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U.S. General Services Administration

Public Meeting

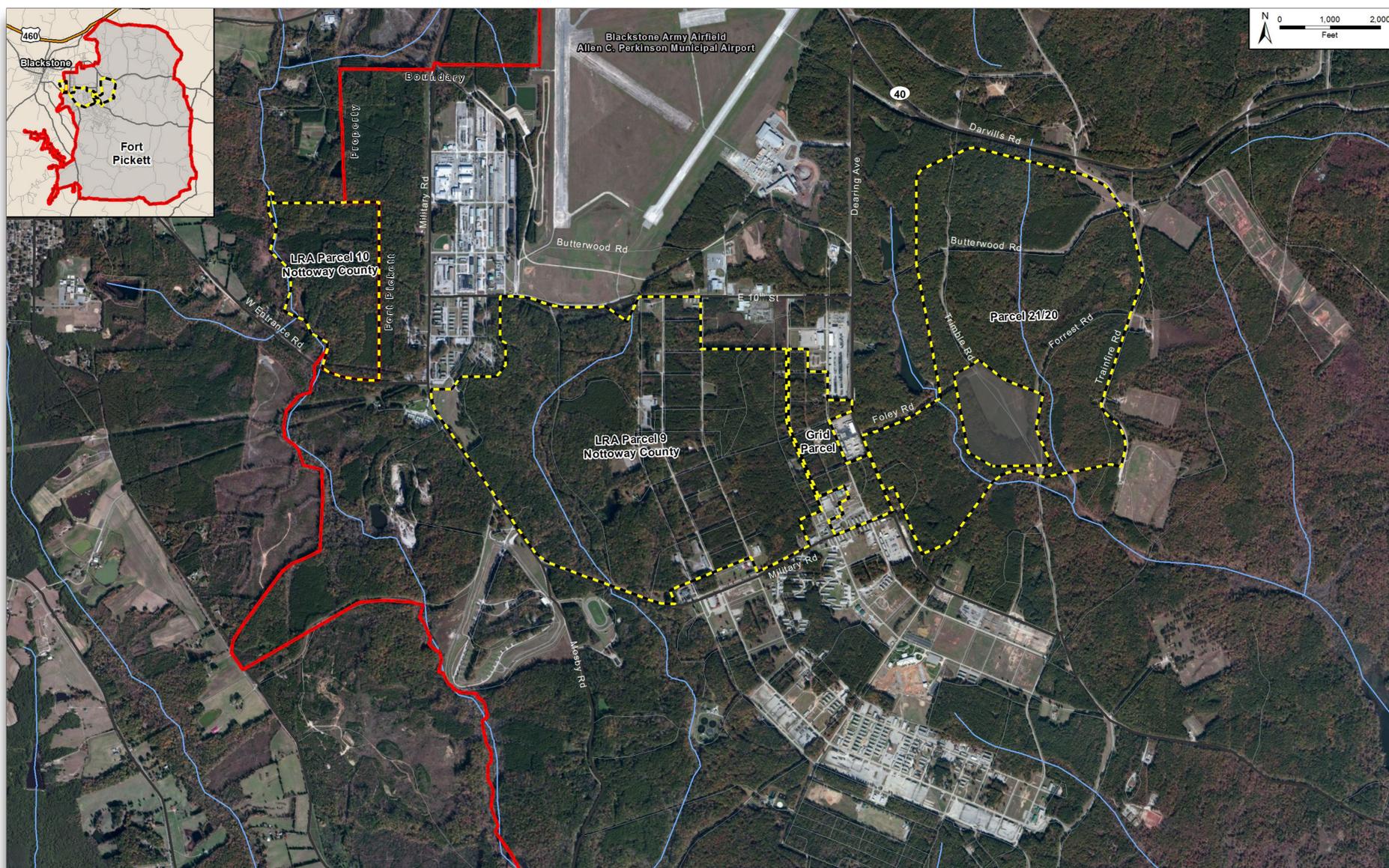
U.S. Department of State

Foreign Affairs Security Training Center

Nottoway County, VA

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**An opportunity to ask questions and provide
comments on the Draft EIS**



Wednesday November 7, 2012

Open House Public Meeting 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Presentation in Auditorium 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm

Please Sign In



NEPA PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

PARTICIPATE TODAY

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

There are three ways to comment on the Draft EIS until December 10, 2012:

1. Provide comments at tonight's meeting
2. Submit comments electronically to FASTC.info@gsa.gov
3. Mail your comments to:

Ms. Abigail Low, Project Manager
U.S. General Services Administration
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WILL MY COMMENTS BE CONSIDERED?

