

**DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE NEW CLEAR CREEK  
SHOPPING CENTER AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS**

**1 Name of the Action**

This document is the Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Environmental Assessment for the Construction and Operation of the New Clear Creek Shopping Center at Fort Hood, Texas.

**2 Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives**

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service proposes to construct and operate a new Shopping Center at Fort Hood, Texas. Completion of the Proposed Action would better serve the needs of the military community and relieve overcrowding experienced at the current outdated facility; expand the number of shopping, dining, and service opportunities for authorized patrons; increase customer convenience by collocating existing services; and meet future demand based on expected troop growth. The need for the action is to provide an updated, expanded and consolidated facility where authorized customers can obtain multiple services at a single location. Six alternative locations for the Proposed Action were considered and are presented in the Environmental Assessment, including the renovation and expansion of the existing PX. Under the No Action Alternative, the replacement would not occur and the existing PX would continue to operate under the existing crowded, undersized, and outdated conditions. The lack of adequate retail facilities would compound as expected troop growth increases demand and need for retail facilities, thus negatively impacting authorized patrons.

**3 Summary of Environmental Effects of the Proposed Action**

As a result of implementing the Proposed Action at the preferred alternative site, no adverse impacts are anticipated to occur to cultural resources and protection of children, while positive impacts are anticipated to occur to socioeconomics, transportation, and environmental justice. The Proposed Action at the preferred alternative site is anticipated to have minor adverse impacts to land use, infrastructure and utilities, water and biological resources, and hazardous materials and waste. Minor, short-term negative impacts associated with construction would be anticipated to air quality, noise, and topography, geology, and soils. Avoidance, minimization, mitigation measures, and best management practices (BMPs) would be implemented to ensure the impacts either do not occur or are not significant.

**4 Conclusion**

The public comment period will be held for 30 days beginning the date that the notice of availability is printed in the *Killeen Daily Herald*. This EA and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) are available for review at the Killeen Public Library located at 205 E. Church St., Killeen, TX 78544 and through the Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, Fort Hood, TX. The documents are also available online through the Fort Hood Directorate of Public Works website at <http://www.dpw.hood.army.mil/> (Public Notices).

On the basis of the findings of this EA, no significant impacts are anticipated from the Proposed Action on human health or the natural environment. A FNSI is warranted, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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