

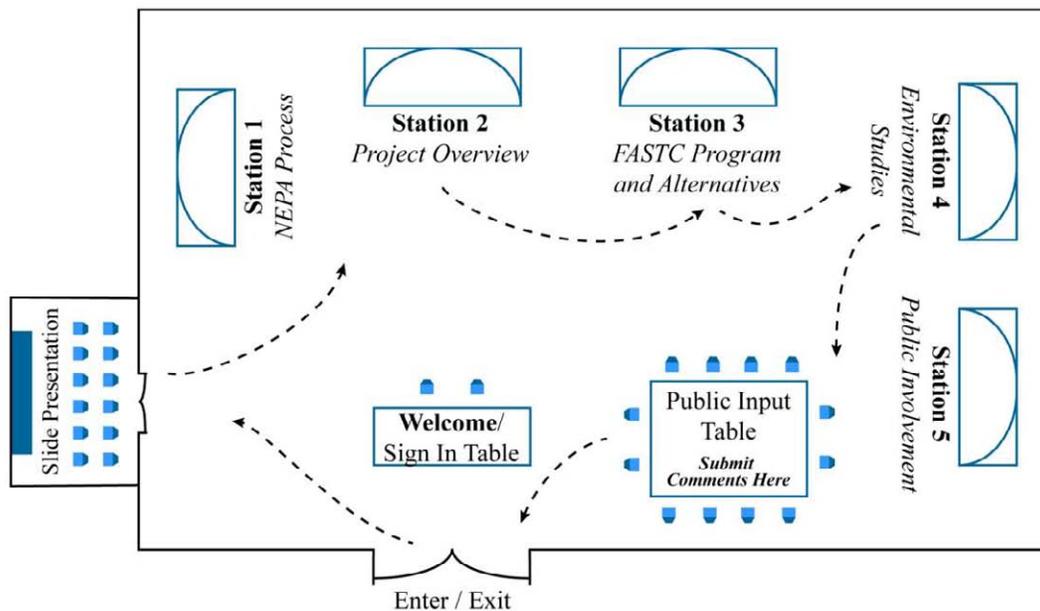


WELCOME

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) welcomes you to the scoping meeting for the U.S. Department of State (DOS), Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). GSA intends to prepare an EIS to analyze and assess the environmental impacts of site acquisition and development of FASTC on two adjacent parcels of Nottoway County's Pickett Park and the Virginia Army National Guard's Maneuver Training Center at Fort Pickett. DOS and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Environmental Protection Agency and National Guard Bureau are cooperating agencies in this EIS.

What is the purpose of this Public Scoping Meeting?

Scoping is an early and open process where the public is invited to help identify issues to be studied in the EIS. The purpose of this scoping meeting is to inform you about the proposed project, explain the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the associated environmental impact analysis, and solicit your comments and concerns related to the proposal to develop FASTC at Pickett Park and Fort Pickett. Please review the displays located throughout the open house, and then provide us with your comments. The approximate layout of the room is shown below.



General Room Layout for Open House Public Scoping Meeting, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
(Actual layout may differ)

Please Sign In

Scoping is Your Opportunity to Provide Comments to Help Us Improve Our Analysis
(see last page for details)

For more information, please visit the project website at: www.state.gov/recovery/fastc

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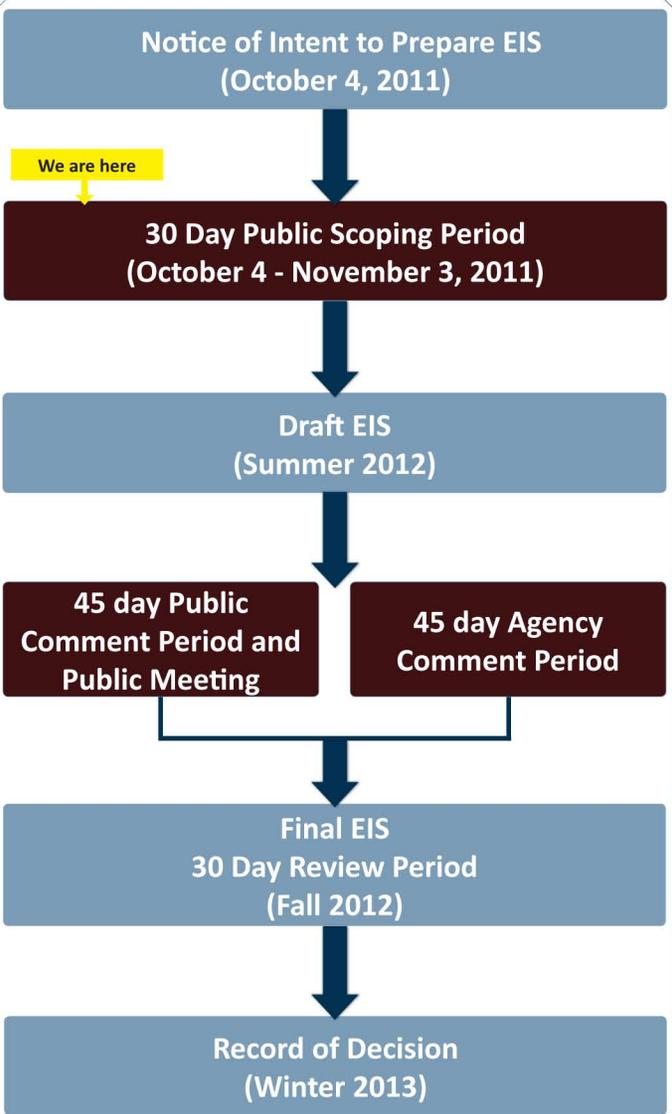
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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

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**





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - NEPA and NHPA

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

What is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) was enacted to ensure that information on the environmental impacts of any Federal or federally funded action is available to public officials and citizens before decisions are made and before actions are taken. The General Services Administration (GSA), in coordination with the Department of State (DOS), will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in order to comply with the requirements of NEPA.

