

NGA West Facilities Modernization

Environmental Impact Statement - Next NGA West

NGA Seeks a New St. Louis Campus

Building a new National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) campus in the St. Louis region is critical to the agency's mission and long-term vision for geospatial intelligence. Many of NGA's missions, such as Global Positioning System monitoring and aeronautical safety of navigation, are accomplished from the agency's St. Louis facilities. A new campus will provide a technologically-advanced, collaborative environment to continue NGA's support for its worldwide missions. The agency plans to build and complete a move to a new facility by 2021.

An Environmental Impact Statement is currently being completed for this project. A series of open houses are being conducted to obtain public comment.

Public Open Houses Scheduled for New NGA Campus Environmental Study

As part of a study to examine the environmental impacts of a new NGA campus on proposed sites, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) are hosting a series of open houses in December (see schedule right). The purpose of the open houses are to obtain your comments on the project. Your comments will be used to determine what issues should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement for the new campus.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

The meetings will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

St. Louis Gateway Classic Foundation
2012 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
St. Louis, MO 63106

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Katy Cavins Community Center
308 East 5th Street
O'Fallon, IL 62269

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Crestwood Community Center
9245 Whitecliff Park Drive
Crestwood, MO 63136

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Four Proposed Sites to be Studied for NGA Environmental Impact Statement

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) commissioned a siting study and gathered input from local real estate firms and stakeholders for a new campus location. Potential locations were required to meet minimum site requirements. For example, in order to be considered for evaluation, sites had to be within a 25-mile radius of NGA's current facilities and comprise at least 50 acres. Sites also had to be located within two miles of a state or interstate roadway or a four-lane divided roadway. Illinois sites had to be located either along Interstate 255/270 or along Illinois Route 40/Interstate 64 to Scott Air Force Base (AFB).

The four proposed sites are:

- Fenton: 1050 Dodge Drive, Fenton, Missouri (southwest of St. Louis);
- Mehlville: 13045 Tesson Ferry Road, St. Louis, Missouri (south of St. Louis);
- North St. Louis City: near the intersections of Cass and North Jefferson Avenues; and
- St. Clair County: along Interstate 64, adjacent to the northeast boundary of Scott Air Force Base, Illinois (east of St. Louis).

The NorthPark site at 4800 N. Hanley Road, St. Louis, Missouri (northwest of St. Louis), and the Weldon Spring site at 4700 Technology Drive, Weldon Spring, Missouri (northwest of St. Louis) were previously announced as potential site alternatives. However, these two sites have since been removed from consideration. A portion of the NorthPark location has been sold and the remaining land does not meet NGA's requirements. Additionally, the Weldon Spring site is no longer under consideration based on master planning review.

NEPA Process Will Help Agency Find New Campus

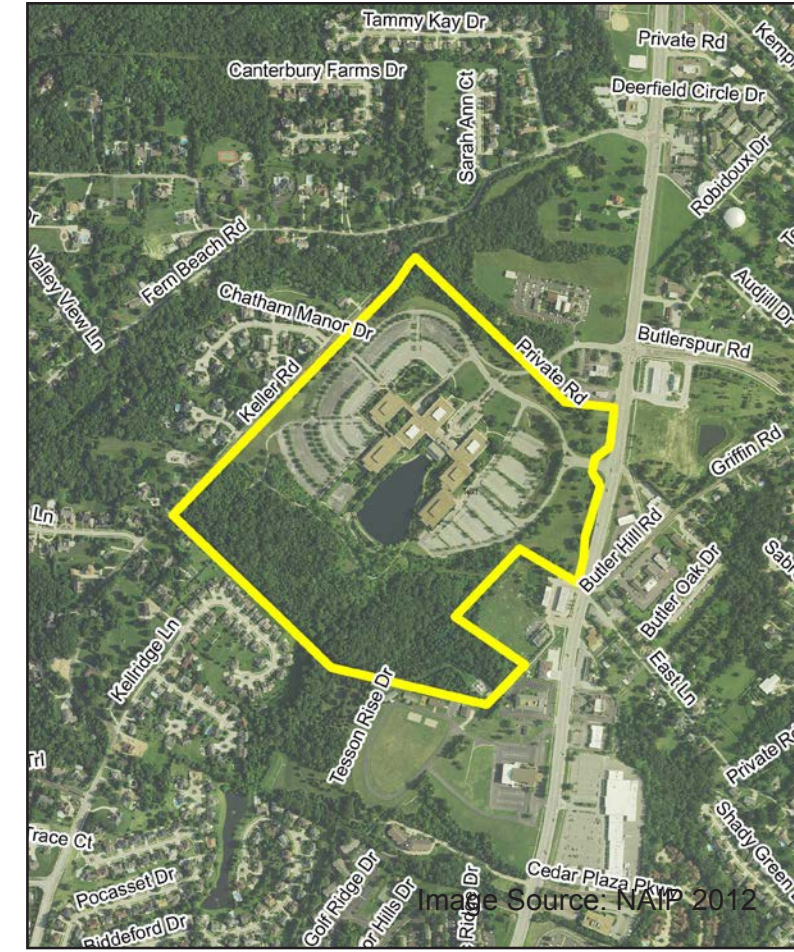
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is managing preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for NGA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines. Under NEPA, an EIS is prepared when a federal agency proposes a major action that could impact the environment. The EIS will evaluate potential environmental impacts for each site as well as a no-action alternative. The NEPA EIS process is completed in the following steps: Notice of Intent, public scoping, draft EIS, public comment, final EIS, and Record of Decision.

