

local community a long-range planning tool for use as it develops its reuse strategy.

Three additional site considerations and potential impacts will be mitigated through processes required as discussed below. First, the entire Volunteer property is listed as a State of Tennessee Superfund Site. The Army is currently investigating and cleaning the contaminated areas as part of their legal responsibility under the Installation Restoration (IR) program and under RCRA as described in Chapter III.B.7 in the Draft. This process requires close coordination with regulatory agencies and with the public. A Restoration Advisory Board has been established and is holding regular meetings that are open to the public. GSA's proposed disposal would have no effect on the status of the site investigation and cleanup efforts being conducted under the IR and RCRA programs. Some of this property may be transferred under early transfer authority and would require approval of the Governor. This process is explained in detail in the Draft EIS pages 1-11 to 1-12.

Secondly, two of the proposed scenarios include a 490-acre site for a sanitary landfill. Should the local community elect to proceed with this option, an extensive permitting process and public notification process would be mandatory. This would require extensive engineering and design studies, a closure plan, and permitting under Tennessee Rule 1200-1-7 Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Facilities. This required process would solicit additional community participation and the permitting requirements would serve to mitigate potential adverse impacts to the natural and human environment.

Third, three of the scenarios developed propose a new I-75 traffic interchange at VAAP. An Interchange Justification Report for this interchange would be required pursuant to Federal Highway Administration (FHA) regulations. This report would be prepared by Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and submitted to FHA for approval. An environmental assessment would be required along with site-specific studies and public involvement, which would serve to mitigate impacts from the development of a new interchange at VAAP.

The NEPA process itself and the joint development of a series of land use scenarios became the major mitigation measure that will serve to minimize the impacts to the natural and human environment. GSA consulted with other State and Federal Agencies to identify impacts and develop mitigation

measures. Neither the disposal alternative nor the no-action alternative was considered to be environmentally preferred over the other. Potential impacts to the natural and human environment were found to be not significant after mitigation. This is documented in both the Draft and the Final EIS by reference, and a summary of mitigation by the Agency is attached as part of this ROD.

#### Rationale for Decision

1. As part of GSA's environmental review, GSA conducted extensive public scoping with the local community to identify potential impacts and concerns that would result from proceeding with the proposed disposal action.

2. Issues that were identified by the community through Public Meetings and correspondence and were addressed in both the Draft and the Final Environmental Impact Statements released for public comment and review. Issues were addressed in the NEPA documents and all comments and GSA responses are incorporated into the documents as part of the official record.

3. GSA consulted with other government agencies including local, State, and Federal Agencies, to solicit their input on the proposed disposal. All issues identified and responses provided are presented in the Draft and Final documents.

4. The development of proposed reuses for the Volunteers property enabled potential uses to be identified and impacts to be analyzed. The EIS process provided a tool by which potential impacts were identified and mitigation measures developed. No significant impacts to the natural or human environment were identified from this proposed disposal action.

5. Potential impacts have been identified and mitigation measures selected that will minimize the impacts from this disposal action. GSA has consulted with other Agencies in the development of mitigation measures. GSA will institute the identified mitigation measures and will consult with other Agencies to insure that mitigation measures are implemented.

6. Should potentially significant impacts be later identified that may reach significant levels, GSA will prepare supplementary documentation as mitigation as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Therefore, having given consideration to all of the factors discovered during the 12 month environmental review process, it is GSA's decision to proceed with the Proposed Action: Disposal of the Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant

based on the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 as amended.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Grant to Allegheny County Department of Human Services

**AGENCY:** Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a noncompetitive grant award is being made to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services Under the title "Allegheny County Family Support System Expansion Project," the project proposes to expand family support center activities to two additional sites in Allegheny County: Mon View Heights and Lincoln Park. Based on the results learned from their Data Integration Project in 25 existing family support centers in Allegheny County, the proposed project will address significant service gaps in providing services to members of these communities

This project is being funded noncompetitively. The project will expand the existing network of family support centers, and will contribute to the establishment of greater access to county services in a concentrated neighborhood environment. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is being awarded for a 12-month project period, beginning October 1, 1999 and ending September 30, 2000.

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