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**Public Hearing Presentation for the  
Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions  
at  
National Naval Medical Center (NNMC)  
Bethesda, Maryland**

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**January 9, 2008  
January 10, 2008**



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# Overview of DEIS Public Hearing Schedule

**Call to Order**

**Review of Public Hearing Protocols**

**Hearing Officer Presentation**

**Introduction of Public Comment Moderator**

**Public Comment Period (see Protocol Order of Precedence)**

**Closing Remarks and Adjournment by Hearing Officer**



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# Review of Public Hearing Protocol

**Anyone may appear or have a designated representative.**

**Hearing officer ensures orderly expeditious hearing.**

**Official comments are from elected and appointed government officials by order of precedence, followed by those from the general public.**

**Public comments/questions are directed to the Record for Navy environmental evaluation.**

**There are no provisions for a “question and answer” period or responses.**

**Please condense oral statements to fit 3-minute timeframe. Lengthy written statements should be summarized orally and submitted for written record in their entirety.**

**Following the Public Hearing you may submit any additional comments until 28 January. Submit by fax, email, or mail via the contacts provided in the handout at registration table.**

# Navy Overview: Presentation of the DEIS





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# Background on BRAC Law 2005

**Actions are directed by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (BRAC Law) as amended in 2005. The BRAC Law directs:**

- Relocate tertiary and complex care elements from Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) to Bethesda
- Establish new premier Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda MD
- Balance of primary care and non-complex specialty care from WRAMC shifts to a new Army Community Hospital at Fort Belvoir, VA
- BRAC Law specifies FULL implementation on/before 15 Sept 2011

**The exact language of the BRAC law is identified on the poster board at the rear of the room.**



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# SUMMARY OF ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN THE DEIS

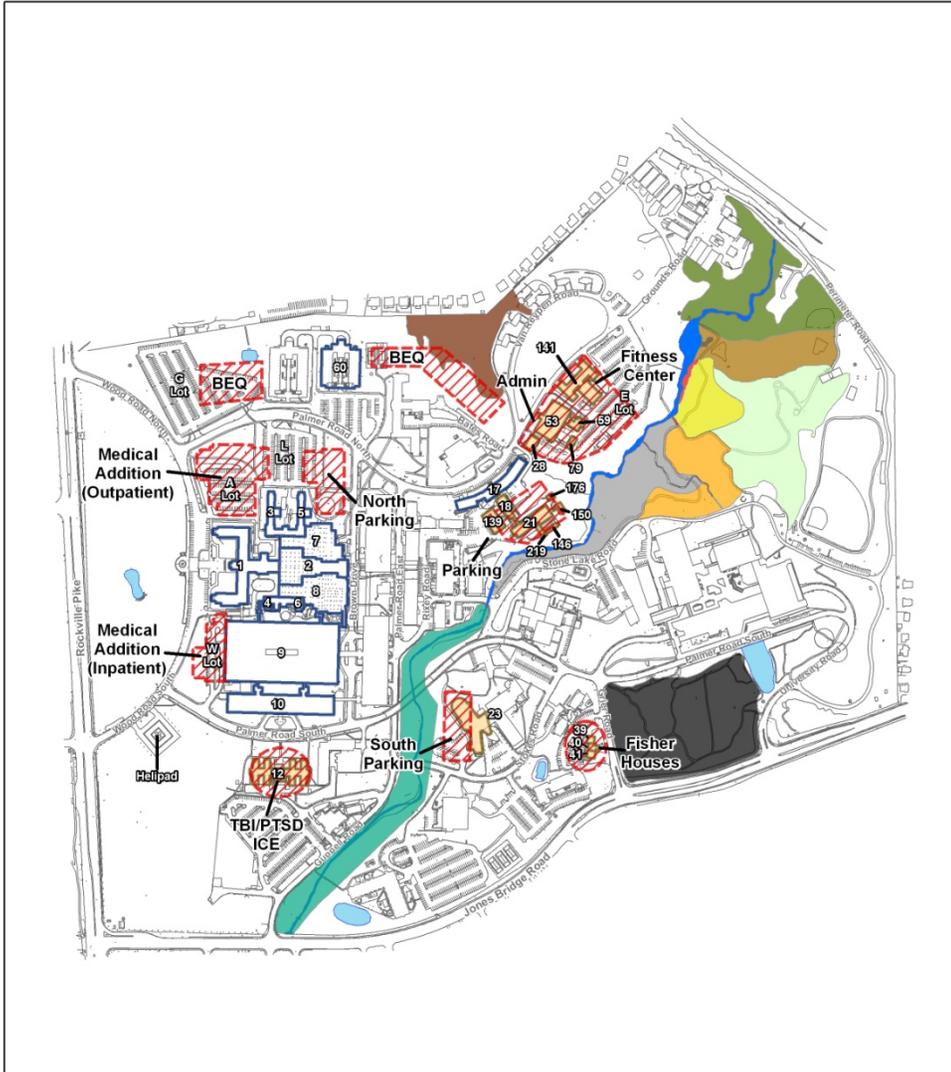
**BRAC adds 2,500 staff and 1,862 daily patients and visitors Monday – Friday. This requires 1.6 million SF of new or renovated facilities to deliver required additional outpatient and inpatient care capacity:**

