

## DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

### Section 202 Dickenson County Nonstructural Project – Haysi Municipal Building Relocation Dickenson County, Virginia

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District (Corps) has conducted an environmental analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) dated **DATE OF EA**, for the Section 202 Dickenson County Nonstructural Project addresses relocation of the existing Haysi Municipal Building in Dickenson County, Virginia. The purpose of the Dickenson County Nonstructural Project is to implement flood risk management measures to reduce flooding impacts and damages for the residences and businesses of Dickenson County, Virginia.

The Final EA, incorporated herein by reference, evaluated various alternatives for potential relocation sites in the study area. Section 2.0 of the EA discusses the proposed action and alternatives and the proposed action alternative includes:

- Construction of a replacement municipal building that includes the following: installation or extension of utility services; administrative offices for the mayor, town clerk, and economic development director; a council chamber that would also serve as a multi-purpose room and community center; offices for the police department; restrooms; various storage rooms; mechanical and electrical spaces; and a garage. The minimum area for the proposed facility would be 3,110 square feet in addition to a 576 square feet garage and parking that includes an appropriate number of handicap accessible parking spaces. It is anticipated that the facility would have a brick veneer exterior, shingled roof, and concrete sidewalks.

In addition to a “no action” plan, four alternatives were evaluated. The alternatives included:

- Alternative Site A (Old Haysi High School): This alternative site is located off VA State Route 80 on Tiger Circle and is approximately 0.70 miles from the existing municipal building. The site contains about 14 acres and is occupied by the old Haysi High School. This site was eliminated as an alternative due to insufficient size or usable area. In addition, Site A has been “off the tax books” for several decades and now could be the most valuable commercial real estate in Haysi.
- Alternative Site B (Lower Backbone): This alternative site is located along CR 652 on Backbone Ridge and is approximately 1.0 mile from the existing municipal building. The site was appraised at a size of 1.26 acres and is currently unoccupied.
- Alternative Site C (Downtown): This alternative site is located along VA SR 80 and is approximately 0.40 miles from the existing municipal building. It is in downtown Haysi, opposite Russell Prater Creek and adjacent to the BB&T bank. The site is currently occupied by one commercial structure. This site was eliminated as an alternative due to insufficient size or usable area. In addition, utilization of Site C would require a permit from FEMA for placing fill in the floodplain.
- Alternative Site D (Dealership): This alternative site is located along VA State Route 83 (VA SR 83) and is approximately 1.6 miles from the intersection of VA SR 83 and VA SR 80. The site contains about 26.8 acres and is occupied by an automobile showroom which will have to be demolished and removed. It also contains a two-story, two-bay

garage which will have to be demolished. This site was eliminated as an alternative due to its development into a profitable business and contributions to the town's tax base.

**SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS:**

For all alternatives, the potential effects to the following resources were evaluated, as appropriate. The evaluation of effects was focused on key resources affected by the proposed alternatives. A summary assessment of the potential effects of the Proposed Action Alternative are listed in Table 1:

**Table 1: Summary of Potential Effects of the Proposed Action**

	Insignificant effects	Insignificant effects as a result of mitigation	Resource unaffected by action
Aesthetics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquatic resources/wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Invasive species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fish and wildlife habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Threatened/Endangered species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other cultural resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Floodplains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous, toxic & radioactive waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hydrology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Noise levels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tribal trust resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transportation and traffic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wild and Scenic Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prime and Unique Farmland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

All practical and appropriate means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects were analyzed and incorporated into the recommended plan. Best management practices (BMPs) as detailed in the EA will be implemented, if appropriate, to minimize impacts. For additional details of the proposed action alternative, see Section 3.0 of the EA.

No compensatory mitigation is required as part of the recommended plan.

A 30-day public, state, and agency review of the Draft SEA and FONSI will be completed on DATE. All comments submitted during the public review period will be responded to in the Final EA and FONSI.

Pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the recommended plan will have no effect to the following federally listed species or their designated critical habitat: Big Sandy crayfish. In addition, the recommended plan may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the following federally listed species or their designated critical habitat: Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) concurred with the Corps' determination on **DATE OF CONCURRENCE LETTER.**

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the recommended plan has no effect on historic properties.

Technical, environmental, economic, and cost effectiveness criteria used in the formulation of alternative plans were those specified in the Water Resources Council's 1983 Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies. All applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and local government plans were considered in evaluation of alternatives. Based on this report, the reviews by other Federal, State and local agencies, Tribes, input of the public, and the review by my staff, it is my determination that the recommended plan would not cause significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment; therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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