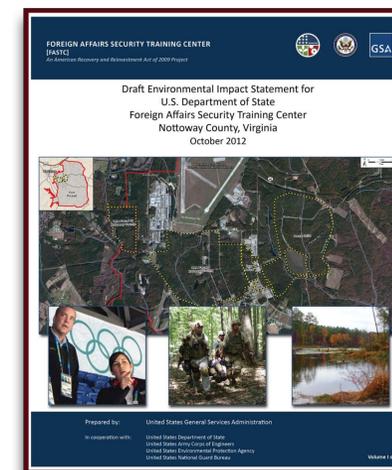
- Comments received during the Draft EIS review and comment period (October 26 -December 10, 2012) will be considered and addressed in the Final EIS
- No decision about moving forward with the project will be made until after completion of the Final EIS
- Your input helps GSA identify key environmental concerns and arrive at the best possible decision
- The final decision will be announced in a Record of Decision



We are here

DRAFT EIS AVAILABILITY

- Printed copies of the Draft EIS can be reviewed at the following locations:
 - Nottoway County – Louis Spencer Epes Memorial Library
 - Amelia County – James L. Hamner Public Library
 - Brunswick County – Brunswick County Library
 - Dinwiddie County – Dinwiddie Library
 - Lunenburg County – Ripberger Library
 - Prince Edward County – Prince Edward Community Library
 - Chesterfield County – Central Library
 - Mecklenburg County – Southside Regional Library
- An electronic downloadable version of the Draft EIS can be found at the project website: www.state.gov/recovery/fastc



Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS (October 4, 2011)

30 Day Public Scoping Period (October 4 - November 3, 2011)

Notice of Availability of Draft EIS (October 26, 2012)

45 day Public/Agency Comment Period and Public Meeting (October 26 - December 10, 2012)

Notice of Availability of Final EIS 30 Day Review Period (Spring 2013)

Record of Decision (Spring 2013)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECURITY TRAINING CENTER [FASTC]

An American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Project



PROJECT OVERVIEW

WHAT IS GSA PROPOSING?

- Acquire site and develop U.S. Department of State (DOS), Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC)
 - Establish facilities to train 8,000-10,000 students per year
 - Employ 850 – 1,070 staff
 - Develop facilities for hard skills training, soft skills training, life support, and infrastructure
 - Certify through U.S. Green Building Council as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver rating
 - Secure facilities to all applicable federal standards
 - Comply with all environmental laws and regulations



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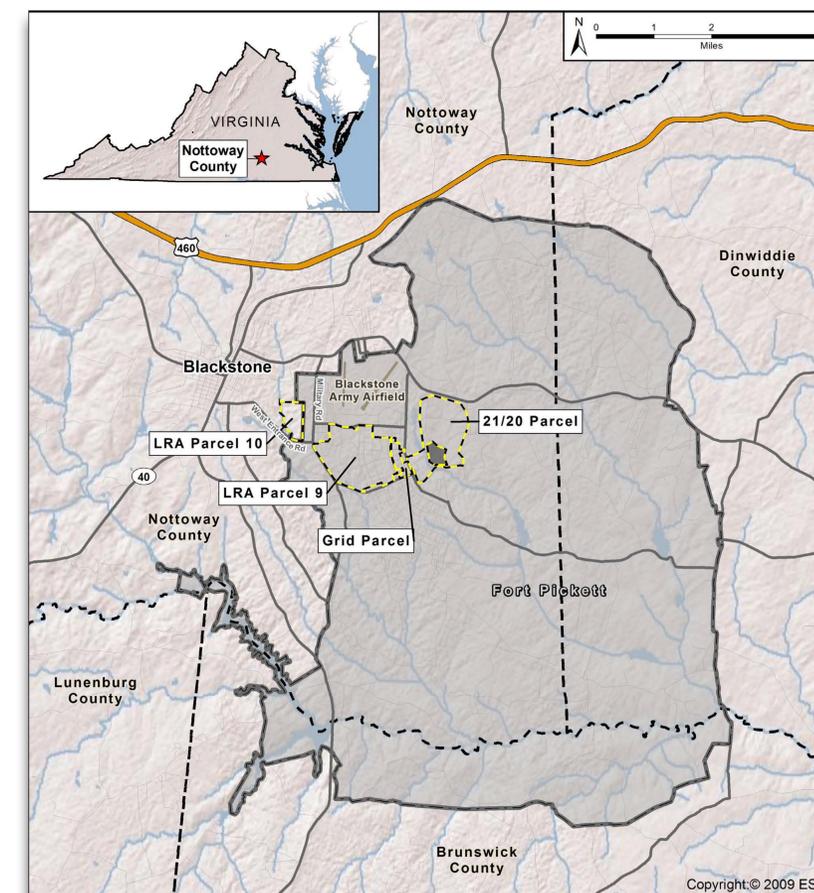
WHY?