- The process began on November 10, 2014, with publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register.
- Scoping, an open process involving the public and other Federal, state and local agencies, is underway to identify the major and important issues for consideration during the study. Public scoping comments will be accepted until January 19, 2015.
- The draft EIS will include a detailed description of the project, the purpose and need, the alternatives selected for evaluation, the affected environment, and the anticipated environmental effects of the four alternatives.
- A formal comment period will then be conducted on the draft EIS. A series of public meetings will be held and public comments will be accepted, similar to the scoping process.
- Upon receipt of public comments, the final EIS will be developed and issued. The final EIS will address public and government agency comments on the draft.
- The Record of Decision is the final step in the EIS process. The Record of Decision is a document that will state the final recommended site and discuss plans to lessen negative impacts. NGA will make the final decision on the preferred site for their new campus.

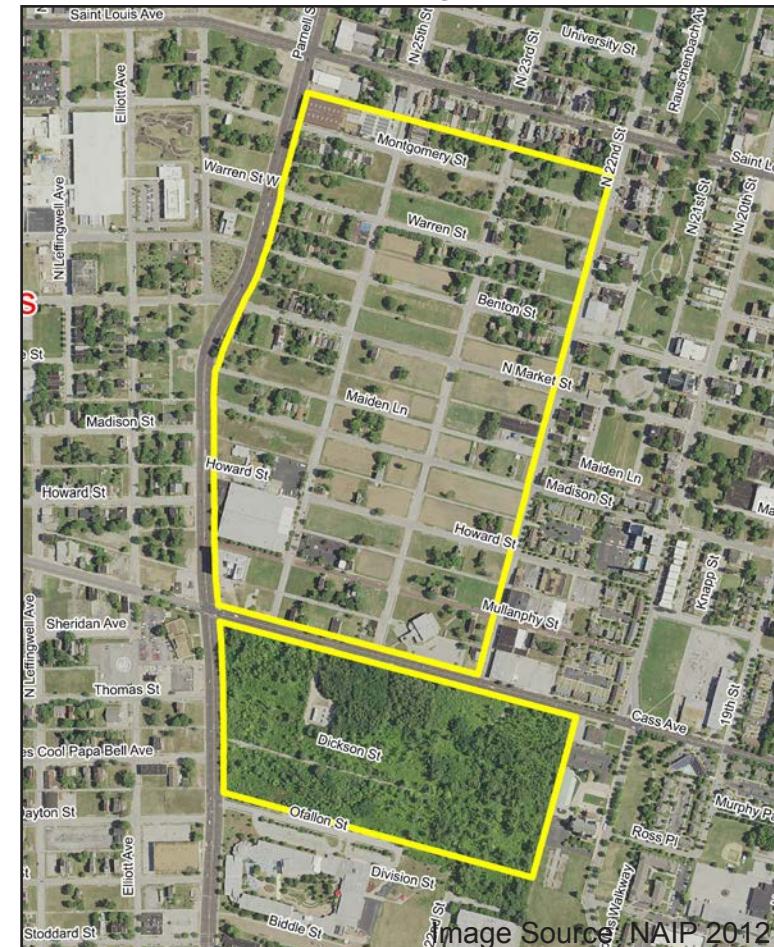
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Environmental Impact Statement Will Evaluate Environmental Impacts

