

**FINAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**CEMETERY TRANSFER  
FROM  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
TO  
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**FT. LAWTON MILITARY CEMETERY  
DISCOVERY PARK BOULEVARD  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
KING COUNTY**

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**ABSTRACT:** The Department of the Army operates the Fort Lawton Military Cemetery, located adjacent to the Discovery Park, Seattle, Washington. The Department of the Army is transferring the military cemetery to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The VA's National Cemetery Administration would be responsible for continued maintenance and operation of the cemetery.

The Fort Lawton Military Cemetery is located in Seattle, Washington, adjacent to the City of Seattle's Discovery Park, the site of the former Fort Lawton. It is 5 miles northwest of the center of Seattle, Washington, in King County. The 4.4-acre cemetery contains 940 occupied gravesites.

The cemetery will be supervised by the VA's National Cemetery Administration Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all federal agencies to consider the effect of their actions on human health and the environment. The requirements of VA's NEPA Interim Guidance for Projects (VA 2010) were followed to complete this Environmental Assessment.

Both an Environmental Site Assessment and a Cultural Resource Survey have been completed with no adverse effects identified related to transfer of the cemetery.

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Background**

Executive Order 13781, Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch, focused on the need to reduce “duplication and redundancy,” and improving “efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the executive branch.”

The guidance document for this Executive Order, *Delivering Government Solutions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Reform Plan and Reorganization Recommendations* included a proposal to consolidate federal veteran’s cemeteries. It recommended transferring 11 Department of the Army Military cemeteries to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration.

The Department of Defense operates 43 military cemeteries. Under this proposal, 11 of the Department of the Army military cemeteries would be transferred to VA. The VA National Cemetery Administration operates 135 national veterans’ cemeteries and 33 cemetery installations, to very high standards. This transfer would increase efficiency, limit mission overlap, and ensure that these cemeteries are maintained to VA’s national cemetery standards to continue the recognition of service of those interred therein.

### **Proposed Action**

The proposed action is to transfer ownership and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery, Seattle, Washington, from the Department of the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The initial action would include evaluation of the cemetery to meet National Environmental Policy Act requirements and to determine what activities will be necessary to bring the cemetery up to the VA’s National Cemetery Standards, then creating a Scope of Work to bring the cemetery up to these standards.

### **Environmental Evaluation**

This Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed to evaluate the effect of the transfer of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery from the Department of the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs on human health and the environment.

The VA identified, analyzed, and documented the potential physical, environmental, cultural, and economic impacts associated with the transfer of ownership and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery, Seattle, Washington.

Considerations included: aesthetics, air quality, community services, cultural resources, cumulative impacts, environmental justice, flood plains, wetlands, and coastal zone management, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, potential for generating controversy, socioeconomics, solid and hazardous materials, transportation and parking, utilities, and wildlife and habitat.

Transfer of ownership and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery, Seattle, Washington, from the Department of the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs would have no significant effect in these areas.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Project Background**

Executive Order 13781, Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch, focused on the need to reduce “duplication and redundancy,” and improving “efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the executive branch.”

The guidance document for this Executive Order, *Delivering Government Solutions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Reform Plan and Reorganization Recommendations* included a proposal to consolidate federal veteran’s cemeteries. It recommended transferring responsibility for 11 Department of the Army Military cemeteries to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration.

The VA National Cemetery Administration operates 135 national veterans’ cemeteries and 33 smaller cemetery installations, to very high standards.

#### Location

The Fort Lawton Military Cemetery is located in King County, Seattle, Washington. It is adjacent to the City of Seattle’s Discovery Park, the site of the Former Fort Lawton. It is 5 miles northwest of the center of Seattle, Washington. The 4.4-acre cemetery contains 940 occupied gravesites. See Appendix D.

### **1.2 Purpose and Need**

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to transfer ownership and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery, Seattle, Washington, from the Department of the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### Need

Executive Order 13781, Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch, focused on the need to reduce “duplication and redundancy,” and improving “efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the executive branch.”

The guidance document for this Executive Order, *Delivering Government Solutions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Reform Plan and Reorganization Recommendations* includes a proposal to consolidate federal veteran’s cemeteries. It recommended transferring responsibility for 11 Department of the Army Military cemeteries to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration.

## **2.0 ALTERNATIVES**

### **2.1 Development of Alternatives**

Executive Order 13781, Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch, focused on the need to reduce “duplication and redundancy,” and improving “efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of the executive branch,” and its associated guidance document recommend transfer of 11 of the Department of the Army cemeteries to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Department of Defense operates 43 military cemeteries. Under this proposal, 11 of the Department of the Army military cemeteries would be transferred to VA. The VA National Cemetery Administration operates 135 national veterans’ cemeteries and 33 smaller cemetery installations, to very high standards.

