

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

SECTION 202 DICKENSON COUNTY NONSTRUCTURAL PROJECT
DICKENSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSOLIDATED MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL COMPLEX
DICKENSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

APPENDIX R – NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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* This notice is to amend the previous notices published on October 31, 2012 and November 7, 2012 indicating the documents would be available on or about November 5, 2012.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this Notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Dickenson County Public Schools Consolidated Middle/High School Complex, Section 202 Project is complete and available for public review. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District is the lead Federal Agency. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Service is actively serving as a cooperating and consulting Federal Agency. The project is receiving funding from both agencies and qualifies as a Federal action for both. The project is located in Dickenson County, Virginia. Permanent and temporary impacts to streams and wetlands are anticipated with the proposed project. Required permits will be obtained and compensatory mitigation will be completed. Temporary increases in noise levels are anticipated during the construction of the school complex, and minor increases in noise and traffic near the campus upon completion. Positive impacts to the floodplain are anticipated as a result of the proposed project. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) from both agencies is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the DEA for public review.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the DEA and Draft FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about November 16, 2012. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following locations during normal business hours.

Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library
198 Chase Street
Clintwood, VA 24228

Haysi Community Library
157 O'Quinn St
Haysi, VA 24256

USDA Rural Development
140 Highland Drive, Suite 5
Lebanon, VA 24266

In addition to the hard-copies available at the locations listed above, the DEA can be viewed online at the following link under the Section 202 Dickenson County School Consolidation Project heading: <http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Missions/PublicReview.aspx>

Copies of the DEA and Draft FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at (304) 399-5276 and/or the USDA Rural Development Area Office at (276) 889-4650, ext. 121. Comments pertaining to the documents can be directed by letter to either of the addresses below or transmitted electronically to: DLL-CELRH-LRHPUBLICCOMMENTS@USACE.ARMY.MIL Please reference the project above in the title or body of any submitted comments.

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