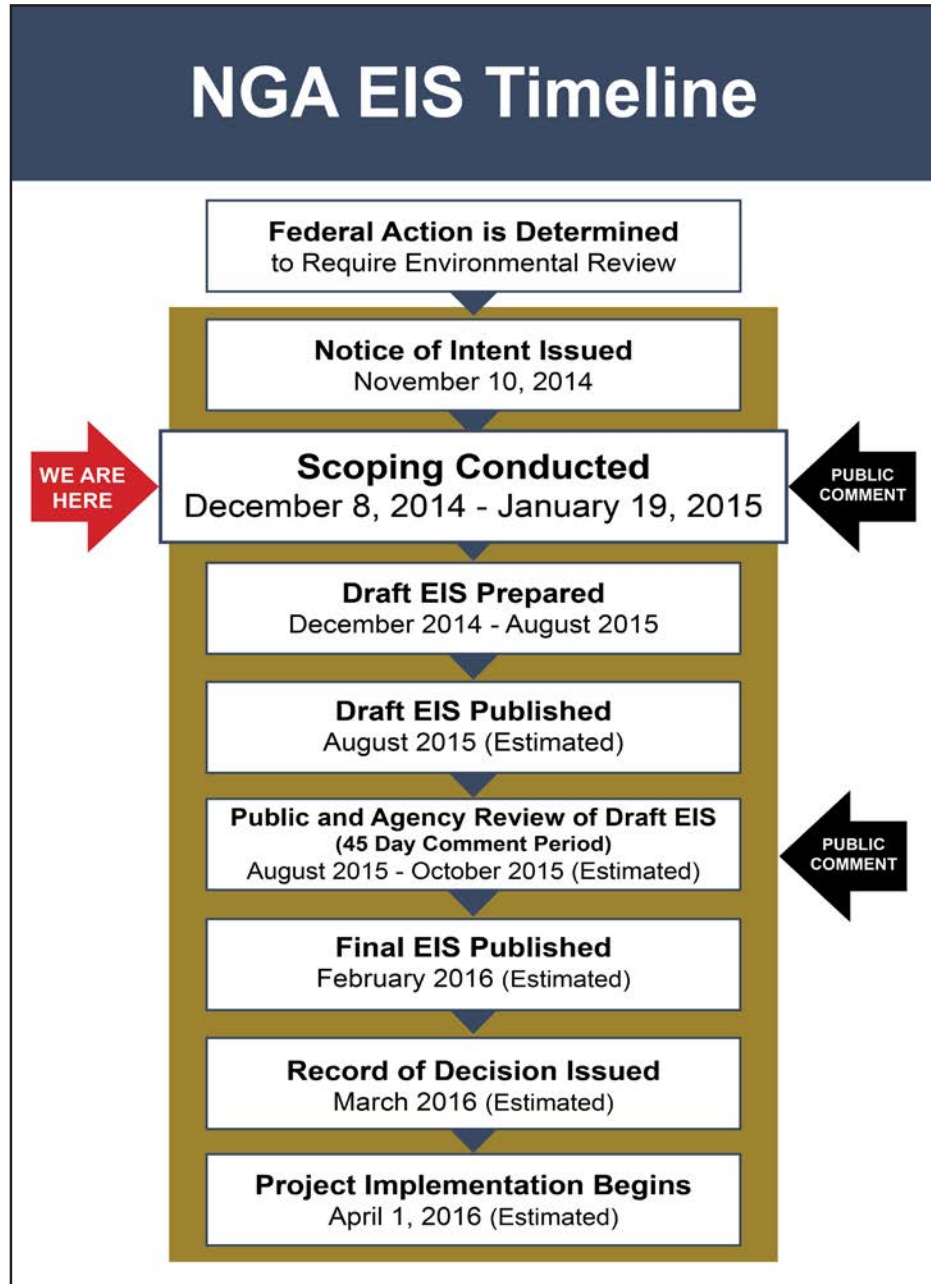
The Next NGA West Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will determine and evaluate the environmental issues associated with the proposed sites. Environmental impacts that will be evaluated include but are not limited to:

- Endangered Species
- Air Quality
- Water Quality
- Cultural Resource
- Traffic and Transportation
- Noise
- Health & Safety
- Socioeconomics

Seeking Public Comments for Next NGA West

Part of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Next NGA West Environmental Impact Statement is to evaluate the potential impacts, both positive and negative, associated with the proposed sites for the new campus in the St. Louis region. NGA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcome your input throughout the study comment periods. You can provide comments during the public scoping period from November 10, 2014 – January 19, 2015 via these outlets:

- Public meetings: Written, electronic and spoken comments
- www.nextNGAwest.com/comment
- Mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, Attn: Amy Blair, Room 529, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.
- Email: nextNGAwest@usace.army.mil



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