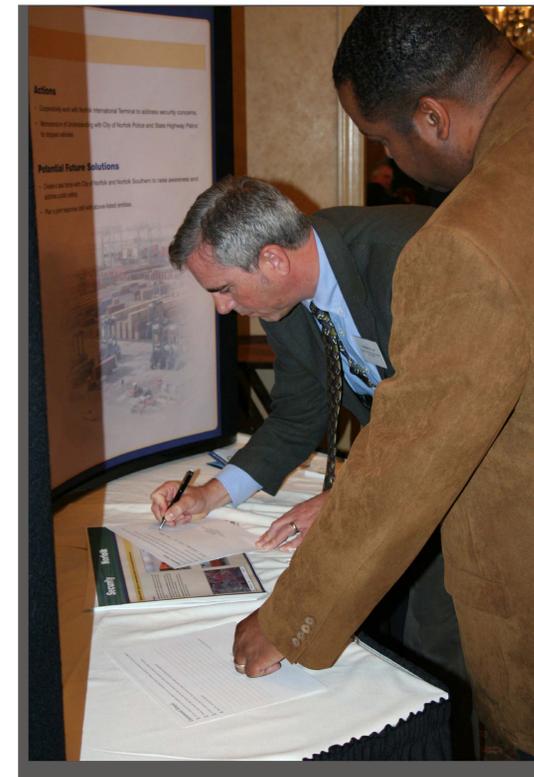
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### PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE

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- Add your name to the project mailing list
- Review the Draft EIS
- Provide your comments on the Draft EIS
- Participate in the public meeting following the Draft EIS publication





# COMMENTS

Please  
submit your  
comments  
here

*Thank you for attending*

