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SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact
Audi Land Acquisition
Highland Mills, New York
United States Army Garrison
West Point, New York

Please find attached a CD containing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Audi Land Acquisition proposed for purchase by the U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) at West Point. The EA assesses the environmental impacts associated with the purchase of approximately 87.2 acres of vacant land from a 116.3-acre plot. The land is proposed to remain vacant and be primarily utilized as a buffer zone between the training and operations of USAG West Point and the general public, in accordance with West Point's Master Plan. Pursuant to Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulation, Subpart E, Sections 651.35 and 651.36 (32 CFR § 651.35 and 651.36), the USAG West Point shall distribute the Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact to interested or affected agencies, organizations, and individuals, and review comments and questions submitted by these parties pertaining to the proposed action.

A copy of the public Notice of Availability is attached. This Notice provides a brief overview of the project and identifies the public venues where members of the project area community are able to review the document.

The comment period for this EA begins on November 9, 2020 and ends on December 9, 2020. Please send all comments and/or requests for copies of the Draft EA to:

Mr. Christopher Pray
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Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

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The Draft EA and this Finding of No Significant Impact are available for public review online at https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Assessment/Audi-Land-Acquisition-EA/ and at the following locations:

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511 Route 32
P.O. Box 1004
Highland Mills, NY 10930

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16 County Route 105
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