



## FACT SHEET

May 2016

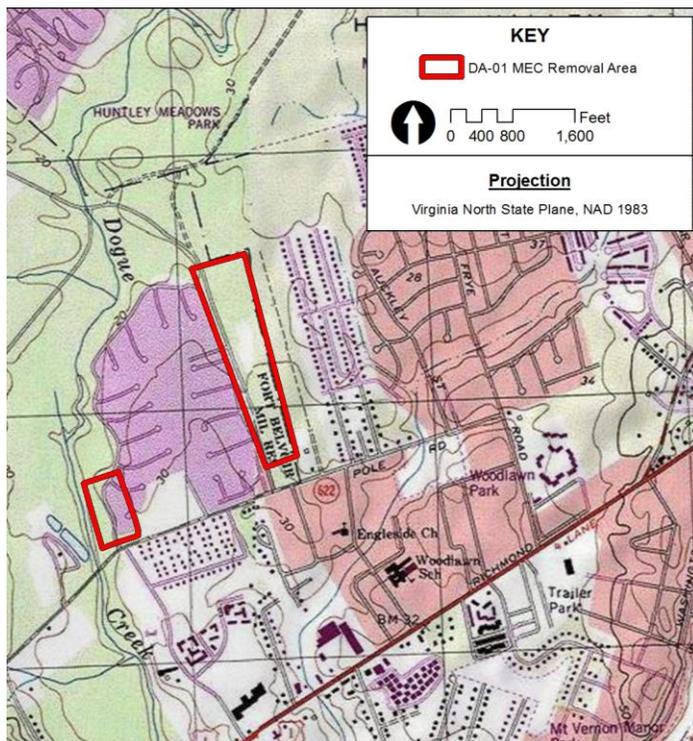
Baltimore District

The Demolition Area – 01 is a Munitions Response Site (MRS) located in the northeastern portion of Fort Belvoir around the Woodlawn Village Housing. Portions of the MRS are being transferred out of Department of Defense control for redevelopment. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is conducting a Removal Action (RA) over 45.5 acres within the Demolition Area – 01, to remove former munitions that remain in the ground from historical military training. Field work for this RA will be conducted in the May-July 2016 timeframe.



### Removal Action

The RA will be performed at two areas within the Demolition Area – 01 MRS. The larger area to the east of the Woodlawn Village Housing is approximately 35.5 acres and primarily wooded. The smaller area to the west is approximately 9.9 acres and overlaps Plantation Drive and Boxwood Court. The goal of the RA is to remove munitions related materials from the surface and subsurface. A metal detector will be used to locate metallic items in the ground, and the items will then be carefully excavated and removed by personnel trained in the identification and safe handling of munitions. These activities will be performed in a manner that will minimize disruptions to residents of the Woodlawn Village Housing, but residents should be aware that the contractor will be performing activities in the May to July 2016 timeframe. Temporary road closures, detours, and potentially evacuations may occur along the western portion of Plantation Drive and on Boxwood Court. Fort Belvoir will communicate more closely with these residents should road closures and evacuations be necessary.



### Site History

The Demolition Area MRS was used from 1940 to 1951 to train Army engineers in the use of demolition materials and to practice demolition techniques (i.e., bridge demolition). Activities also included training in landmine laying and clearing techniques. Training occurred with practice land mines that may have contained a small spotting charge. A significant portion of the MRS was then redeveloped in 1980 to create the Woodlawn Village Housing.

### Previous Investigations

Former range sites at Fort Belvoir have been investigated over the years to determine whether there are any munitions still present and what should be done about them. There was a Historical Records Review completed in March 2006 to compile documentation on known training sites at Fort Belvoir. An Aerial Photographic Analysis was completed in August 2007, depicting imagery that showed the

locations of range activities from 1943 to 1980. A Site Inspection (SI) was completed in January 2008 to collect on the ground information to determine whether there was sufficient evidence of munitions still present. A Remedial Investigation (RI) was then performed for the Demolition Area-01 to characterize the types and amounts of munitions present. Although no hazardous munitions were found during the RI, areas of mine laying/clearing training identified in the Aerial Photographic Analysis were confirmed to still contain practice mines. These areas were recommended for future cleanup in a Feasibility Study.

### Information Repository

The Corps has compiled documents related to the Demolition Area- 01 project that are available to the public. The information repositories are at the Kingstowne and Lorton Libraries. Since these documents are considered non circulating reference materials, they cannot be removed from the repositories.

<b>Kingstowne Library</b> 6500 Landowne Centre Alexandria, VA 22315 Telephone: (703) 339-4610	<b>Lorton Library</b> 9520 Richmond Highway Lorton, VA 22079 Telephone: (703) 339-7385
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### Questions?

If you have questions about this site and its history or locations and times for project call Fort Belvoir's Housing Office at 703-805-3019/3018 or The Fort Belvoir Public Affairs Office Information Hotline at 703-805-3030.

### Ordnance Finds

If you find any item you suspect might be ordnance, leave the area immediately, warn others in the vicinity and notify local law enforcement officials immediately. Note the location of the suspicious item, but *never* touch, move or disturb the item.

Ordnance, regardless of age, or physical shape, can be dangerous. The Corp encourages communities to educate children about ordnance hazards including proper procedures to follow if they find a suspected ordnance item. Remember the 3R's, Recognize, Retreat, and Report.



**RECOGNIZE**  
Military items can be  
**DANGEROUS**

**RETREAT**  
**DO NOT TOUCH IT!**  
Move away from the area

**REPORT**  
Call 911