

# WELCOME

## To the Scoping

for the

### CLINTON DISTRICT AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN (ADP)

### Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

**U.S. Army Garrison  
West Point, New York**

#### PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS

Scoping is your opportunity to provide comments to help us improve our analysis

*In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the United States and the Center for Disease Control's recommendations for social distancing and avoiding large public gatherings, the Army will not hold public scoping meetings for this action. In lieu of in-person public scoping meetings, the Army is holding two virtual scoping meetings on October 28, 2020 and providing scoping material online, available at:*

<https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Assessment/Clinton-Area-Development-Plan/>



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# NEPA PROCESS

## NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

NEPA is the national law that requires all federal agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of any major actions they may propose and to inform and involve the public in the decision-making process.

Findings will be published in a Study called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), to include:

- Purpose & need
- Proposed action & alternatives
- Existing conditions
- Evaluation of impacts
- Evaluation of past, present, & reasonably foreseeable actions

Your input during the public & agency scoping period will assist in identifying key environmental concerns that need to be evaluated

A Draft EIS will be made available for public & agency review & comment before any decision is made or actions taken

Once the EIS is finalized after public & agency review, an alternative will be selected in a Record of Decision that also commits to any necessary mitigation measures

### WHAT IMPACTS MIGHT YOU ANTICIPATE TO THE TOPICS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Land Use

Visual & Aesthetics

Air Quality &  
Greenhouse Gas

Noise

Geology & Soils

Water Resources

Coastal Zone

Biological Resources

Cultural Resources

Utilities

Transportation &  
Traffic

Hazardous & Toxic  
Materials & Waste

Human Health &  
Safety

Others?



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# PROPOSED ACTION

The United States Army Garrison West Point (USAG West Point) is proposing to implement its Clinton District Area Development Plan (Clinton District ADP) at the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point.

Implementing the Clinton District ADP would address USAG West Point's planning **Visions and Goals:**

## ► ADAPTABLE & EFFICIENT FACILITIES

All facilities will be developed and maintained to adapt to changing mission requirements and prevent waste of resources. This will include appropriately scaled buildings and structures, interconnected roads and paths, modern utilities, and communication technology.

## ► SAFE & SECURE ENVIRONMENT

USAG West Point provides a safe and secure environment through resilient, adaptive, and efficient infrastructure.

## ► PRESERVING & SUSTAINING HISTORIC WEST POINT

Maintain present inventory, identify future restoration, and preserve rich architectural style.



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# PURPOSE & NEED

## PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The purpose of the proposed action is to **provide improvements and effective long-term management** of installation facilities and infrastructure within the Clinton District. This will enable the U.S. Military Academy to **continue improving its offerings to meet ever-shifting educational standards**, concurrent with its goal of training its Corps of Cadets as future leaders in the defense of the nation and its core values.



## NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The proposed action is needed because the facilities and existing infrastructure (including parking and movement throughout the District) **lack the modern technical capabilities, adequate flexibility, and adaptability** required to support any mission change or Cadet needs. Improvements are therefore necessary to satisfy USMA's high standards while **maintaining the visual character of the historic landscape** in and around West Point.



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# SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CLINTON DISTRICT

The Clinton District is one of seven districts within USAG West Point's Real Property Master Plan (RPMP), which addresses the effective long-term management of installation facilities and infrastructure through a comprehensive and collaborative planning process.

The Clinton District ADP is a critical component of the RPMP because:

- It is home to USMA's academic core, containing the majority of the academic, athletic and waterfront areas
- It includes prominent areas such as Trophy Point, West Point Cemetery, Eisenhower Hall, and The Plain

The Clinton District is also the most sensitive area at USAG West Point due to the following factors:

- Its location within the USMA National Historic Landmark District
- It encompasses significant historic buildings and structures, archaeological sites, and historic landscapes



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# LEVEL OF NEPA ANALYSIS

The EIS will analyze three alternatives:

