

FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECURITY TRAINING CENTER [FASTC]

An American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 Project



Public Forum

Queen Anne's County High School
Centreville, Maryland
February 16, 2010

Meeting Goals

- How We Got Here
- Clarify Scope / Activities
- Share Findings of Preliminary Studies
- Continue Dialogue / Next Steps
- Questions and Answers



How We Got Here

- June 29, 2009: GSA Announcement (www.fbo.gov)
- Aug.– Nov. 2009: Site Evaluation Period
- Nov. 30, 2009: Preferred Site - Hunt Ray/Crismer
- Dec. 20, 2009: Announced January Public Meetings
- Jan. 5, 2010: Public Project Overview Meeting
- Jan. 7, 2010: Public Scoping Meeting (NEPA/NHPA)



Training Center Activities

PROJECT PROGRAM

Soft Skills Training

- Classrooms
- Simulation Labs
- Administrative Offices
- Fitness Center

Hard Skills Training

- Driving Tracks
- Mock Urban Environments
- Indoor | Outdoor Firing and Explosive Ranges
- Weapons and Explosives Storage

Life Support

- Student Housing | Dining
- Recreation
- Medical and Fire | EMS

Infrastructure

- Power, Water, Waste
- Telecommunications
- Buildings and Grounds



Training Activities We Won't Do Here

- No Heavy Weapons
(.50-caliber weapons, 40 mm grenade launchers)
- No Helicopters or Aircraft of any kind
- No Chemical/Biological Weapons
- No Artillery

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

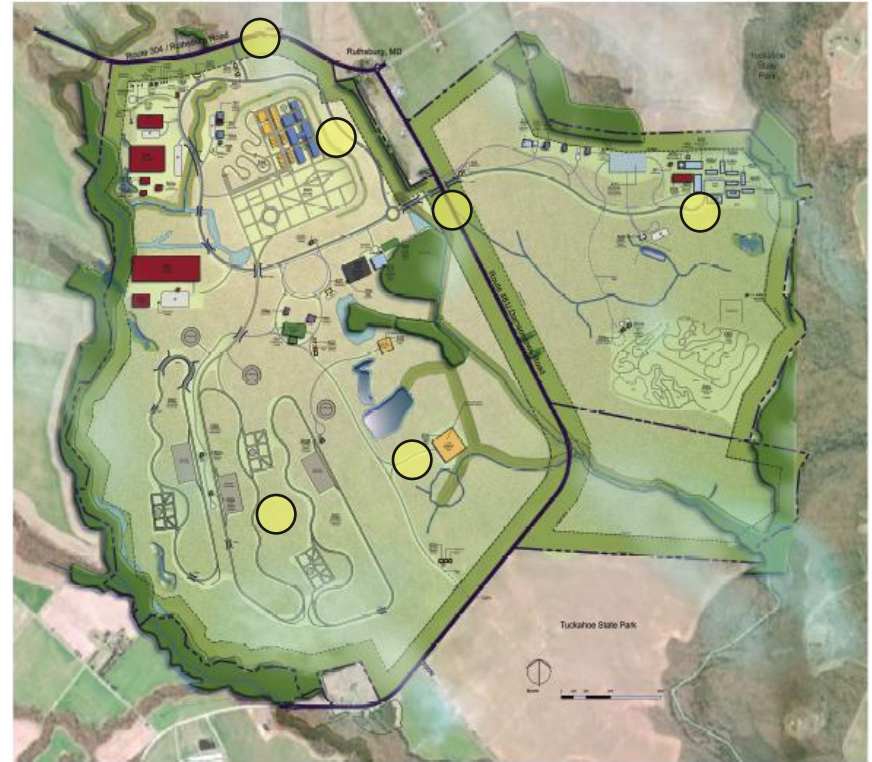
- **Questions and Answers from Public Meetings**
 - Site Selection
 - Public Involvement
 - Site Development
 - Noise
 - Traffic | Transportation
 - Safety
 - Site Fence
 - Cultural | Natural Resources
 - Potential Benefits (Jobs, Economic, Property Values)



Site Plan Alternatives



Build Alternative 1



Build Alternative 2

Phase 1



Site Infrastructure:

- Vegetated Buffer
- Site Fence
- Utility Upgrades
- Entrances / Controlled Access

Training Facilities:

- Indoor Firing Ranges (50m)
- Outdoor Fully-Baffled Ranges (150m and 300m)
- Explosives Training Range
- Support Structures

Public Workshop (Tuesday, February 16, 2010)

- **Workshop Agenda**
 - Traffic | Transportation
 - Noise
 - Program & Operations
 - Cultural | Natural Resources
 - Site Planning
 - Economic Impacts | Jobs | Miscellaneous



Noise

- How will sounds be contained and/or minimized?



