

May 25, 2011

SUBJ: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
WARRIOR TRAINING CENTER (WTC) AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulation Parts 1500-1508) implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, Fort Benning hereby gives notice that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to identify and evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with establishing a Collective Training Center at the WTC located at Camp Butler, within Fort Benning, Georgia. Publication of this notice begins a 30-day public review period, which will be held from June 1, 2011 to July 1, 2011

The Army National Guard proposes to establish a Collective Training Center for the WTC. The proposed action includes the demolition and construction of new facilities; improvement of existing utility infrastructure, and expansion/refurbishment of the existing obstacle course and physical fitness areas. Proposed construction projects include new officer/staff barracks, troop barracks, dining facility, battalion maintenance shelter, troop medical clinic expansion, training device/simulation center, general instruction buildings base, access roads and parking areas, sidewalks, and gravel roads. Utility infrastructure improvements would include upgrades to existing or the installation of new potable-, waste-, and storm-water systems as well as power and communication lines.


The draft EA is available for a 30-day public review at the Columbus Public Library, South Columbus Public Library, and the Fort Benning Sayers Memorial Library. In addition, the draft EA will be available electronically on the Fort Benning website at: <http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/DPW/EMD/legal.htm>. A bound hard copy is attached for your review and comment.

Written public comments should be addressed to: Mr. John Brent; Environmental Management Division, Chief; IMSE-BEN-PWE-P; 6650 Meloy Drive; Building 6 Meloy Hall), Room 307; Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5122; or via e-mail john.brent@us.army.mil. To ensure proper consideration in the Final EA, please submit comments by July 1, 2011.

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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), Building 6 (Meloy Hall), Room 309, Fort Benning, Georgia, 31905-5122, or at (706) 545-7549.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Draft Environmental Assessment Master Plan for the Army National Guard Warrior Training Center at Camp Butler, Ft. Benning, Georgia