

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE  
ERRATA SHEET AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED NATIONAL  
INFANTRY MUSEUM, FORT BENNING/COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

To Whom It May Concern:

The United States Army Infantry Center and the National Infantry Foundation hereby announce the completion and public availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA), Errata Sheet to the EA, and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) concerning the construction of a new National Infantry Museum, to be constructed on City of Columbus and Fort Benning lands. These documents were prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The purpose and need of the proposed action is to build a new museum and related facilities to replace the existing National Infantry Museum (NIM) and increase the space available for the museum's collection of artifacts and its supporting functions. The existing facility is inadequate for the museum's needs and is deteriorating. This new museum would considerably increase the space available for the NIM collection and its supporting functions and enhance the ability of the NIM to fulfill its mission to provide education and training to the soldiers, military dependents, and the general public for all facets of the history of the United States Infantry from its inception in 1775 to the present; to describe the origin and development of Fort Benning; and to present an overview of the United States Army. The goal of this action by the National Infantry Foundation (NIF) is to honor the service and sacrifice of all United States Infantrymen in protecting and serving the nation; to serve as a proponent of a sense of time, place, and belonging (esprit de corps) for the Infantry; and to instill knowledge of the Infantry, Fort Benning, and the U.S. Army.

The new NIM would be constructed on an approximately 200-acre site lying between Fort Benning Boulevard and South Lumpkin Road, north of Custer Road, and owned in part by the U.S. Government [Fort Benning Military Installation (Army)] and in part by the Consolidated Government of Columbus/Muscogee County, Georgia (City). The Army property, approximately 104 acres, comprises the southern end of the site and extends northward along Fort Benning Boulevard to the "stone gates" and the northern extent of, and traditional entrance to, the Installation. This action would also include moving the seven buildings associated with World War II Street from their current location behind the existing NIM and in Harmony Church (site of the Chapel) to the site of the new NIM, in addition to the relocation of several monuments at the existing NIM and Sacrifice Field. The Army would lease the Fort Benning property to the NIF for the proposed new museum.

Title to the City property would be transferred to the NIF for the new museum prior to the start of construction. The NIF would transfer the museum building to the Army within six months after Beneficial Occupancy and the Army will maintain the Museum. The NIF would lease certain portions of the Museum to collocate the management and operational staff of the NIF who are engaged in carrying out its responsibilities for raising funds, operation of revenue generating activities, and coordination of NIM activities such as volunteer coordination. All

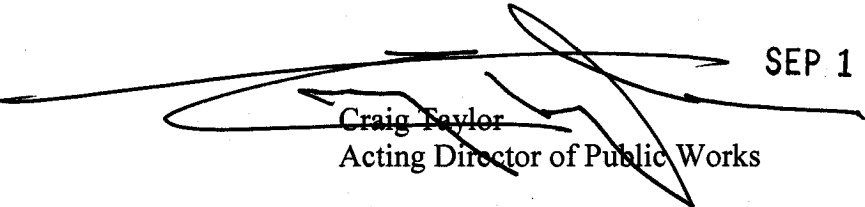
conditions of operations and maintenance of the NIM project would be defined in the lease between the Army and the NIF.

The EA evaluated the effects associated with the proposed action on soils, vegetation, water quality, wildlife, socioeconomics, land use, environmental justice, cultural resources, utilities, noise, air quality, hazardous materials containment/disposal, public health and safety, and the protection of children. The EA and draft FNSI for the proposed action were completed and made available to the public for a review period of 30 days after publication in "The Columbus Ledger-Enquirer," in accordance with part 1501.4 (e)(1) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations and Army Regulation 200-2.

These documents were available at the following locations, in addition to the following website: [www.benning.army.mil/EMD/Legal&PublicNotices.htm](http://www.benning.army.mil/EMD/Legal&PublicNotices.htm): the W.C. Bradley Memorial Library, the South Lumpkin Library, and the Fort Benning Main Post Library. Notices of availability of the EA and draft FNSI were also placed on the abovementioned website, in addition to being mailed to all individuals/agencies/etc. on the distribution list for this project.

Subsequent to the completion of the EA and prior to the finalization of the FNSI, some changes were deemed necessary and were accomplished via an Errata Sheet to the EA. This Errata Sheet includes revisions to the Environmental Assessment of the Proposed National Infantry Museum, dated July 2004 (EA), and signed on July 19, 2004. Further review of the EA and comments necessitate correcting and clarifying information presented in the EA. None of the information provided in this Errata Sheet results in a significant change to the environment conditions or the project activity, the analysis of the potential environmental impacts, or the mitigation proposed; therefore an additional or revised environmental analysis is not required. The Errata Sheet and Final FNSI will be available on the abovementioned webpage and locations and a notice of their availability will be published in the "Columbus Ledger-Enquirer"; the notice will also be sent to the individuals/agencies/etc. on the distribution list for this project.

Sincerely

  
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