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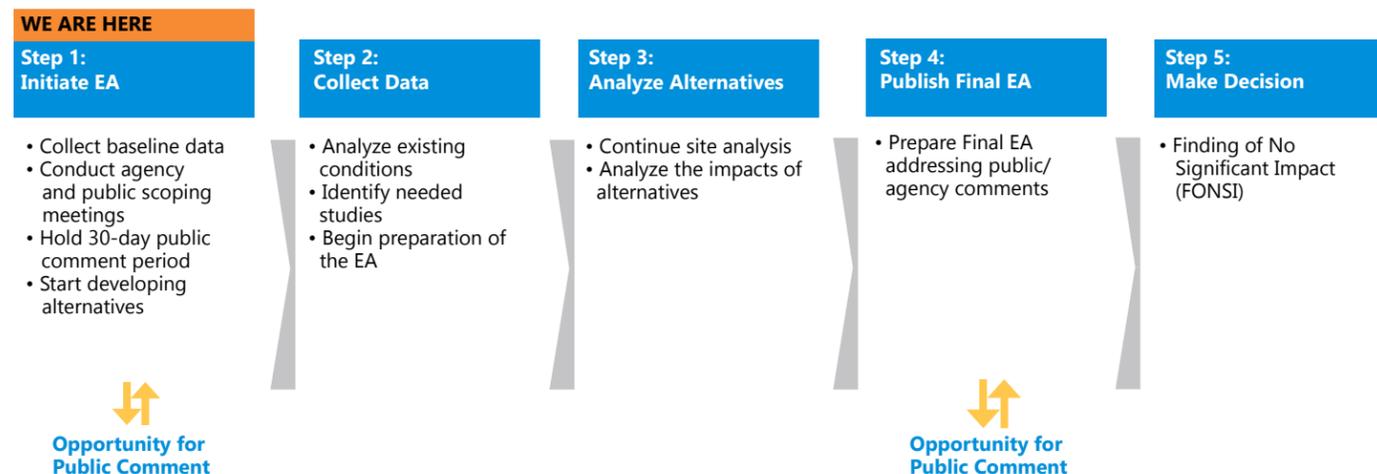
What are the NEPA & Section 106 processes and how will GSA comply?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to:

- Consider the effects of their proposed actions on the human and natural environment;
- Apply a systematic planning, analysis, and decision-making process; and
- Involve the public.

Like NEPA, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), as well as interested parties, a reasonable opportunity to comment. Federal agencies undertaking a NEPA study are encouraged to coordinate compliance with Section 106 with any steps taken to meet NEPA requirements.

Public participation is the cornerstone of NEPA and Section 106 processes. GSA and DOS invite you to participate in the scoping process for the NFATC 2016 Master Plan Update Environmental Assessment (EA).



What is scoping and how can you participate?

As part of the preparation of the NFATC Master Plan, NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA require an early and open process for determining the scope of the issues to be evaluated for potential impacts to the environment and/or historic resources.

This process is commonly known as “scoping”, during which an agency solicits your input. The purpose of scoping is to allow members of the community, interested agencies, and the general public an opportunity to provide comments. GSA will use your comments to inform the development of the EA.

Your input at this early stage in the NEPA and Section 106 process is important.

How can you follow the project?

Please visit our website:

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How can you provide comments on this project?