- A 2008 report to Congress identified the need for a consolidated Diplomatic Security training facility to improve training efficiency and provide priority access to training venues that meet current facility and efficiency standards
- Training is currently conducted at various geographically separated, leased and contracted facilities
- 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



WHEN AND WHERE?

- Proposed construction between 2014 and 2020 in Nottoway County, Virginia
- Four parcels comprise preferred 1,500-acre site:
 1. Fort Pickett Parcel 21/20 (570 acres)
 2. Nottoway County Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) Parcel 9 (725 acres)
 3. Fort Pickett Grid Parcel (74 acres)
 4. LRA Parcel 10 (135 acres)



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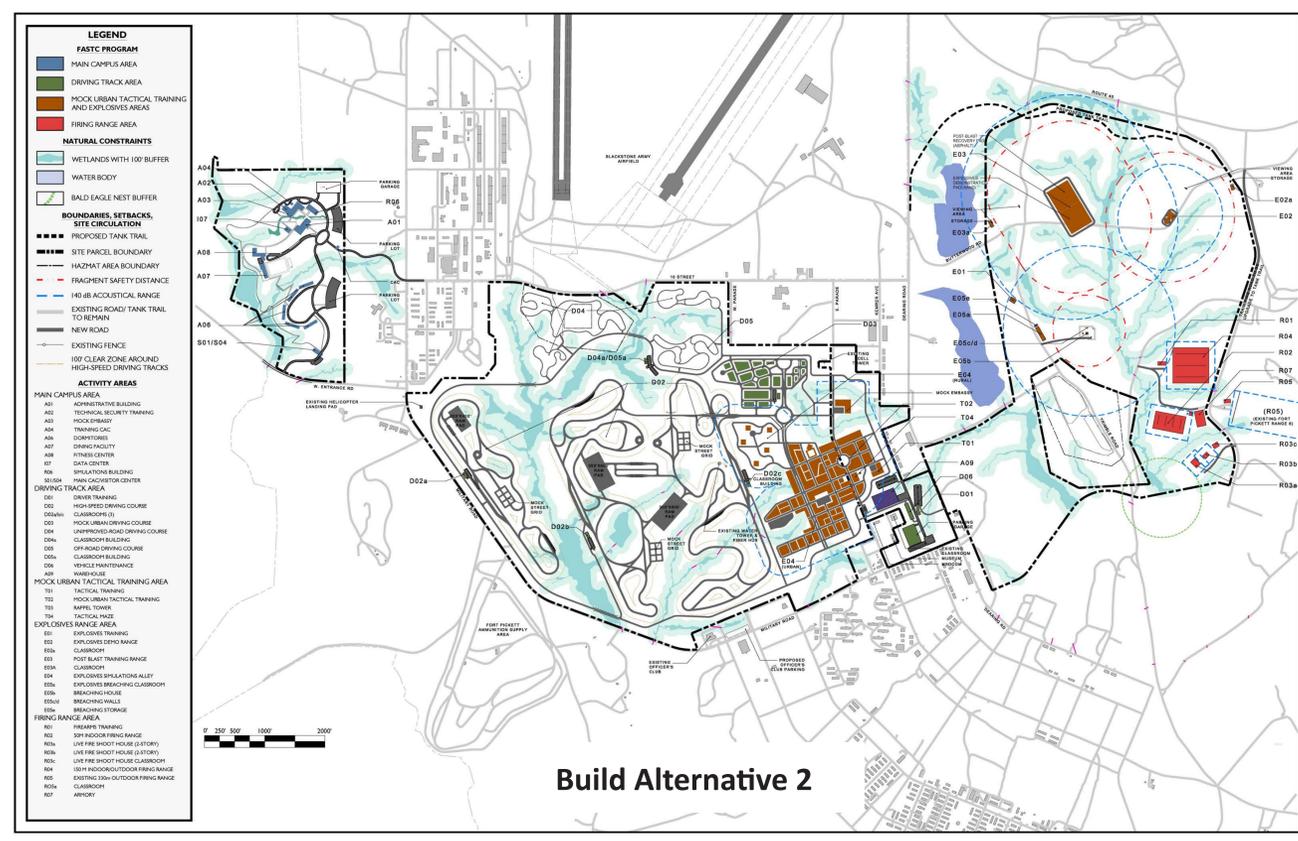
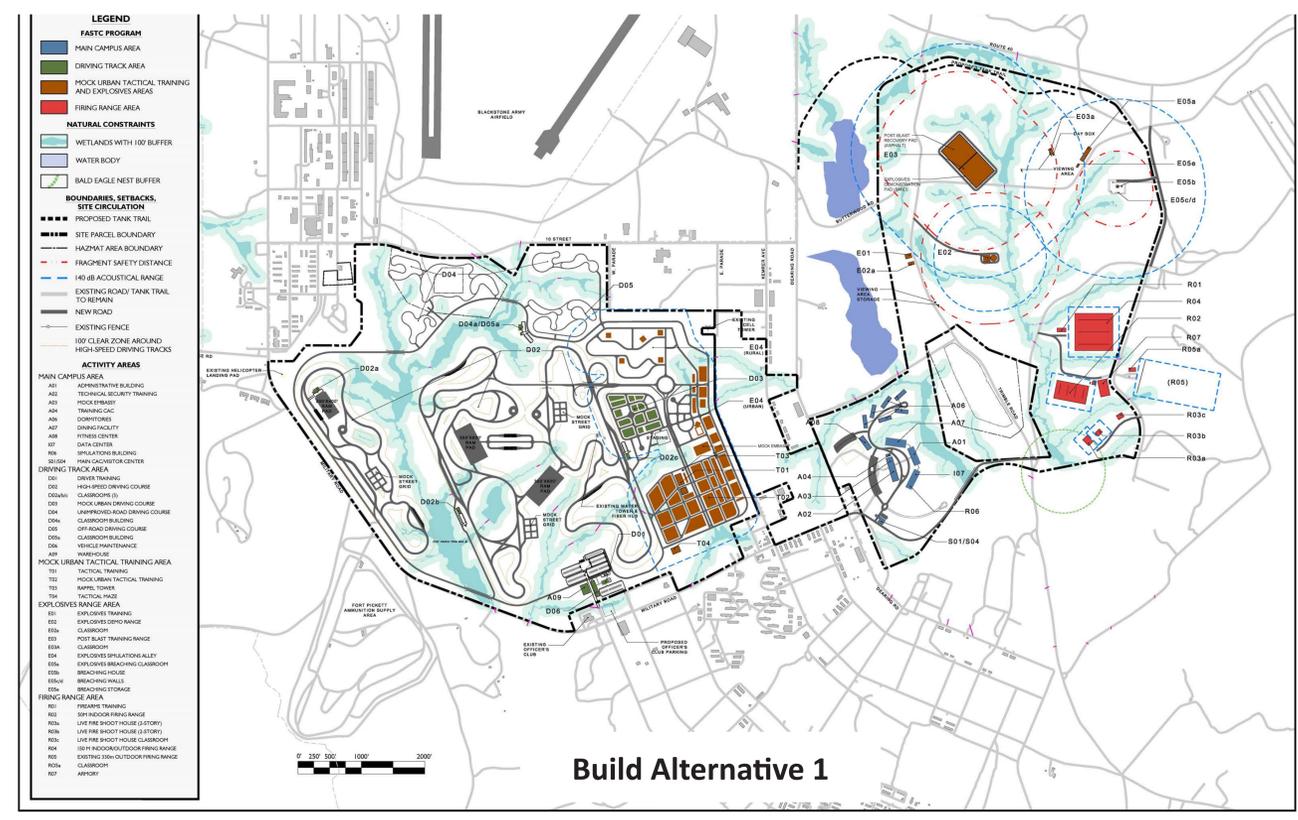
FASTC PROGRAM AND ALTERNATIVES