- 1. Full Implementation of the Clinton District ADP (Preferred Alternative)**
- 2. Implement Clinton District ADP Without Revitalization of Trophy Point with Humanities Center**
- 3. No Action Alternative**

- Short-, mid- and long-range projects of the Clinton District ADP include ongoing projects previously considered under NEPA, as well as potential future development opportunities at USAG West Point
- Projects are at varying developmental stages with some under way or at a conceptual level, while others are further along in development.
- The EIS will consider the effects of implementing the Clinton District ADP. Level of analysis for each project will depend on its developmental stage:
  - Programmatic
  - Site-specific and detailed
  - Prior approved NEPA, summary

For those potential future development opportunities evaluated in the EIS at a programmatic level, the Army will ensure that appropriate NEPA review is completed when the projects reach the stage ripe for specific decision-making.



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# ALTERNATIVES 1 & 2

## IMPLEMENT CLINTON DISTRICT ADP

### Short-Range Projects (0-5 years)

#### **A** CONSTRUCT PARK

Creates a two-acre park for community use, incorporating play and picnic space.

#### **B** CREATE MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL SYSTEM

Creates 7,300 linear foot multi-purpose trail to facilitate cadet and public movement from Lee Housing Area to Target Hill Athletic Fields.

#### **C** CONSTRUCT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Replaces existing Target Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant and increases treatment capacity from the current 2.06 million gallons per day (MGD) to 2.3 MGD to meet current and future needs.



#### **D** CONSTRUCT TRAIL SYSTEM

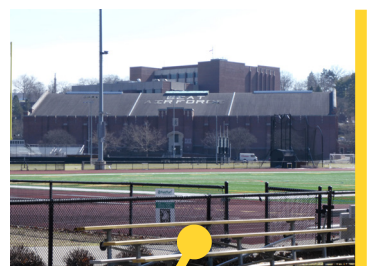
Constructs 1,100 linear feet of trails above Target Hill Field to join cemetery, Lee CDC, and Old PX areas to facilities at Target Hill Field.

#### **E** EXPAND CEMETERY

Expands the historic West Point Cemetery in two phases over the next 50 to 75 years.

#### **F** RENOVATE FIRE STATION ONE

Modernizes and expands existing USMA fire station to serve as a two-company headquarters fire station.



#### **G** EXPAND GILLIS FIELD HOUSE

Expands southeast side for additional athletic programs.

#### **H** RENOVATE NORTH DOCK

Encloses bulkhead and helipad in new sheet pile and grout structure, anchored into bedrock through existing dock; makes repairs to rip-rap.

#### **I** RENOVATE TROPHY POINT AMPHITHEATER SHELL

Modernizes amphitheater to resolve health and safety issues. Upgrades infrastructure and stage equipment, walkways, lighting, railings, and electrical service to support visitor experience.



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# ALTERNATIVES 1 & 2

## IMPLEMENT CLINTON DISTRICT ADP

### Short-Range Projects (0-5 years) - cont'd



#### **J** REVITALIZE TROPHY POINT WITH HUMANITIES CENTER

**ONLY PROJECT NOT INCLUDED UNDER ALTERNATIVE 2:** Constructs approx. 31,000 sf Humanities Center, built into hillside overlooking the Hudson River.

#### **K** CREATE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM SPACE

Creates approx. 0.29-acre outdoor meeting space with seating surrounding central area for lecture and debate.

#### **L** RENOVATE ARVIN GYM

Renovates approx. 124,225 sf of Arvin Gym.

#### **M** BUILD RETRACTABLE ROOF OVER SUPERINTENDENT'S BOX

Constructs 2,000 sf retractable roof over Superintendent's Box on Parade Field viewing area of The Plain.

#### **N** ENHANCE RECREATION

Creates seating/picnic space at old Fort Clinton area and installs 10 tables and 10 trash receptacles.

#### **O** BUILD NEW CYBER ENGINEERING ACADEMIC CENTER (CEAC)

Builds new Cyber Engineering Academic Center and parking structure. Upon completion, converts all of Thayer Road to pedestrian thoroughfare.