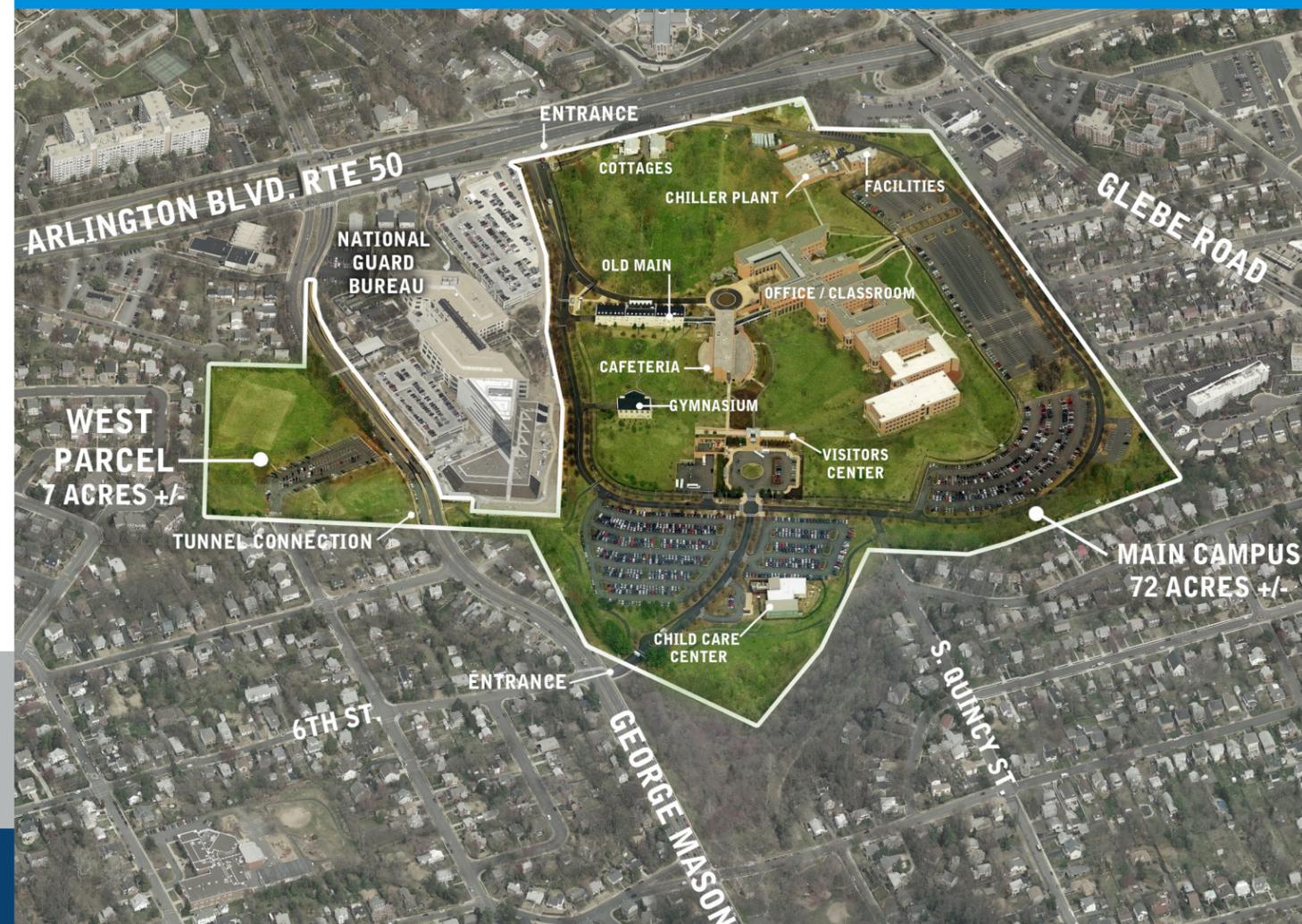
Comments may be submitted by email.

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National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC) 2016 Master Plan Update Public Scoping Newsletter



What is the FSI's Mission at NFATC?

The Foreign Service Institute (FSI) is the Federal Government's primary training institution for officers and support personnel of the U.S. foreign affairs community, preparing American diplomats and other professionals to advance U.S. foreign affairs interests overseas and in Washington. At the NFATC, the FSI provides more than 600 courses—including some 70 foreign languages—to more than 100,000 enrollees a year from the State Department and more than 40 other government agencies and the military service branches.

What is GSA proposing?

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the update of the U.S. Department of State's (DOS) Master Plan for the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC), at Arlington Hall in Arlington, Virginia. NFATC is the headquarters for the Foreign Service Institute (FSI).

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to evaluate the potential impacts that proposed actions may have on the human and natural environment. GSA and DOS will act as co-lead agencies for the NFATC Master Plan Update and associated Section 106 compliance. GSA will serve as the lead agency for NEPA and DOS is a cooperating agency for NEPA.

What is the purpose of the NFATC 2016 Master Plan Update?

- Document the physical changes on the Campus to improve training and distance learning.
- Lay the groundwork for phased improvements to this essential facility needed to accommodate its evolving training mission, as well as its expanding population (on-site and distance learners) over the next decade.

