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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CONCORD, NH

Subject: Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination for Environmental Planning (IICEP) for the New Hampshire Army National Guard Pembroke Readiness Center Environmental Assessment – 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Aspell:

The New Hampshire Army National Guard (NHARNG) is currently in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed construction and operation of a Readiness Center (RC) on property owned by the State of New Hampshire, located at 722 Riverwood Drive in Pembroke, New Hampshire. The enclosed map depicts the Preferred Alternative location and an Alternate location on the property. The Proposed Action includes permanent construction of a 27,607 square-foot (sf) RC (including administrative offices, lavatories, a training classroom, learning center, an assembly (drill) hall, vault, locker room, kitchen, physical fitness room, facility storage, unit storage, mechanical/electrical utility room, and flammable materials storage), and the following exterior supporting infrastructure: one (1) backup/emergency generator, rigid pavement for military vehicle parking (950 square yards (sy) of bituminous and 480 sy of gravel), rigid concrete paving (965 sy), flexible paving (7,722 sy), security fencing (458 linear feet (lf), rigid curbing (1,153 lf), sidewalks (1,642 sy), one (1) detached facility sign, one (1) refuse collection facility, utility services, information systems, storm drainage and site improvements. This facility would provide a new centrally located RC for the NHARNG's 237th Military Police Company (65 soldiers) that supports and improves training, meets administrative and logistical requirements, and enhances state emergency response capabilities. It will provide military parking for a total of 9 wheeled vehicles, 14 trailers and 1 trailer over 30 feet in length. Approximately 6 privately-owned vehicles would arrive and leave in a typical Monday-Friday work week, with operating hours from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and approximately 6 full-time employees.

The above-referenced Proposed Action was previously referenced as a "reasonably foreseeable future action" in the *"Final Environmental Assessment for Land Acquisition, Construction and Operation of the New Hampshire Regional Training Institute (RTI), 195th Training Regiment, New Hampshire Army National Guard, dated July 2009"*. The RTI is currently nearing completion and the proposed RC would be co-located with the RTI on the above-referenced property (see attached map).

Facilities would be designed and constructed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification standards,

and the Department of Defense (DoD)'s Sustainable Design and Development Policy Update, dated 16 December, 2013; and project materials would comply with the requirements in ASHRAE 189.1-2011 Section 9.3.2. Access for individuals with disabilities would be provided to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Antiterrorism measures would be provided in accordance with the DoD Minimum Antiterrorism Standards for Buildings, UFC 4-010-01, dated 1 October 2013. The Proposed Action would comply with the U.S. Army's 1 sf for 1 sf disposal policy through the disposal of 27,626 sf from NHARNG's facility inventory.

The EA is being prepared in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, as amended. The EA will describe the potentially affected resources and document the potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the natural and human environment associated with implementation of the Proposed Action, Alternatives, and if appropriate, identify and assess mitigation measures.

NHARNG is seeking your agency's input with regard to the current Proposed Action at 722 Riverwood Drive in Pembroke and welcomes the receipt of any information that your agency may wish to contribute towards identifying potential concerns that should be addressed in the EA for the following resource areas: land use, air quality, noise; geology, topography, and soils; water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources, environmental justice, infrastructure, hazardous and toxic materials and waste.

NHARNG respectfully requests your input on or before March 8, 2016. We expect to have a draft EA available to your agency for comment in Summer, 2016. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me at the New Hampshire Army National Guard, State Military Reservation (ATTN: NHNG-FMO-ENV), 1 Minuteman Way, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-5607, or (603) 225-1211 or via e-mail at eileen.f.chabot.nfg@mail.mil. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