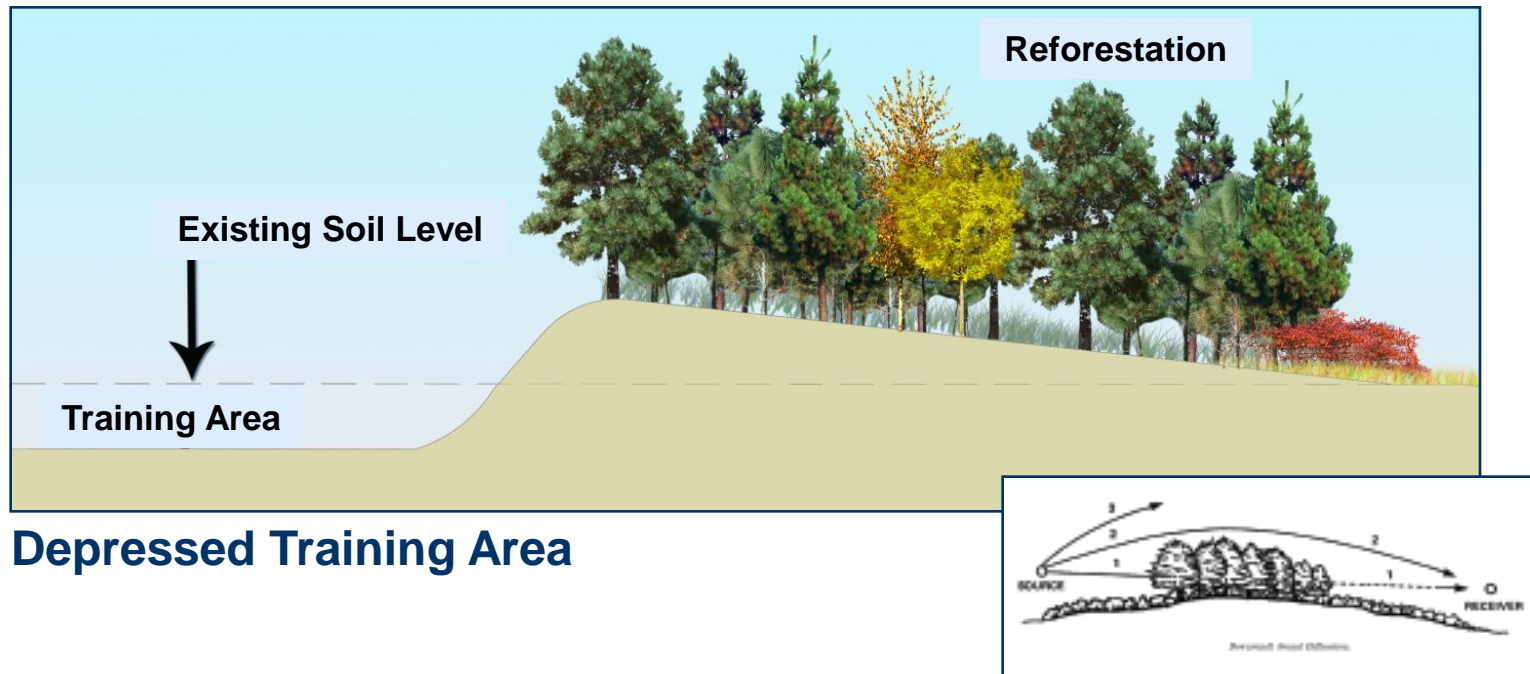
Outdoor Range – Fully Baffled



Earthen Berm

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Program and Operations

- ***What explosives will be detonated? How often?***
 - *½ lb. charge: 9 - 10 times per week*
 - *1½ lb. charge: 6 times per year*
 - *3 lb. charge: 6 times per year*
- ***How will sounds be mitigated?***
 - *Design methodologies (walls, berms, vegetation)*
 - *Regular weekday hours (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)*
 - *Advance notifications*



Traffic / Transportation



Traffic Impact Study

1. US 301/MD 304
2. MD 304/MD 481
3. MD 481/MD 309
4. MD 309/MD 404
5. Site Entrances

Cultural Resources

- *How high will the fence be?*
 - *300-foot vegetated buffer at perimeter*
 - *Fence setback: 100 - 200 feet*
 - *Fence Height: 8 - 9 feet*