- Covers range of key medical and administrative facilities
- Adds estimated net new 1,800 parking spaces for patients, visitors, and staff to support increased health care volume
- Intrepid Center of Excellence for Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress (TBI/PTSD) inpatient and aftercare
- Joint Warrior Transition Unit clinic and medical admin space for transitional aftercare and patient-family education
- Bachelor Enlisted Quarters to billet junior enlisted staff
- Replacement fitness center serving added patients and staff
- Two Fisher Houses™ delivering home-like reintegration setting and lodging for recovering patients and their families



# Alternatives One and Two: Avoid disturbing wetlands and habitat by using existing developed areas on Base.

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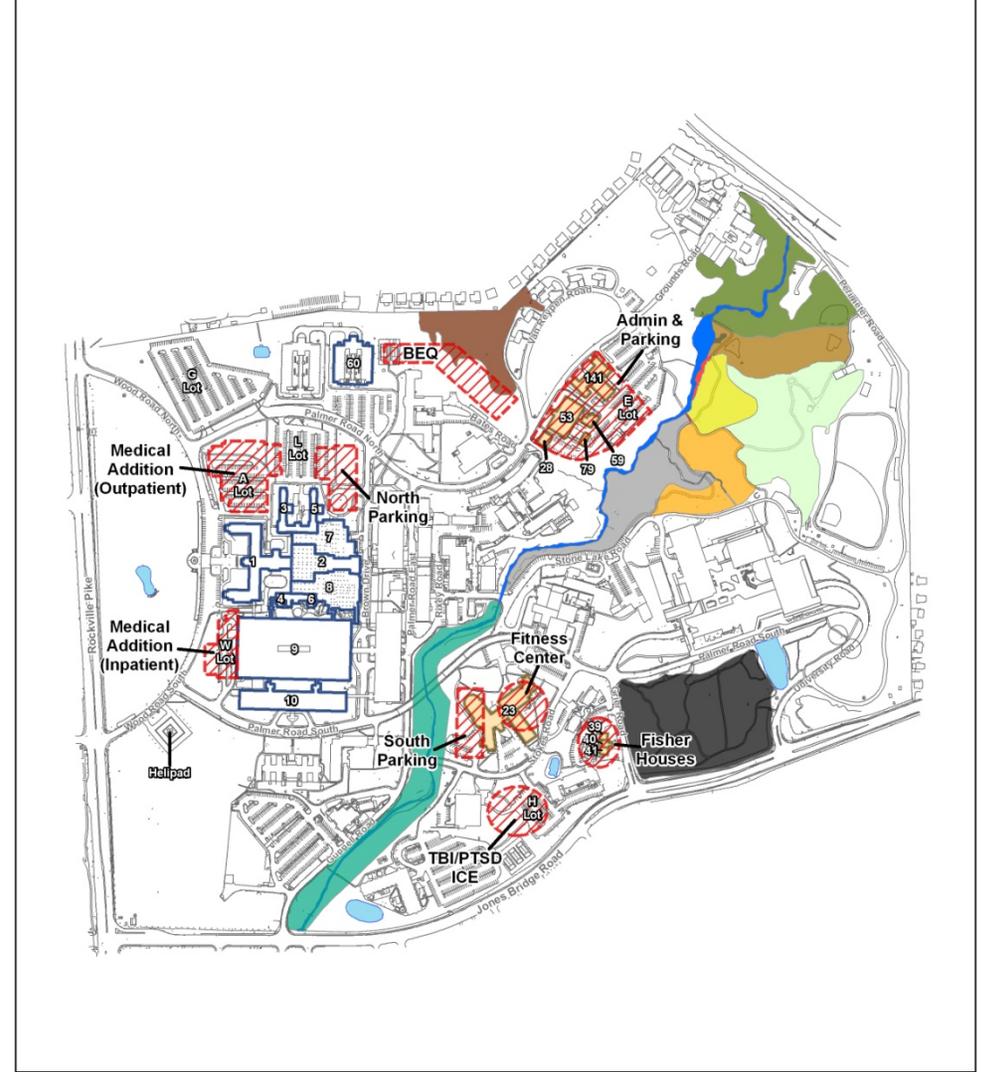
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Old Fairway	Woodlands 4
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	Stoney Creek
	pond