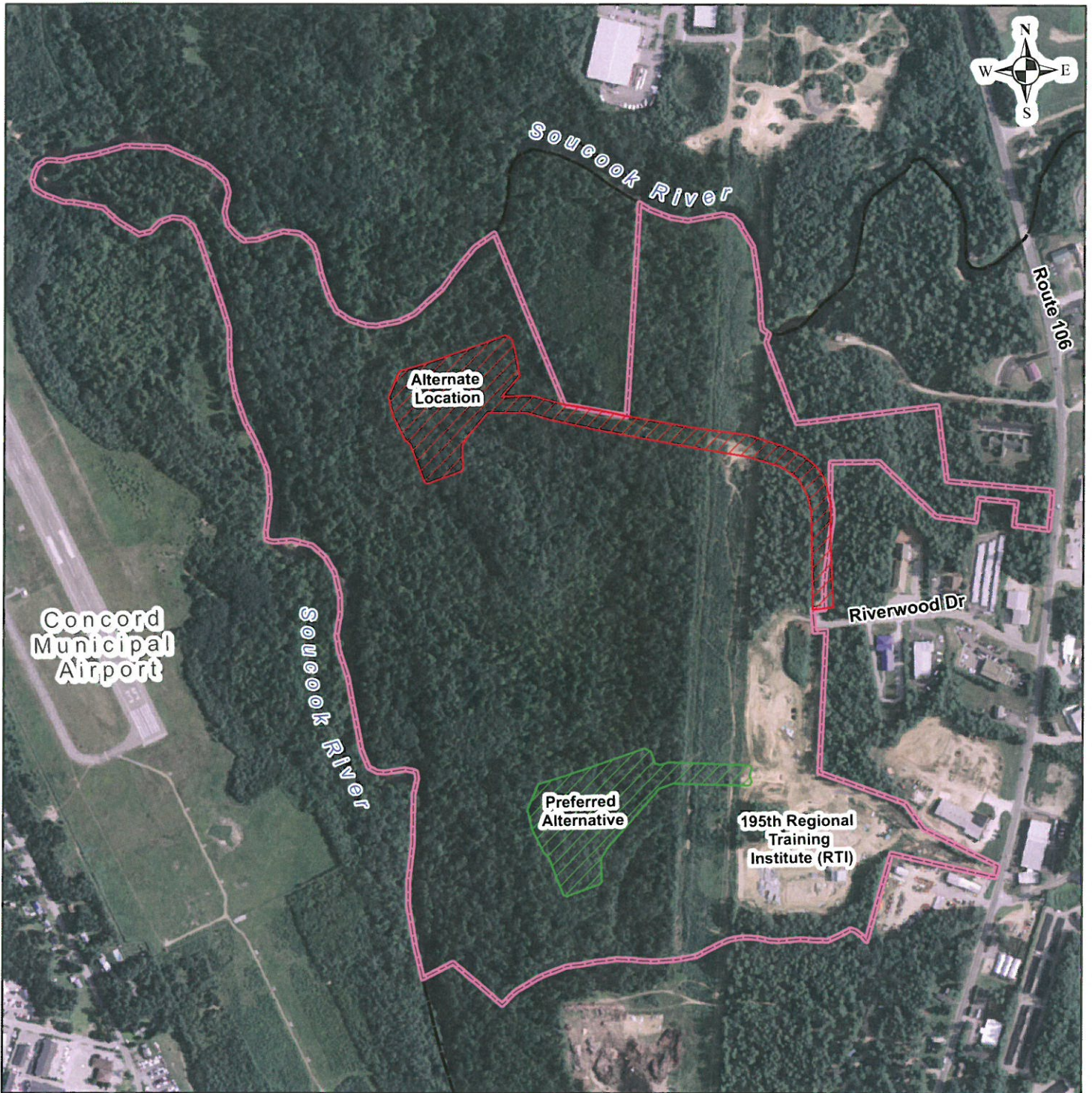
Sincerely,



Eileen F. Chabot, MPH
New Hampshire Army National Guard
State Environmental Specialist





Enclosure

Proposed Locations for NHARNG Pembroke Readiness Center



1,000 500 0 1,000 Feet
 Scale: 1:12,000 1 inch = 1,000 feet
 NAD 1983 State Plane New Hampshire FIPS 2800 feet

Legend

-  Preferred Alternative
-  Alternate Location
-  Installation Boundary
-  Town Boundary

Map depicting the NHARNG Pembroke Regional Training Institute property with Preferred Alternative and alternate location for a proposed Readiness Center.

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Date: 2/5/2016 by Arin Mills, NGNH-FMO-ENV