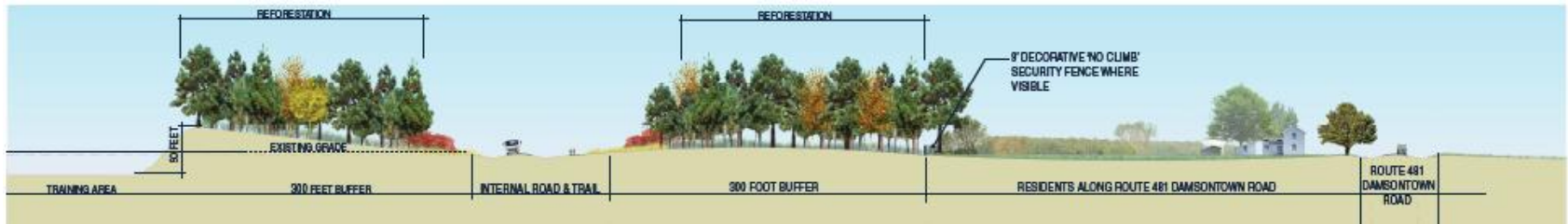
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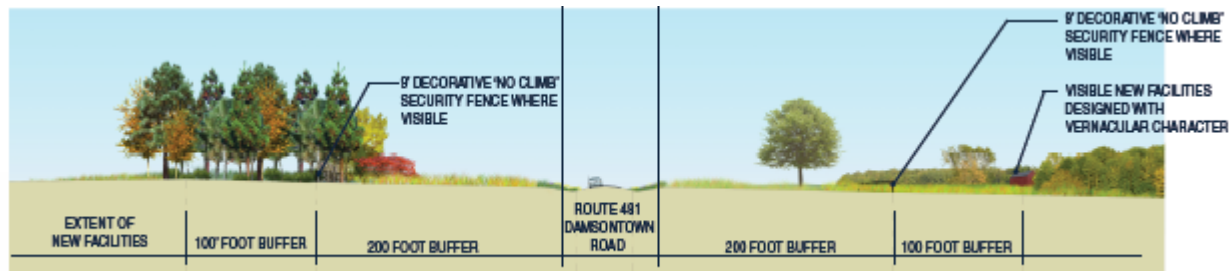
Vegetated Buffer

Cultural Resources

■ *Historic resources - mitigation efforts*



Section at Ruthsburg



Section at Route 481



Key Plan

Sustainable Design



Night Lighting



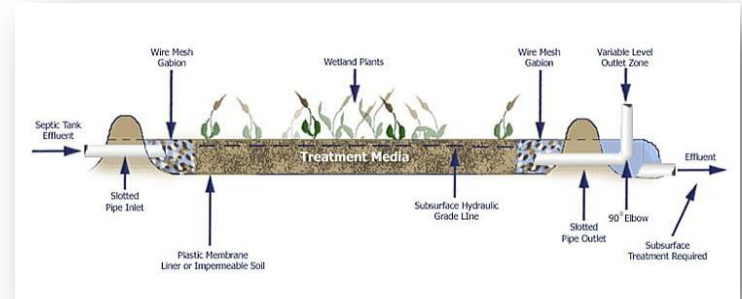
Photovoltaics



Systems Design



Native Plantings



Created Wetlands



Rain Gardens



Animal Species

Potential Benefits

- **Employment and Contracting Opportunities**
 - 350-550 Construction Jobs – Phase 1
 - Federal Business Opportunities (www.fbo.gov)
 - Future Small Business Fairs / Networking Prospects
 - Small business subcontracting goals
- **Employment (Permanent)**
 - 400+ New Staff Positions
- **Economic Benefits - Increased Revenues**
- **Local Partnership Opportunities**



Information Sharing and Communication

- NEPA (Comment Period Extended to March 12th)
- Fact Sheets
- Community Liaison
- Invitations for Meetings/Briefings
- E-mail: FASTC.info@gsa.gov
- www.state.gov/recovery/fastc
- www.recovery.gov
(search “Hard Skills Training Center Recovery Plan”)

Next Steps

- Public Forum: February 23, 2010 [Repeat 02/16 meeting]
- Continue Consultation
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
 - NEPA Scoping Deadline Extended to March 12, 2010
- Issue Draft Environmental Assessment
 - Next Public Meeting (late March/early April)
 - 30-day public comment period
- Group Meetings | Partnerships



Questions & Answers

**Thank You For
Joining Us Today**



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