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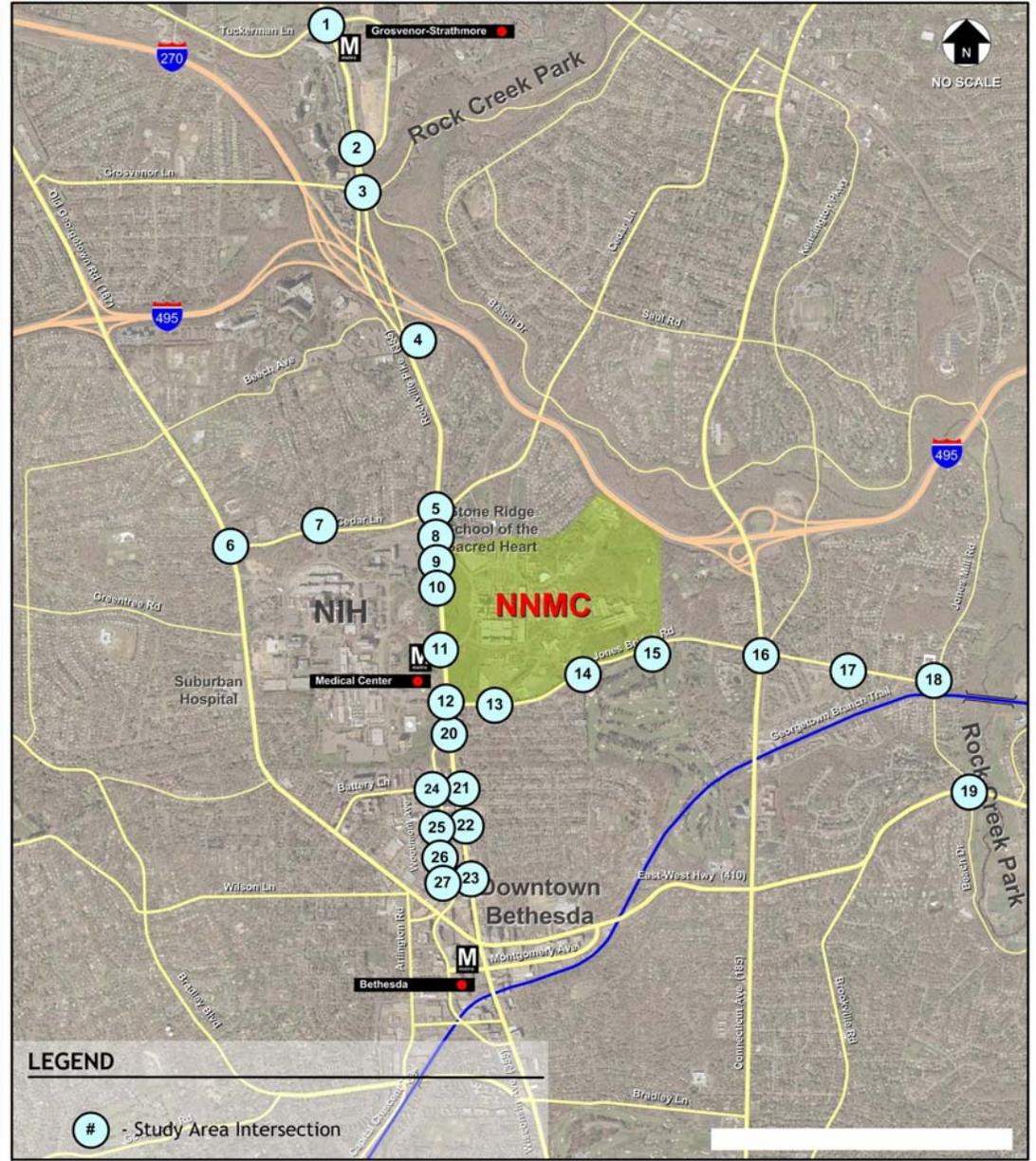
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# 27 Traffic Intersections Analyzed for Potential Impacts