#### **P** RENOVATE SOUTH DOCK WITH HARBORMASTER HOUSE

Removes old concrete pilings and Harbormaster Office. Replaces dock's surface with mixed concrete surface and pier-supported L-shaped dock at northwestern section.

#### **Q** IMPROVE HISTORIC TRAILS

Improves 444 square yards of walking trail between Central Area and Lusk Housing.

#### **R** RELOCATE YACHT CLUB

Demolishes existing wharf deck, pilings, and buildings and constructs new wharf. Village of Highland Falls is planning to revitalize and develop its waterfront, providing potential partnership opportunity.



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## IMPLEMENT CLINTON DISTRICT ADP

### Mid-Range Projects (6-15 years)

#### S CONSOLIDATE PARKING

Consolidates approx. 9,250 square yards of parking areas.

#### T CONSTRUCT BOARDWALK - PHASE I

Constructs approx. 23,000 sf of boardwalk along Hudson River shoreline between South Fill and Flirtation Walk.



#### U CONSTRUCT ELEVATED LOADING DOCK

Constructs modified design, three bay, six-story loading dock to provide improved truck access to Washington Hall from De Russy Road.

#### V CONSTRUCT DAVIS-WASHINGTON BUILDING CONNECTION

Constructs 7,376 sf enclosed walkway connection between Davis and Washington Hall.

#### W CONSTRUCT BYPASS ROAD

Constructs 4,150 linear feet of bypass road from lower South Dock to Trophy Point, restricting unauthorized vehicular traffic on Cullum Rd. and enhancing security.



### Long-Range Projects (16-20 years)

#### X RENOVATE EISENHOWER HALL

Provides more centralized location for Cadet clubs, renovates approx. 136,608 sf of Eisenhower Hall.

#### Y CONSTRUCT BOARDWALK - PHASE 2

Continues construction of boardwalk, approx. 39,000 sf in size.

#### Z BUILD CONNECTION BETWEEN BUILDINGS 603 & 607

Constructs 2,556 sf of connections between buildings 603 and 607 to create year-round thoroughfares and collaboration spaces.

#### AA CREATE CULLUM ROAD PEDESTRIAN THOROUGHFARE

Converts Cullum Road to pedestrian thoroughfare.

#### AB CONSTRUCT CADET UNION

Builds 8,795 sf cadet union between Building 600 (Admin.) and Building 752 (Mahan Hall).



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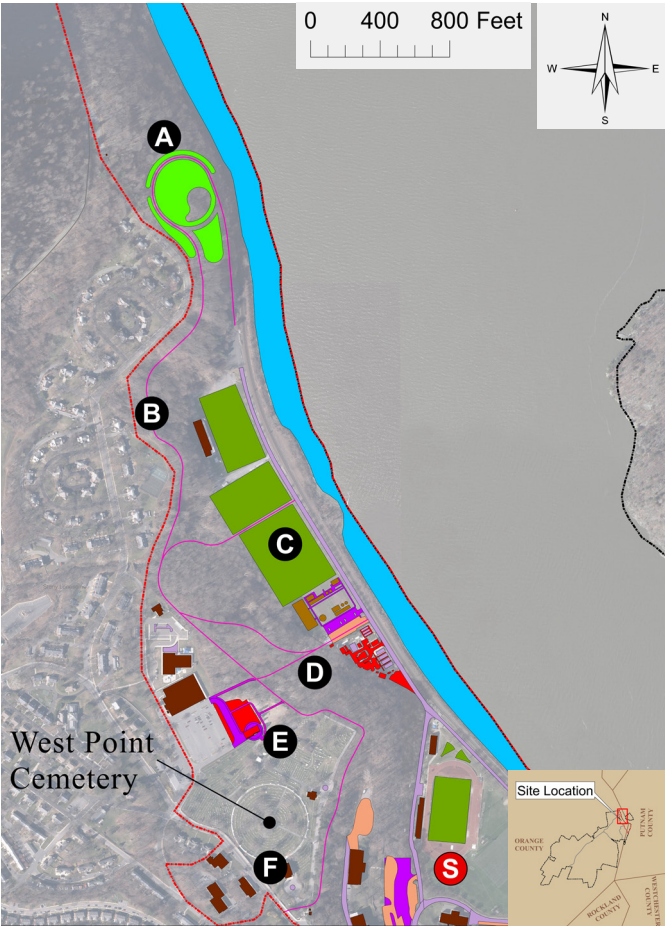
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# ALTERNATIVES 1 & 2: ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN

## NORTHERN AREA



- Legend**
- Proposed Trails
  - Proposed Recreation
  - Proposed Buildings
  - Demolished Buildings
  - Renovated Buildings
  - Proposed Pavement
  - Demolished Pavement
  - Existing Trails
  - Existing Recreation
  - Existing Buildings
  - Existing Pavement
  - Existing Parking
  - Existing Surface Water
  - Clinton District Boundary
  - Installation Boundary
  - District Boundary

- Project List**
- Short Range**
- A Construct Park
  - B Create Multi-Purpose Trail
  - C Construct Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - D Construct Trail Network
  - E Expand Cemetery
  - F Renovate Fire Station One
- Mid Range**
- S Improve Parking

## SOUTHERN AREA



- Project List**
- Short Range**
- G Expand Gillis Field House
  - H Renovate North Dock
  - I Renovate Trophy Point Amphitheater Shell
  - J Revitalize Trophy Point with Humanities Center (Alternative 1 Only)
  - K Create Outdoor Classroom
  - L Renovate Arvin Gym
  - M Build Retractable Roof over Superintendent's Box
  - N Enhance Recreation
  - O Build New Cyber Engineering Academic Center
  - P Renovate South Dock with Harbormaster House
  - Q Improve Historic Trail
  - R Relocate Yacht Club
- Mid Range**
- T Construct Boardwalk Ph. I
  - U Construct Elevated Loading Dock
  - V Construct Davis-Washington Building Connection
  - W Construct Bypass Road
- Long Range**
- X Renovate Eisenhower Hall
  - Y Construct Boardwalk Ph. II
  - Z Build Connection Between Buildings 603 and 607
  - AA Create Cullem Road Pedestrian Throughfare
  - AB Construct Cadet Union

