

Fort Lawton Redevelopment: Project History

HHEWR Committee

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City of Seattle

Background

- Fort Lawton is currently owned by U.S. Army and leased by City. It is located in Magnolia, adjacent to Seattle's 534-acre Discovery Park
- 2005: BRAC Commission lists 70th Regional Support Command headquarters located at Fort Lawton as surplus property



Process to Date

- 2006: City officially named Local Redevelopment Authority, responsible for redevelopment plan for site, solicit and evaluate Notices of Interest
- 2006-2008: Public outreach and engagement culminates with 2008 Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan
 - Tour of site and BRAC workshop and over 15 public meetings
- 2008: Resolution 31086 authorizes of application to federal agencies; plan approved by federal government
- 2010: Court decision on lawsuit against the plan is upheld; full environmental review per SEPA must be done prior to Council action
- 2017: City and U.S. Army enter into 5-year Lease Agreement
 - Establishes deadlines for City action: Approval of Plan by Seattle City Council, submit updated Plan to HUD for approval, and submit request to Army for City acquisitions by January 1, 2020



Process to Date

- June 2017: SEPA scoping process, including 2 public scoping meetings
- August 2017: Scoping Report published; Revisions to EIS scope based on public input
- November 2017: Seattle Public Schools partnership
- December 2017-January 2018: Draft EIS/Public Hearing and Comment Period
- February-March 2018: Public comments reviewed; Final EIS includes responses to comments and revisions
- November 2018: Hearing Examiner determines FEIS to be adequate
- Q1 2019: Redevelopment Plan, as analyzed in FEIS, prepared for public comment; public meeting held
- Q2 2019: City Council review and action



Vision for Redevelopment

Use **publicly-owned land** to create an **affordable, livable community** that creates opportunities for those with low incomes to live in the Magnolia neighborhood, and takes advantage of the opportunity to increase recreational and open space for Seattle.

Core components include:

- Supportive housing, on-site services for homeless seniors, including veterans;
- Affordable rental housing for low-wage workers and their families;
- Affordable homeownership opportunities for low-income families;
- Preservation of existing natural areas that support wildlife habitat;
- Parks acquisition and maintenance facility for Seattle Parks and Recreation
- Two multipurpose athletic playfields