This transfer would increase efficiency, limit mission overlap, and ensure that these cemeteries are maintained to National Cemetery Standards to continue the recognition of service of those interred therein.

Only two alternatives were identified. One alternative (No-action Alternative) would allow the cemeteries to remain with the Department of the Army. The other alternative (Preferred Alternative) would transfer the ownership, operations, and maintenance to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **2.2 Alternatives Retained for Analysis**

#### **No-Action Alternative**

The No Action Alternative serves as a benchmark against which the effects of the Proposed Action can be evaluated.

Fort Lawton Military Cemetery would remain the property of the Department of the Army. The Department of the Army will continue to operate and maintain the cemetery in its current state and conditions.

This alternative does not meet Executive Order 13781 requirements of increasing federal government efficiency by consolidating similar operation and maintenance of federal activities (veteran’s cemeteries) by one organization.

#### **Preferred Alternative/Proposed Action: Accept the Transfer of the Fort Lawton Military Cemetery to the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

VA proposes to accept transfer of the cemetery from the Department of the Army. VA would incorporate the cemetery, with associated operation and maintenance, into the VA’s National Cemetery Administration’s system of 135 national veteran’s cemeteries. This will enable the cemetery to be improved and then perpetually maintained to the

same National Cemetery Standards as the other NCA National Cemeteries.

The transfer of ownership and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery, Seattle, Washington, from the Department of the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs would meet the requirements of Executive Order 13781. It would reduce duplication and redundancy, and increase efficiency and effectiveness in accordance with Executive Order 13781.

### **3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

#### **Procedures**

The requirements of VA's NEPA Interim Guidance for Projects (VA 2010), are followed. The Environmental Effects areas of concern listed in the VA NEPA Interim Guidance for Projects, includes 17 specific areas of concern, including: aesthetics, air quality, community services, cultural resources, cumulative impacts, environmental justice, flood plains, wetlands, and coastal zone management, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, potential for generating controversy, socioeconomics, solid and hazardous materials, transportation and parking, utilities, and wildlife and habitat. These were all evaluated. Coordination with the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation Office was also completed.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all federal agencies to consider the effect of their actions on human health and the environment. The requirements of VA's NEPA Interim Guidance for Projects (VA 2010) were followed to complete this Environmental Assessment.

The decision for this proposed federal undertaking identifies the actions to which VA would commit to minimize environmental effects, if any, as required under NEPA, its implementing regulations from CEQ (40 CFR 1500-1508) and VA (38 CFR Part 26), and VA's NEPA guidance (VA 2010).

#### **3.1 Aesthetics**

Aesthetics refers to the visual resources including natural and man-made features that give a particular piece of property its aesthetic properties.

#### **Existing Environment**

The Fort Lawton Military Cemetery is 5 miles northwest of the center of downtown Seattle, Washington. It is bordered on the south and west by the City of Seattle's Discovery Park. To the north is the remaining US Army Reserve property and to the east is 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, a primarily residential neighborhood. It is a conventional landscaped veteran's cemetery with upright headstones.

## **Environmental Effects**

### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, no visual changes would occur, and there would be no impact to aesthetics. The cemetery would not be transferred, and continued to be operated and maintained by the Department of the Army.

### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, there will be no impacts to the cemetery except to improve its appearance and maintenance through the VA National Veterans Cemetery Standards.

## **3.2 Air Quality**

Air quality refers to the concentration of air contaminants in a specific location. Air quality is determined by the type and amount of pollutants emitted into the atmosphere, the size and topography of the air basin, and the prevailing meteorological conditions. Impacts refer to changes in the air quality related to conditions caused by an action.

### **Existing Environment**

Air quality impacts are related to the existing use of gas-powered turf maintenance equipment.

King County is currently listed as an attainment area for air quality by the United States Environment Protection Agency.

## **Environmental Effects**

### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative there will be no impacts on air quality. The cemetery would not be transferred, and would continue to be operated and maintained by the Department of the Army. There will continue to be limited impacts on air quality due to the existing use of gas-powered turf maintenance equipment.

### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, there will be no changes in air quality from its current operation and maintenance, as it would continue to be maintained as in the past.

## **3.3 Community Services**

Community services refer to services provided by surrounding communities such as police, fire, and ambulance services, schools, health care, and parks and recreation.

### **Existing Environment**

King County currently provides the cemetery with police and fire protection, and



emergency services.

