



Environmental Assessment for a Marine Corps Reserve Training Center at the Clinton Local Training Area in Clinton, Pennsylvania

The Proposed Action

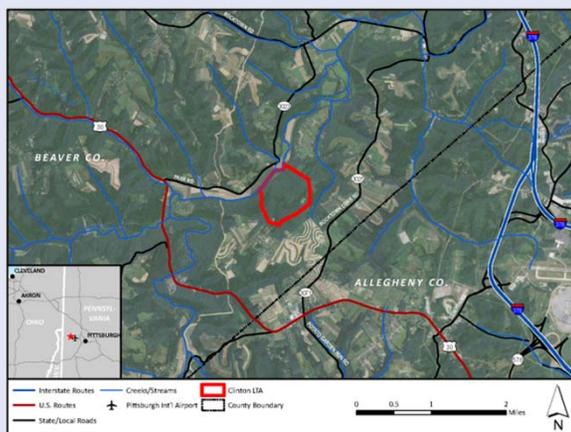
In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Marine Corps is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the construction and operation of a Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES) Marine Corps Reserve Training Center (MCRTC) at the Clinton Local Training Area (LTA) in Clinton, Pennsylvania (PA). The Marine Corps proposes to construct and operate a 60,600 square foot MCRTC at the Marine Corps owned Clinton LTA.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide access to a range and training area that would meet MARFORRES training requirements in the Pittsburgh area.

The North Versailles MCRTC is unsafe, structurally deficient, and does not meet the training and operational requirements criteria of the MARFORRES ground units.

The need for the proposed action is to ensure that reservists meet current Marine Corps individual and/or unit level operational readiness training requirements in a training facility that meets the current criteria for security, functionality, sustainability, and energy efficiency. MARFORRES units that currently train at the North Versailles MCRTC would train at the Clinton MCRTC.



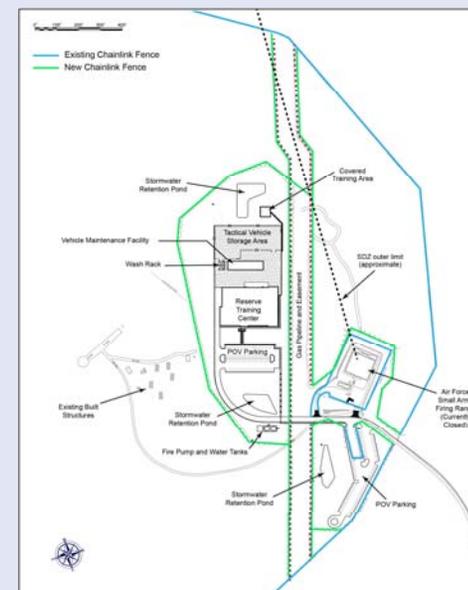
Regional Location of the Clinton LTA

MCRTC Construction

The MCRTC would be constructed west of the existing (currently closed) Air Force small arms firing range. The MCRTC would include: 1) a single story training center; 2) tactical vehicle maintenance and storage facility; 3) vehicle wash rack with sediment collection tank and oil/water separator systems; 4) canopy covered training area; and 5) vehicle parking area. A secondary vehicle parking area would be constructed south of the firing range. Additional features include security fencing, access road/driveway widening and improvements, road improvements within the complex, concrete curbs, stairs and sidewalks, landscaping, and stormwater drainage.

New potable water and sanitary sewer lines would be constructed; connections would be made to existing lines within the PA Department of Transportation right of way. Electrical and telecommunication services would also be installed.

- The total area of ground disturbance for construction of the MCRTC and associated utilities, parking areas, and access road/driveway improvements leading to the project site would be approximately 24 acres.
- The total area of disturbance for all work to be performed within the PA Department of Transportation right of way would be approximately 5 acres.



Proposed MCRTC Site Plan



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MCRTC Operation

The MCRTC would be open weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and during drill weekends (Saturday and Sunday) from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. During weekdays, an average of 30 full time active duty personnel would be anticipated to be on-site at the MCRTC. An average of 176 additional reserve personnel would be expected to travel to and train at the MCRTC during drill weekends. MARFORRES anticipates 12 drill weekends annually with approximately one drill weekend occurring each month.

The type and tempo of Marine Corps ground unit training activities currently occurring within the Clinton LTA would continue. The ground unit training activities, conducted on foot to include: physical fitness; combat fitness; small unit maneuvers; and land navigation skills. No equipment would be used unless it could be carried by personnel. These training activities would be conducted within the training center and throughout the grounds of the Clinton LTA. There would be occasional nighttime training activities; however, reservists would not remain at the Clinton LTA overnight.



M1151A1 HMMWV (Humvee)

M1165A1 Humvee



M1152A1 Humvee

M9972A2 Maxi-ambulance



MK27 Cargo Truck

Up to 37 tactical vehicles would be maintained and stored at the MCRTC. These vehicles would remain on existing improved roads; the vehicles would not be driven off road within the Clinton LTA. The tactical vehicles would be driven from the Clinton LTA to another training venue for off-road training purposes. Vehicle maintenance would occur in the designated facility.

The existing Air Force small arms firing range is currently closed and there are no plans in the foreseeable future to reopen the range.

Scope of the MCRTC EA

The EA will present the existing conditions at the proposed project site and evaluate the potential consequences of the proposed action on the natural and human environment. Specifically, the EA will assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the following resource areas: biological resources, water resources, land resources, air quality, hazardous materials and wastes, infrastructure and utilities, traffic and transportation, and noise.

MARFORRES anticipates there would be no significant impact to any resource area from construction or operation of the MCRTC.

The Marine Corps is consulting with key agencies, including the PA State Historic Preservation Office and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service PA Field Office.

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