

Public Notice
Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program (I3MP), Fort Meade, MD

The U.S. Army has prepared a Draft EA that considers the proposed I3MP underground cable upgrades at Fort Meade, MD. The Proposed Action includes installing a total of 4.45 miles of underground fiber optic cable conduit, 3 handholes, and 31 manholes within the boundaries of FGGM. The cable will be placed in or adjacent to roadways and other developed areas whenever possible, and will be installed via directional drilling under Maryland Route 32 to avoid disturbing the road surface. The upgraded cable will be run into receiving buildings through a below-ground coring to wall mounted cabinets installed in basement utility closets or laundry rooms, as applicable. The results, as found in the Draft EA, show that the Proposed Action would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. At the conclusion of the public comment period, it is anticipated that a FNSI would be appropriate and would be signed for the Proposed Action. An Environmental Impact Statement therefore, is not necessary to implement the Proposed Action.

Copies of the Draft EA and Draft FNSI are available online at www.ftmeade.army.mil by clicking on the 'Environmental Programs' tab under 'Public Notices.' The documents can also be found at the Medal of Honor Memorial Library on Fort Meade and the West County Area Library, 1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD. Additionally, copies can be obtained by contacting Suzanne Teague, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, 4215 Roberts Avenue, Suite 5115, Fort Meade, MD 20755, or by phone at 301-677-9185, or by e-mail at suzanne.m.teague.civ@mail.mil.

Comments on the Draft EA and Draft FNSI must be submitted to Ms. Teague at the above mailing or e-mail address no later than 30 days from the publication of this notice.