## **Environmental Effects**

### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, there will be no additional impacts on community services. Existing services would continue to be provided.

### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, no additional services are expected to be needed beyond what is currently provided.

## **3.4 Cultural Resources**

Cultural resources include both historic and prehistoric archaeological resources, as well as historic structures. This impact analysis focuses on sites and structures listed in, or eligible for nomination to, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) for implementing Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966*. The Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation is responsible for cultural and historic preservation on federal properties through the State Historic Preservation Officer.

### **Existing Environment**

The Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery is a 4.4-acre existing military cemetery established in 1902 as part of the Ft. Lawton Military Installation. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012.

## **Environmental Effects**

### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, there no impact to cultural resources.

### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, a Cultural Resource Survey meeting the Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation requirements was completed in August 2017. It evaluated cultural, historic, and archaeological aspects of the property. Based on the background research and a reconnaissance survey, no adverse effects would occur as a result of the transfer of ownership and operations. See Appendix G.

A letter of concurrence has been requested from the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, State Historic Preservation Officer.

## **3.5 Cumulative Impacts**

The Federal Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA

define cumulative effects as “the impact on the environment which results from the incremental impact of the action when added to other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable future actions regardless of what agency (federal or non-federal) or person undertakes such other actions.

Cumulative impacts can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time” (40 CFR 1508.7).

This Environmental Assessment considers past, present, and reasonable foreseeable short-term and long-term future effects from implementing the Proposed Action and other projects that coincide with the location and timetable of the Proposed Action.

### Findings

There are no known projects and activities in the vicinity of the property to be acquired.

## **3.6 Environmental Justice**

Environmental justice refers to fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people with respect to development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. It often relates to locating projects in lower socioeconomic areas that might adversely affect the health of local residents.

### **Existing Environment**

The property is a 4.4-acre military cemetery established on the Ft. Lawton Military Reservation in 1902.

The cemetery is 5 miles northwest of downtown Seattle, Washington, in King County. It is bordered on the south and west by the City of Seattle’s Discovery Park. To the north is the remaining US Army Reserve property and to the east is 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, a primarily residential neighborhood. It is a conventional turfed and landscaped veteran’s cemetery with upright headstones.

### **Environmental Effects**

#### **No-Action**

Under the No Action Alternative, there would be no effect on the area.

#### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, there would be no effect on nearby populations. The cemetery would continue as in the past with contracted operations. .

### **3.7 Floodplains, Wetlands, and Coastal Zone Management Areas**

#### **Existing Environment**

A review of the current National Wetlands Inventory indicated that no National Wetlands were present. There are no floodplains or wetlands on the property. The cemetery is outside of the 500-year floodplain.

The cemetery is not located in a Coastal Zone Management Area.

#### **Environmental Effects**

##### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, the cemetery would remain with the Department of the Army and there would be no impact on floodplains or wetlands.

##### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, the transfer of the property will have no impact to floodplains or wetlands.

### **3.8 Geology and Soils**

Geology and soils refers to the potential for loss of soils and changes in geological conditions due to rock excavation, soil erosion and compaction, soil horizon removal, grading, and cutting and filling operations.

#### **Existing Environment**

The property is a 4.4-acre military cemetery established on the Ft. Lawton Military Reservation in 1902.

The cemetery is 5 miles northwest of the center of downtown Seattle, Washington, in King County. It is bordered on the south and west by the City of Seattle's Discovery Park. To the north is the remaining US Army Reserve property and to the east is 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, a primarily residential neighborhood. It is a conventional turfed and landscaped veteran's cemetery with upright headstones.

The site is generally flat with minimal slope.

#### **Environmental Effects**

##### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, no impacts to geology and soils would result.

##### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, there would be no effect on soils or geology.

### **3.9 Hydrology and Water Quality**

Hydrology and Water Quality refers to the effect of the action on surface water and groundwater.

#### **Existing Environment**

No surface waters are present. No groundwater is utilized.

#### **Environmental Effects**

##### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, no impacts to hydrology and water quality would result.

##### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, no impacts to hydrology and water quality would result

### **3.10 Land Use**

Land Use refers to the impact of the project on existing land use and changes in land use.

It includes the potential of the project to effect land on tax rolls, changes in land values, encroachment on critical areas, changes in boundaries, rights-of-way, and easements.

#### **Existing Environment**

Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery has been a military cemetery on the Ft. Lawton Military Reservation since 1902. It is carried on the tax rolls as Federal Property. .

#### **Environmental Effects**

##### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, the cemetery would remain with the Department of the Army and would continue as Federal property as a cemetery.

##### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, the cemetery would become property of the Department of the Veterans Affairs and would continue as Federal property used as a cemetery.

### **3.11 Noise**

Noise refers to the generation of noise by normal operations on the property.

#### **Existing Environment**

The cemetery is 5 miles northwest of the center of downtown Seattle, Washington, in King County. It is bordered on the south and west by the City of Seattle's Discovery Park. To the north is the remaining US Army Reserve property and to the east is 36<sup>th</sup>

Avenue West, a primarily residential neighborhood. It is a conventional turfed and landscaped veteran's cemetery with upright headstones.

The existing cemetery generates noise due to turf and landscape management, and infrequent burials.

The area surrounding the cemetery contains no sensitive receptors.

### **Environmental Effects**

#### **No Action**

Under the No Action Alternative, noise levels at the existing cemetery would not change and there would be no changes.

#### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, the cemetery would become property of the Department of the Veterans Affairs and would continue as before.

### **3.12 Potential for Generating Substantial Controversy (Community Concerns)**

#### **Existing Environment**

This is an existing military cemetery dating to 1902. Burials still occur on an infrequent but continuous basis.

#### **Environmental Effects**

##### **No-Action**

Under the No Action Alternative, the cemetery would continue to be operated by the Department of the Army and no potential for controversy would occur.

##### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, the cemetery would become property of the Department of the Veterans Affairs and would continue operations as in the past.

### **3.13 Socioeconomic**

Socioeconomic refers to the effect the Proposed Action would have on staffing, altering the demographic nature of the area, and changes in the neighborhood characteristics. Economic Activity includes the effect that the project would have on local wages, employment, and local purchases of goods and services.

#### **Existing Environment**

Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery has been a military cemetery on the Ft. Lawton Military Reservation since 1902. It is carried on the tax rolls as Federal Property. It is operated and maintained by contractors. There are no permanent staff assigned to the cemetery.

## **Environmental Effects**

### **No-Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, no changes related to socioeconomics would occur.

### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, the cemetery would be evaluated and turf and landscape improvements may be made with resulting short term increased economic activity. The cemetery would remain unstaffed.

## **3.14 Solid and Hazardous Materials**

The Solid and Hazardous Materials category refers to changes in the proper management of solid waste and hazardous materials in compliance with local, state, and Federal regulations

### **Existing Environment**

Small amounts of solid waste related to turf and landscape maintenance and gravesite visitation is normally generated at this site.

## **Environmental Effects**

### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, minimal solid waste is generated. Any solid waste is disposed of through a commercial disposal firm. Flowers and evergreen materials left as grave decorations and tree trimmings will be mulched or disposed of.

### **Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, minimal solid waste will continue to be generated as in the past. Any solid waste will be disposed of through a commercial disposal firm. Flowers and evergreen materials left as grave decorations and tree trimmings will be mulched or disposed of. There will be no change in generation or disposal of solid or hazardous waste as a result of the transfer of the cemetery.

## **3.15 Transportation and Parking**

### **Existing Environment**

Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery has been a Military cemetery on the Ft. Lawton Military Reservation since 1902. It borders on the City of Seattle's Discovery Park, formerly Ft. Lawton Military Reservation. The primary traffic to the Discovery Park is Discovery Park Boulevard, adjacent to the cemetery.

## **Environmental Effects**

### **No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, cemetery operation would occur as before with low

levels of visitation.

**Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, no additional traffic or parking would occur.

**3.16 Utilities**

The Utilities category refers to changes in the site use of public utilities.

**Existing Conditions**

The existing cemetery uses public water and electricity.

**Environmental Effects**

**No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative, existing cemetery use of public utilities would continue as before.

**Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, no increase in public utility use is expected.

**3.17 Wildlife and Habitat**

**Existing Environment**

The existing cemetery has developed burial areas with headstones and turf with some trees. No federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened species are known to exist in the project impact area according to the US Fish and Wildlife Service database.

**Environmental Effects**

**No Action Alternative**

Under the No Action Alternative there will be no change to wildlife and habitat.

**Proposed Action – Transfer of Property**

Under the Proposed Action, there will be no changes to wildlife and habitat.

**4.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Under the VA's NEPA Interim Guidance for Projects (VA 2010), public involvement for an EA may include public engagement during scoping, and drafting, and finalizing the EA through publications of notices or public meetings.

The public involvement process consisted of the publication of a Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment(EA) and providing a copy of it at the Seattle Public Library.

