

Fort Lawton

Army Reserve Center Redevelopment Update SEIS

What is an EIS?

- An objective, impartial evaluation of the impacts of the project and alternatives
- A planning tool for use by the City, agencies and the public
- A document that identifies mitigation measures and significant unavoidable adverse impacts

What is a Supplemental EIS?

- A supplement to a previously prepared EIS when there are substantial changes to a proposal
 - This SEIS will supplement the 2018 EIS for the Fort Lawton site

What is the purpose of this open house?

The purpose of this open house is to provide an opportunity for agencies, organizations and individuals to discuss the proposed update to the *Fort Lawton Army Reserve Center Redevelopment Update Project*, as well as provide an opportunity to comment on the issues to be analyzed in the SEIS.

How do I provide comments?

Verbal or written comments tonight

Mail or email comments by **October 23rd at 5pm**

Scan the QR code below or email **OH_Comments@seattle.gov**



How will my comments be used?

Comments will help the City of Seattle decide what issues and alternatives to analyze on the SEIS.

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SEPA Supplemental EIS Process

**Determine if an SEIS is Needed
(Determination of
Significance [DS])**

DS: A supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) is prepared when a lead agency has determined that a project is likely to have a significant impact(s) on the environment.*

Issue DS and Scoping Notice

Prepare Scoping Summary

**Identify Alternatives and
Environmental Elements**

Scoping: provides notice to the public, tribes, and other agencies that an SEIS is being prepared, initiates their involvement in the process, and allows them to identify which issues are relevant for the SEIS.

**Prepare Supporting Discipline
Reports**

Prepare/Issue Draft SEIS

**Invite Public, Tribal, and Agency
Comment on Draft SEIS**

Draft SEIS: Draft version of an SEIS that describes and analyzes the probable significant impacts of the alternatives on the environmental elements.

**Respond to comments on SEIS
in Final SEIS
Select Preferred Alternative**

Issue Final SEIS

Final SEIS: Final version of an SEIS that responds to comments on the SEIS and may include modified alternative(s) and additional analysis.

Notice of Issuance of Final SEIS

**City of Seattle Office of Housing has issued a DS for the Fort Lawton Redevelopment Update Project and an SEIS is being prepared.*

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Elements Initially Identified for Study in SEIS

- **Geology/Soils** – soils, geology, topography
- **Biological Resources** – plants, animals and wetlands
- **Air Quality** – air and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- **Noise** – noise generation
- **Environmental Health** – hazardous materials and substances
- **Land Use/Relationship to Plans and Policies** – land uses, relationship to City, County, State and other local plans/policies, and key federal plans/policies
- **Aesthetics/Visual Resources** – visual character, views, light and glare, shadows
- **Housing, Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice** - housing types and affordability, demographic conditions, disproportionate impacts on minority and low income populations
- **Recreation and Open Space** - parks and recreation
- **Historic and Cultural Resources** – historic, archaeological and cultural resources
- **Transportation** – motorized and non-motorized
- **Public Services** – police, fire/emergency services, schools
- **Utilities** – water and sewer

Alternatives Initially Identified for Study in SEIS

- **Proposed Action**
 - Up to 500 residential units (including senior, formerly homeless, and workforce units)
 - No site disturbance beyond 2018 EIS level
 - No rezone
- **No Action**
 - Ft. Lawton remains vacant and Army resumes maintenance

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SEIS Summation

- **The SEIS is an objective, impartial evaluation of the environmental consequences of the proposed project.**
- **The SEIS is:**
 - A planning tool that is used by the City of Seattle, other agencies, and the public in the decision-making process;
 - It identifies and evaluates probable environmental impacts of each of the alternatives;
 - It identifies measures that, if implemented, could mitigate the impacts that are identified in the final SEIS;
 - It identifies unavoidable adverse impacts of the project (if any);
- **The SEIS does not authorize a specific action; nor does it recommend for or against a particular course of action**