NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

AND

DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT INFRASTRUCTURE FOOTPRINT REDUCTION PROGRAM AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

The United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Directorate of Public Works, Fort Benning, Georgia, hereby announces the availability of the Infrastructure Footprint Reduction Program (IFRP) Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Infrastructure Footprint Reduction Program at Fort Benning, Georgia. These documents evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with implementing Fort Benning's Fiscal Year (FY) 19-23 Facility Reduction Program (FRP).

The FRP is an ongoing Fort Benning initiative with infrastructure being added to or removed from the proposed demolition inventory on the basis of evolving mission demands, utilization priorities, and available funding. Implementation of the FY19-23 FRP could demolish and dispose of as many as 150 buildings and structures, making available annual operations and maintenance funds for use in other areas. This tentative goal would occur over the next five years at various locations across Fort Benning's cantonment areas.

The EA and Draft FNSI have been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (NEPA; 42 USC 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the Army NEPA Regulation (Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, Final Rule, 32 CFR Part 651). Publication of this notice begins a 30-day public review period. The public is invited to review and comment on the EA and Draft FNSI from June 21 to July 23, 2018. Copies of the EA and Draft FNSI may be viewed at the following locations:

- 1. Columbus Public Library
- 2. Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library
- 3. Sayers Memorial Library (Fort Benning)
- 4. Phenix City-Russell County Library

In addition, the EA and Draft FNSI are also posted on Fort Benning's website at http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/dpw/emd/Legal.html. Written comments concerning this Final EA and Draft FNSI are invited; the comments must be received by July 24, 2018 to ensure consideration prior to reaching any FNSI.

Written public comments should be addressed to:

Fort Benning Environmental Management Division Attn: NEPA Program Manager 6650 Meloy Drive Building 6, Room 309 Fort Benning, GA 31905-5122 Electronic comments should be submitted to the NEPA Program Manager: Mr. John Brown (john.e.brown12civ@mail.mil).

For further information or to request a copy of the documents, please contact the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Programs Management Branch (Attention: Mr. John E. Brown, NEPA Program Manager) or call (706) 545-7549.

Sincerely,

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