FASTC PROGRAM

- **Hard skills training**
 - Driving tracks
 - Mock urban environments
 - Indoor/outdoor firing ranges
 - Explosives ranges
- **Soft skills training**
 - Classrooms
 - Simulation labs
 - Administrative offices
 - Fitness center
- **Support facilities**
 - Dormitories
 - Dining hall
 - Emergency facilities
 - Logistics support
- **Infrastructure**
 - Utilities
 - Telecommunication

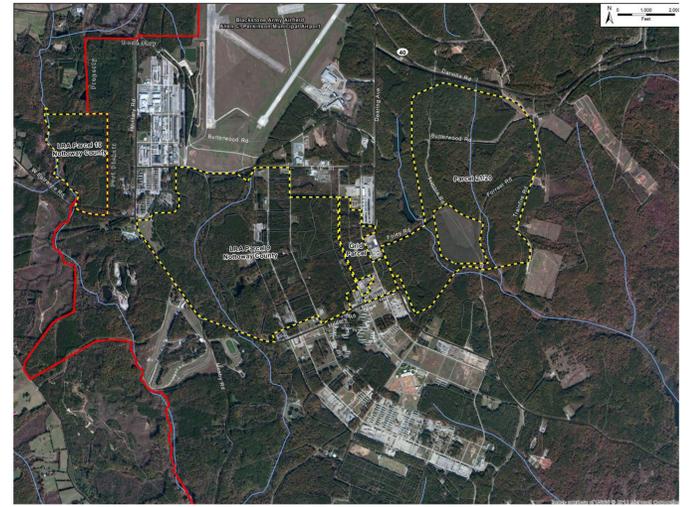
ALTERNATIVE SITE LOCATIONS

- GSA and DOS evaluated 41 federally owned/publicly held alternative site locations
- Fort Pickett and Pickett Park in combination met suitability criteria
- Range of alternative layouts evaluated



BUILD ALTERNATIVE 1

- **Parcel 21/20**
 - Main campus
 - Firing ranges
 - Explosives ranges
- **LRA Parcel 9**
 - Driving tracks
 - Mock urban environments



BUILD ALTERNATIVE 2 (PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE)

- **Parcel 21/20**
 - Firing ranges
 - Explosives ranges
- **Grid Parcel**
 - Mock urban environments
- **LRA Parcel 9**
 - Driving tracks
- **LRA Parcel 10**
 - Main campus

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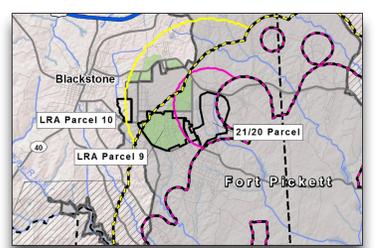


ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF ALTERNATIVES

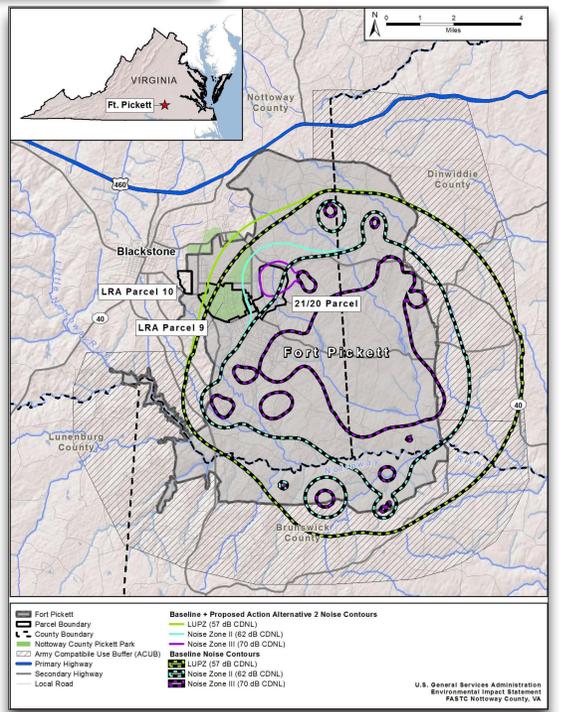
Noise

■ No Significant Impact

- Short-term construction noise from heavy machinery, generators
- Long-term, minor operations noise increase
- Blackstone residents would notice about one additional explosive event per week
- Area northwest of Fort Pickett boundary would notice peak explosive events the most



