

FORT BELVOIR, VA NORTH AREA DISTRIBUTION CENTER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

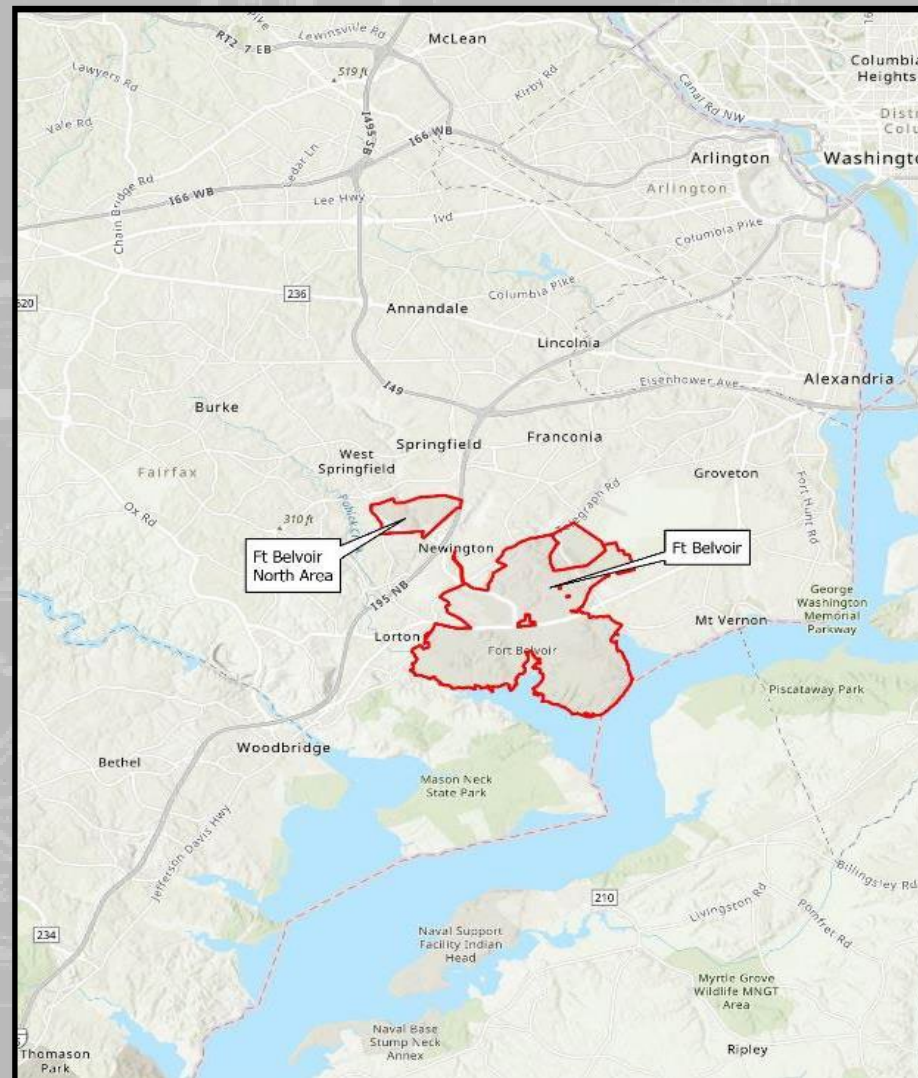
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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Environmental Assessment (EA) assesses the potential of a Proposed Action to cause environmental effects
- EA includes brief discussion of:
 - Purpose & Need for the Proposed Action
 - Alternatives to the Proposed Action
 - Potential environmental & social impacts
 - List of agencies and persons consulted
- Based on the EA, one of two actions can occur:
 - EA determines the action would not have significant impacts – a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is issued
 - EA determines there would be significant impacts – an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared





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Fort Belvoir Information

- Fort Belvoir & Fort Belvoir North Area (FBNA)
 - Provides logistical, intelligence & administrative support to Army & DoD organizations
 - Contributes to the nation's defense
 - Provides housing, medical services, recreational facilities & other support services to active-duty military and retirees in the National Capital Region
- FBNA, formerly Army Engineer Proving Ground
 - Three miles northwest of Fort Belvoir's main installation
 - Hosts National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) headquarters



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Proposed Action

FBNA Distribution Center

- Construct a distribution center, approximately 525,000 sq. ft.
- Support approximately 600 additional personnel
- Enhanced security measures
- Approximately 640 cars and 12 trucks daily
- Operation hours 6am to 4pm





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Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

- FBNA Distribution Center Project Purpose:
 - Build and operate a warehouse and administrative building at FBNA
 - Support delivery and receipt of materials across the Washington Metro Area
- FBNA Distribution Center Project Need: To modernize logistical operations and incorporate safety, security, & operational features



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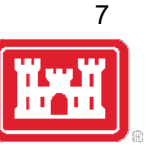
Purpose of the EA

Resources Evaluated and Potential Cumulative Impacts:

- Land use
- Airspace
- Noise
- Air quality
- Water resources
- Biological resources
- Cultural resources
- Geology, topography, and soils
- Hazardous and toxic materials and waste (HTMW)
- Traffic and transportation
- Infrastructure and utilities
- Socioeconomics, environmental justice, and protection of children
- Human health and safety



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Development of Draft EA and Schedule

- **Early Public Input Period:** Early Input Notification is emailed to stakeholder list to solicit the early input on the Proposed Action. (15 days)
- **Preparation of the Draft EA:** A Draft EA is prepared by an interdisciplinary team of environmental professionals. (approx. 120 days)
- **30 Day Public Review and Comment Period for the Draft EA:** The Draft EA is made available for public review and comment. (30 Days)
- **Preparation and Publication of the Final EA:** After the 30-day review period, all comments are addressed and incorporated into a Final EA. (approx. 90 Days)
- **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Admin Record** (60 days)



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Early Input Notification to Stakeholders

- Email Early Input Notification to stakeholders
- Project Website: www.nab.usace.army.mil/FBNA/
- Project Email: FBNA@usace.army.mil
- Advertise comment period in local newspapers (Washington Post, the Connection Mount Vernon Gazette and Springfield, and the Washington Times)
- Social Media: Facebook and Twitter



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30-Day Draft EA Public Review Period

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- Local Newspapers (Washington Post, the Connection Mount Vernon Gazette and Springfield, and the Washington Times)
- Local Libraries (Kingstowne Library, Fort Belvoir Library, Lorton Library, Sherwood Regional Library, and Richard Byrd Library)
- Fort Belvoir Garrison website
<https://home.army.mil/belvoir/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-division>
- Fort Belvoir Directorate of Public Works-Environmental Division (DPW-ED) at (703) 806-3193 or (703) 806-0020
- Social Media: Facebook and Twitter



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How to Learn More

- Visit the FBNA Distribution Center Project online at:
www.nab.usace.army.mil/FBNA/
- Sign up for the FBNA Distribution Center stakeholder update e-mail list by e-mailing: FBNA@usace.army.mil
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