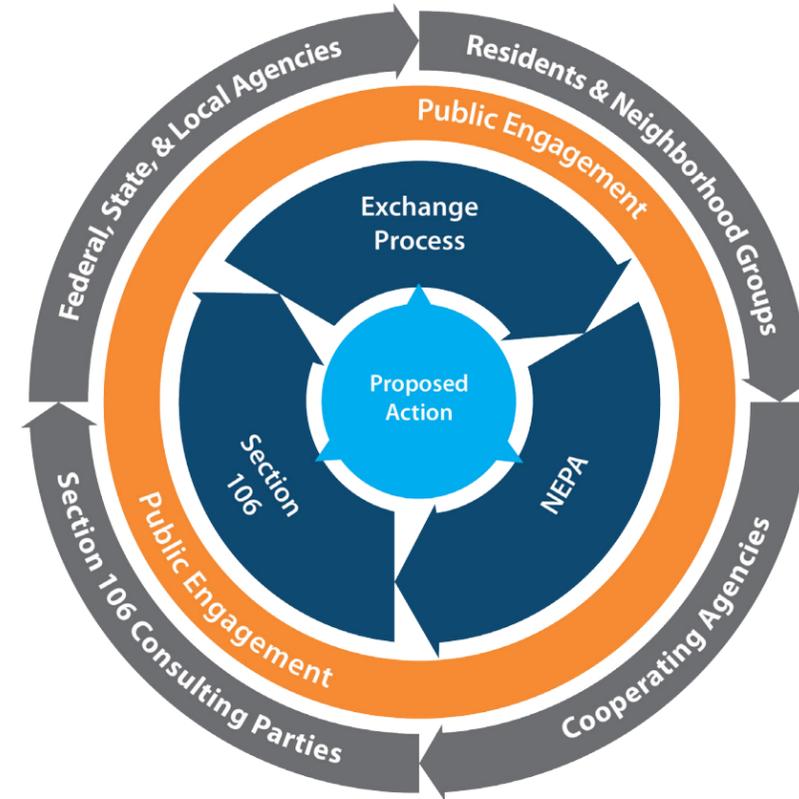
The NFATC is comprised of two major parcels: a 65 +/- acre main academic campus, and the 7 +/- acre West Parcel, used by FSI for satellite parking and, by Memorandum of Agreement with Arlington County, as a public park. The area of the buildings on the NFATC campus now totals approximately 623,500 gross square feet. With the implementation of the 2016 Master Plan Update, the primary uses of the NFATC campus will remain unchanged.

Why update the NFATC Master Plan?

To fulfill the continually changing and growing training requirements of the Department of State (DOS) at the NFATC Campus, DOS is updating the 1989 NFATC Master Plan with the goal of producing a vision for managing and guiding anticipated growth on the Campus.

The 2016 NFATC Master Plan Update will follow the vision and framework established by the original 1989 NFATC Master Plan and the 2005 NFATC Master Plan Update. The 2016 NFATC Master Plan Update will advance previously identified projects and provide for infrastructure that is needed to support the current and future FSI mission.

By adhering to previously approved plans and best practice planning principles, the NFATC will continue to be a good neighbor to the surrounding community while providing a world-class training facility for its students.



What are the next steps and when is the next opportunity for you to be involved in the project?

- GSA will analyze all public comments received during scoping
- GSA will use the comments to inform the development of the EA

The next comment period will occur following the release of the Draft EA (anticipated Fall 2016). You will also have an opportunity to review the Final EA & Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). (Anticipated Winter 2016).

Objectives of the 2016 NFATC Master Plan Update include having the ability to:

- Continue with the implementation of the original, previously approved 1989 Master Plan and the 2005 updates to the Master Plan, as well as support an increase to existing training programs and recently levied training requirements.
- Provide innovative, technology-enabled classrooms and IT facilities, equipment, and personnel space.
- Maintain historic buildings and greenspace on the campus and meet historic preservation requirements.
- Provide physical security upgrades.
- Provide facilities that can simultaneously support the training of: Foreign Service Personal and their families, Other DOS employees (domestic and overseas), other Federal Agency employees, and U.S. military personal.
- Provide adequate childcare, parking, student study/collaboration, and other information resources and amenities.
- Comply with local, state, and federal environmental requirements.
- Plan for expansion and renovation of campus facilities.
- Provide instructional ancillary space including testing facilities, independent and group study space, faculty/staff offices, and the necessary added facility infrastructure support
- Accommodate the planned 2020 consolidation of offsite FSI classroom training facilities from other National Capital Region locations.
- Provide additional facilities to train and support existing programs and recently levied training requirements.

What are the additional criteria considered?

A summary of the additional criteria used to evaluate sites are as follows (not listed in order of importance)

- Site characteristics
- Transportation evaluation (in addition to minimum requirements)
- Environmental considerations
- Historic Resources
- Zoning, land use, and neighborhood character
- Utilities evaluation (in addition to minimum requirements)