Peak Explosive Events
115 dB and 130 dB
Occur Infrequently
Demolition and Large Caliber Operations
Compliant Risk Areas, PK 15 (met)
(Baseline + Build Alternative 2)

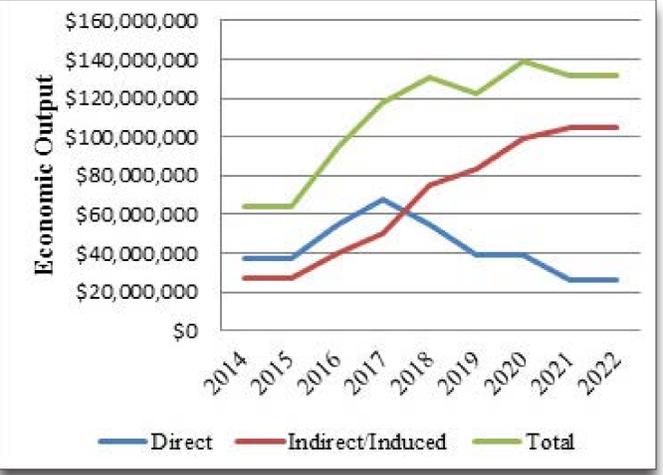


CDNL = C-weighted Day-Night Average Sound Level
LUPZ = Land Use Planning Zone – no noise impact

Socioeconomics

■ Beneficial socioeconomic impacts

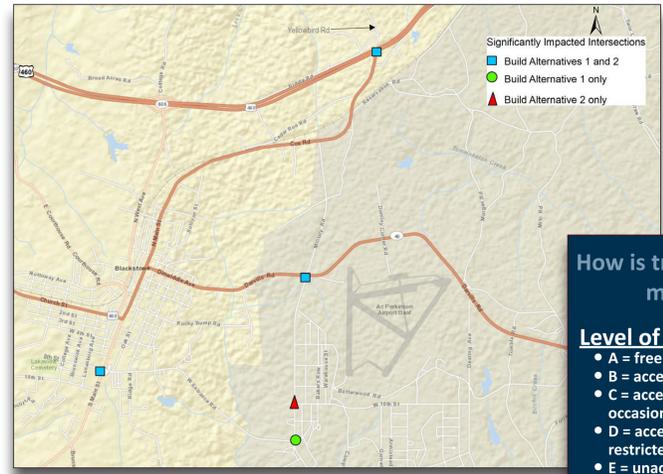
- 1,500 new permanent direct and indirect jobs
- 938 temporary construction jobs
- 1,292 new residents primarily in Chesterfield and Nottoway Counties
- \$1.1 million annual net revenue increases in Chesterfield County
- \$1.2 million annual net revenue increases in Nottoway County
- Annual net revenue increases also in Dinwiddie, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, and Prince Edward Counties
- \$117.9 million peak construction economic output in 2017
- \$131.2 million annual operations output
- Most economic benefit realized in Chesterfield and Nottoway Counties
- Impacts to displaced residents/businesses minimized via relocation assistance
- No environmental justice impacts or impacts to children



Traffic

■ Significant impacts

- Three intersections level of service (LOS) E or F with addition of 3,500 vehicle trips per day in 2020
 - Cox Road/Yellowbird Road at U.S. 460
 - Military Road at Darvills Road (VA 40)
 - West Entrance Road/8th Street at South Main Street
- Delays at Fort Pickett Main Gate
- Delays for left turns at Military Road/West Entrance Road with Build Alternative 1
- Delays exiting FASTC Main Campus to Military Road with Build Alternative 2
- Mitigation would be considered:
 - Scheduling to avoid peak periods
 - Intersection improvements in coordination with local and state government
 - With mitigation, turning movements would improve to acceptable (LOS A through D)



How is traffic congestion measured?

Level of Service

- A = free flowing
- B = acceptable minor delay
- C = acceptable with occasional backups
- D = acceptable but more restricted
- E = unacceptable delay and congestion
- F = unacceptable failure of traffic flow



COMMENTS

Please
submit your
comments
here

Thank you for attending



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