What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

An EIS is a detailed report describing the potential impacts of a project on the natural, social, and cultural environment and serves to assist the federal government in recognizing environmental impacts of a federal agency's proposed action. An "impact" is a change or consequence that results from an activity. Impacts can be positive or negative, or both. An EIS describes impacts, as well as ways to mitigate impacts.

What resources are studied in an EIS?

NEPA is often referred to as an "umbrella law" providing a comprehensive framework for complying with other Federal, State, and local environmental statutory requirements. An EIS will contain relevant information necessary for the agency to make a determination on the significance of an impact the proposed action may have upon the environment. Resources considered in an EIS include land, water, air, structures, living organisms, environmental values at the site, and social, cultural, and economic factors.

How is public input considered in the NEPA process?

As part of the NEPA process, agencies are required to identify and invite the participation of interested persons. Public input will be used in the project evaluation process and throughout EIS development, including the scoping period (identifies what issues the EIS should cover), draft EIS comment period, and Final EIS review period.

GSA and DOS will solicit advice and input from the public, the Virginia Department of Military Affairs, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Nottoway County, the Town of Blackstone, and other interested parties.

Where can I find more information about the NEPA process?

Additional information regarding the NEPA process can be found on the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) website (<http://ceq.hss.doe.gov>) or at www.gsa.gov/nepadeskguide/ for GSA specific instructions for implementing NEPA.

SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT (NHPA)

What is the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA)?

The NHPA is the core legislation regarding the preservation of historic and cultural properties in the United States. The NHPA created many familiar components of preservation in the United States, such as the National Register of Historic Places, State Historic Preservation Officers/Offices (SHPOs), and Federal stewardship programs regarding Federally owned or managed historic properties.

What is Section 106?

Section 106 of the NHPA requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. The goal of Section 106 Consultation is to identify historic properties that may be affected by the undertaking, assess the effects of the undertaking on these historic properties, and seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects.

What is an undertaking?

An undertaking is a federal project, activity, or program, including those carried out by or on behalf of a Federal agency; those carried out with Federal financial assistance; or those requiring a Federal permit, license, or approval.

What is consultation?

Consultation is the process of seeking, discussing, and considering the views of other participants, and, where feasible, seeking agreement with them regarding matters arising in the Section 106 process.

How is public input considered in the NHPA process?

Section 106 provides for public participation throughout the review process. The public is provided with timely and complete documentation to facilitate their participation, and appropriate steps are taken to ensure that pertinent information is shared with consulting parties and considered during consultation.

Where can I find more information about the NHPA process?

Additional information regarding the NHPA process can be found at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation website (www.achp.gov).

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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

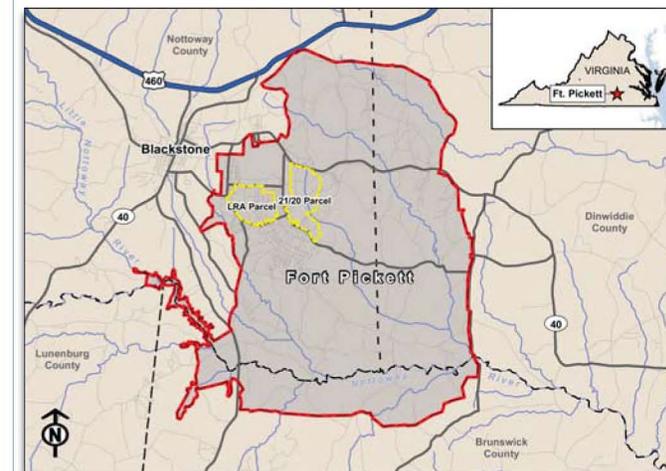
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- Fort Pickett and Pickett Park, Nottoway County, Virginia
- GSA and DOS evaluated 41 candidate sites
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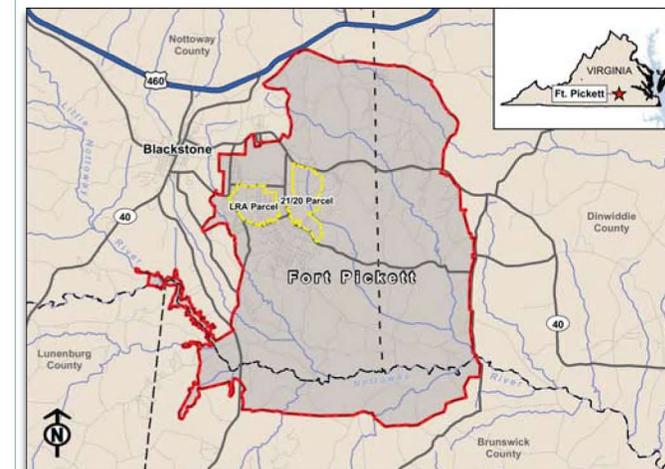
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FASTC PROGRAM AND ALTERNATIVES

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





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
3. Mail your comments to:

Ms. Abigail Low, Project Manager
U.S. General Services Administration
20 N 8th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

WILL MY COMMENTS BE CONSIDERED?

- Scoping comments will be used to identify areas that should be studied in the EIS
- Your input during the public scoping period (October 4, 2011-November 3, 2011) will assist GSA and DOS in identifying key environmental concerns



PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE

- Check the project website for new information:
www.state.gov/recovery/fastc
- 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