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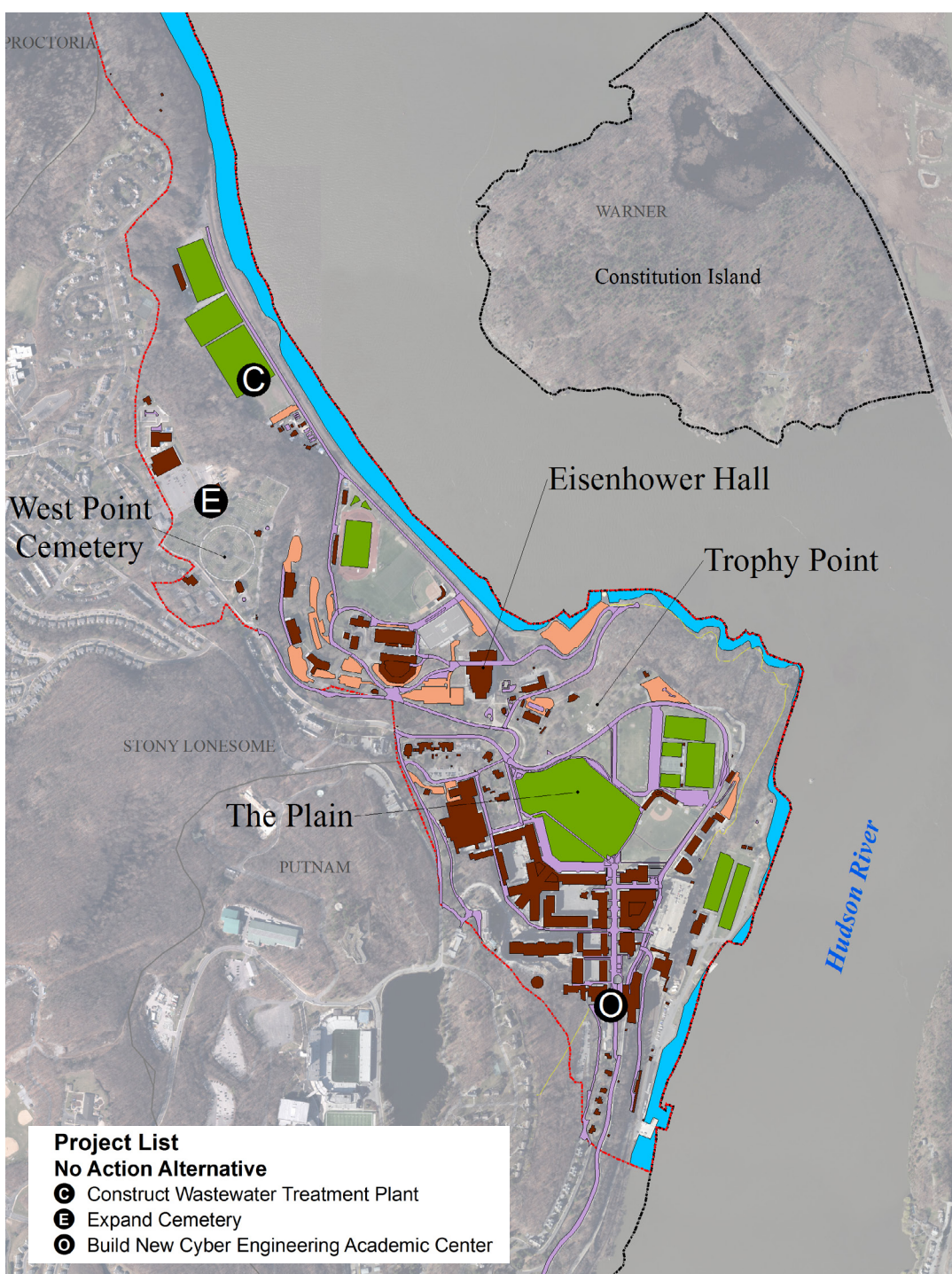




# NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE

Under the No Action Alternative, USAG West Point would not implement the projects identified in the Clinton District ADP for which prior NEPA documentation has not been completed.

However, those projects in the Clinton District ADP that do have NEPA documentation already completed (Construct Wastewater Treatment Plant, Expand Cemetery, & Build New Cyber Engineering Academic Center) would be implemented.



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# PROJECT TIMELINE

## LOOKING AHEAD: THE EIS PROCESS

**2020**

Decision to prepare an EIS  
*Notice of Intent (NOI)*

FALL

Public & Agency  
Scoping of EIS

**we are here**

WINTER

**2021**

Preparation of Draft EIS

SPRING

SUMMER

*Draft EIS distribution/Notice of  
Availability - public & agency input*

FALL

Draft EIS Public & Agency Review Period (45 days)

WINTER

Preparation of Final EIS

**2022**

SPRING

SUMMER

*Final EIS Distribution / Notice of  
Availability - public & agency input*

FALL

Wait or No Action Period (30 days)

Decision on Action

*Record of Decision (ROD) - public &  
agency input*

WINTER



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# HOW TO COMMENT

There are several ways to provide input  
during the NEPA process

## PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Participate in the public scoping period
- Review the Draft EIS findings
- Provide comments on the Draft EIS
- Participate in the public comment period following publication of the Draft EIS

## PARTICIPATE THROUGHOUT THE PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENT PERIOD

### 1. Virtual scoping meetings

Date: October 28, 2020

Times: 2-4pm EDT

6-8pm EDT

Phone: 877-229-8493

PIN: 119890

### 2. Mail comments to:

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U.S. Army Garrison West Point, NEPA Coordinator

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### 3. Email comments to:

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**Please submit all comments by November 23, 2020**



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