

## Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia and Washington, DC

July 26, 2012

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF

### DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A REAL PROPERTY MASTER PLAN AT JOINT BASE MYER HENDERSON HALL

JBM-HH prepared the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 42 *United States Code* (USC) § 4321 to 4370e), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (CEQ regulations, 40 CFR Parts 1500 –1508), and *Environmental Analysis of Army Actions* (32 CFR 651). The U.S. Army announces a 30-day public review and comment period in conjunction with the above mentioned document regarding No Significant Impact PEA for the Real Property Master Plan (RPMP) for Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall, including Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia; Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia; Fort McNair, Washington, DC.

#### 1. Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives

**Proposed Action.** JBM-HH proposes to implement the RPMP at Fort Myer, Fort McNair and Henderson Hall through 2030 to provide JBM-HH with a planning framework, tools, and direction to enable the utilization and development of the land within the installations' boundaries in a manner that allows the continued expansion of JBM-HH. All United States Army installations are required to maintain a RPMP in accordance with AR-210-20 *Real Property Master Planning for Army Installations*. The Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 4715.3 *Environmental Conservation Program*, and Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, *Environmental Enhancement and Protection*, require development of the PEA. The PEA identifies existing physical, natural and cultural resources and potential impacts that would occur to those resources as a result of the implementation of the RPMP. The PEA further establishes mitigation measures and procedures to offset impacts and ensures compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, while ensuring the safety and efficiency of federal and state missions. The proposed Action is the Preferred Alternative.

**Alternatives Considered.** An environmental analysis of a No Action Alternative is required by CEQ regulations to serve as a benchmark against which the Proposed Action can be evaluated. JBM-HH analyzed a No Action Alternative. The No Action Alternative would continue planning and development based on the current 30-year Master Plans for Fort Myer and Fort McNair and the Henderson Hall Development Plan; however, there would be no comprehensive, cohesive, long-term planning and development that would allow for efficient management of natural and cultural resources and facilities operations and maintenance for JBM-HH.

#### 2. Environmental Analysis

Based upon the analysis contained in the PEA, it has been determined that the known and potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the physical, cultural and natural environment would be minimal for some resources. Impacts to topography, soils, surface water, water quality, vegetation, wildlife, air quality, noise, hazardous materials, solid waste, and utilities are expected as a result of the implementation of the Proposed Action. Air pollutant emissions from future projects should not be significant and would be below *de minimus levels* for general conformity. Best Management Practices (BMPs) and adherence to applicable policies and regulations would be implemented for resource protection along with mitigation measures identified in the PEA.

Neither the Proposed Action nor the No-Action Alternative creates disproportionately high or adverse human health or environmental effects on children, minority or low-income populations, or communities at or surrounding Fort Myer, Henderson Hall and Fort McNair.

### **3. Regulations**

The Proposed Action would not violate NEPA, its regulations promulgated by the CEQ, *Environmental Analysis of Army Actions*, or any other federal, state, or local environmental regulations.

### **4. Public Review and Comment**

The public comments are welcomed and encouraged on the Army's actions at Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall. The U.S. Army announces a 30-day public review and comment period in conjunction with the above mentioned document regarding No Significant Impact Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Real Property Master Plan for Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall, including Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia; Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia; Fort McNair, Washington, DC. The public comment period runs from **July 27, 2012 to August 26, 2012**. The public may review the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment at the following locations:

1. The Joint Base Myer – Henderson Hall Website:  
<http://www.jbmhh.army.mil/WEB/JBMHH/Directorates/PublicWorks.html>
2. Courthouse Plaza Library, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Main Lobby, Arlington, VA 22201
3. Arlington County Public Library, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201
4. Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library, 901 G Street, NW, #400, Washington D.C. 20001
5. Southwest Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley Place, SW, Washington D.C. 20024

Written comments from the public should be directed to Directorate of Environmental Management, 111 Stewart Drive, Building 321, Fort Myer, Virginia 22211-1199, ATTN: Ms. Kristie Lalire, or email comments to: [kristie.s.lalire.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kristie.s.lalire.civ@mail.mil)

### **5. Finding of No Significant Impact**

Based on the information presented in the Draft PEA, JBM-HH proposes to implement the Preferred Alternative. Once public comments have been addressed and the Draft PEA is made final, if a determination is made that the Proposed Action will have no significant impact, the FONSI will be signed and the action will be implemented. The requirements of NEPA and the CEQ regulations will have been met. An Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared, and JBM-HH will issue this Finding of No Significant Impact.