### **Public Review of Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)**

The VA's NEPA guidance states that the EA process must include at least a 30-day public comment period on the Draft EA, which starts with the publication of a Notice of Availability (NOA). The NOA for this Draft EA was published in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce on October 26, 2018. The Draft EA was available at the Seattle Public Library, as well as the VA website, <https://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/docs/EA>. No comments were received.

### **Public Review of Final Environmental Assessment (EA)**

The VA's NEPA guidance states that if the agency does not receive any comments or none requiring additional data gathering or analysis than the comment period is consider complete. Those comments along with responses can then be documented in an appendix to the Final EA. The NOA for this Final EA was published in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce on November 26, 2018. The Final EA is available at the Magnolia Branch Seattle Public Library, as well as the VA website, <https://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/docs/EA>.

### **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)**

The VA's NEPA guidance states that the EA process finalizes with the publication of a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The FONSI will be published in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce after the 30-day comment period is completed. The Final EA will be available at the Seattle Public Library, as well as the VA website, <https://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/docs/EA>.

## **5.0 MITIGATION**

No mitigation is required.

## **6.0 CONCLUSIONS**

The proposed transfer of ownership and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery, Seattle, Washington, from the Department of the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs would have no significant effect on human health or the environment.

The transfer of ownership and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery, Seattle, Washington, from the Department of the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs would meet the requirements of Executive Order 13781. It would reduce duplication and redundancy, and increase efficiency and effectiveness in accordance with Executive Order 13781.

A Cultural Resource Survey meeting the Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation requirements was completed in August 2017 (Appendix G). It evaluated cultural, historic, and archaeological aspects of the property. Based on the background research and a reconnaissance survey, no adverse effects would occur as a result of the transfer of ownership and operations.



A letter of concurrence has been requested from the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, State Historic Preservation Officer.

An ASTM Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (Appendix H) was completed in September 2017. The site assessment did not identify any areas of environmental concerns. A regulatory check (EDR) of federal, state, and local records did not identify any environmental concerns.

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## **8.0 POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS**

Potential stake holders include the US Army, the City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

## **9.0 APPENDICES:**

<b>APPENDIX A</b>	<b>NATIVE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT</b>
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## **APPENDIX A    NATIVE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT**

No tribal coordination is required at this time as this is an intergovernmental transfer of property. Tribal notifications will occur once a transfer date is determined. A tribal list has been determined.

## **APPENDIX B                      AGENCY COORDINATION**

During development and review of the EA for the transfer of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery, NCA contacted federal state, and local agencies with oversight responsibilities related to this project. Agency coordination and consultation activities conducted in support of this EA.

### **Agency Coordination for transfer of Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery**

#### **Agency**

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#### Coordination

Section 106 Coordination  
Baseline Cultural Resource Survey completed August 2017

#### **Agency**

US Army Corps of Engineers  
Regional Office

#### Coordination

Wetland maps. Delineation.  
Request made to Corps of Engineers to perform wetland determination on the property.

#### **Agency**

Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Regional Office  
Vancouver, WA 98661 (360) 816-6230

#### Coordination

US Fish and Wildlife Service Threatened and Endangered Species determination list was utilized. Letter sent to US Fish and Wildlife Service requesting concurrence on finding of no endangered or threatened species identified at site.

#### **Agency**

Department of the Interior  
National Park Service (NPS)  
Fort Vancouver National Historic Site  
612 E Reserve St  
Vancouver, WA 98661 (360) 816-6230

#### Coordination

NPS operates the Ft. Vancouver National Historic Site, adjacent to the cemetery. They will be sent a copy of the Environmental Assessment once a transfer date has been determined.

## **APPENDIX C ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS**

No environmental permits are required

## **APPENDIX D            PHOTOGRAPHS**

1. Site location map in Seattle, Washington city map.
2. Aerial photograph of Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery and surrounding neighborhood
3. Aerial photograph of cemetery
4. Photograph of entrance to cemetery
5. Entrance road to cemetery

# **APPENDIX E          ENVIRONMENTAL DATA REPORTS**

NETR Online Data Report

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## **APPENDIX G**

## **CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY**

A Cultural Resource Survey meeting the Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation DAHP Impact Study was completed in August 2017. It evaluated cultural, historic, and archaeological aspects of the property. Based on the background research and a reconnaissance survey, no adverse effects would occur as a result of the transfer of ownership and operations.

A letter of concurrence has been requested from the Washington Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, State Historic Preservation Officer



## **APPENDIX H    ASTM PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT**

An ASTM Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment was completed in August 2017. The site assessment did not identify any areas of environmental concerns. A regulatory check of federal, state, and local records did not identify any environmental concerns.