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No.	Intersection Locations
1	Tuckerman North & Rockville Pike
2	Tuckerman South & Rockville Pike
3	Grosvenor Lane & Rockville Pike
4	Pooks Hill Road & Rockville Pike
5	Rockville Pike & West Cedar Lane
6	West Cedar Lane & Old Georgetown Road
7	West Cedar Lane & West Drive
8	Rockville Pike & North Drive
9	Rockville Pike & North Wood Road
10	Rockville Pike & Wilson Drive
11	Rockville Pike & South Wood Road
12	Rockville Pike & Jones Bridge Road
13	Jones Bridge Road & Gunnell Road
14	Jones Bridge Road & Grier Road
15	Jones Bridge Road & University Drive
16	Jones Bridge Road & Connecticut Avenue
17	Jones Bridge Road & Manor Road
18	Jones Bridge Road & Jones Mill Road
19	Jones Mill Road & East - West Highway
20	Wisconsin Avenue & Woodmont Avenue
21	Rockville Pike & Battery Lane
22	Rockville Pike & Cordell Avenue
23	Rockville & Cheltenham Drive
24	Woodmont Ave & Battery Lane
25	Woodmont Ave & Cordell Avenue
26	Woodmont Ave & St. Elmo Drive
27	Woodmont Ave & Cheltenham Drive





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## Traffic Impacts With BRAC Implementation

**3 of 27 intersections are currently at or exceed county CLV standards (1600):** Rockville Pike at West Cedar Lane (AM & PM), Jones Bridge Road at Rockville Pike (PM), and Jones Bridge Road at Connecticut Avenue (PM).

**By 2011, baseline traffic adds 4<sup>th</sup> intersection above standards:** West Cedar Lane at Old Georgetown Road (PM).

**In 2011, BRAC adds 5<sup>th</sup> intersection above standards:** Rockville Pike at North Drive with CLV 1605 vs 1600 standard (AM).

**Additional traffic volumes added by BRAC compared to 2011 baseline for intersections exceeding capacity are:** 3%, 2%, 3%, 4% 12%, and 7% (in order discussed above).



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# Proposed or Potential Traffic Improvements

## On Base Improvements for BRAC Funding:

- Improvements to the two primary Base gates on Rockville Pike and improvements to the NNMC Perimeter Road
- New engineering study to optimize any improvements made to the existing NNMC entry and exit gates.
- Complete new Traffic Management Plan with Installation Master Plan in FY08 to develop measures to encourage use of mass transit, safe pedestrian modes, bicycle commuting, and related initiatives.

## Potential Off Base Improvements for County or State Implementation

- Turning and/or Additional Vehicle Lanes:
  - Rockville Pike (MD 355) at Cedar Lane and at Jones Bridge Road
  - Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) at Cedar Lane
  - Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) at Jones Bridge Road
- Pedestrian Connection and a Metrorail Link to NNMC



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# Other DEIS Impacts

**Cultural Resources:** NNMC is pursuing formal Section 106 consultation to resolve any adverse effects to historic properties.

**Air Quality:** Pollutants are below USEPA *de minimis* levels.

**Noise:** There will be typical noise from construction-related activities 2008-2011. Projected NNMC helicopter evacuations increase 1-2 flights per month.

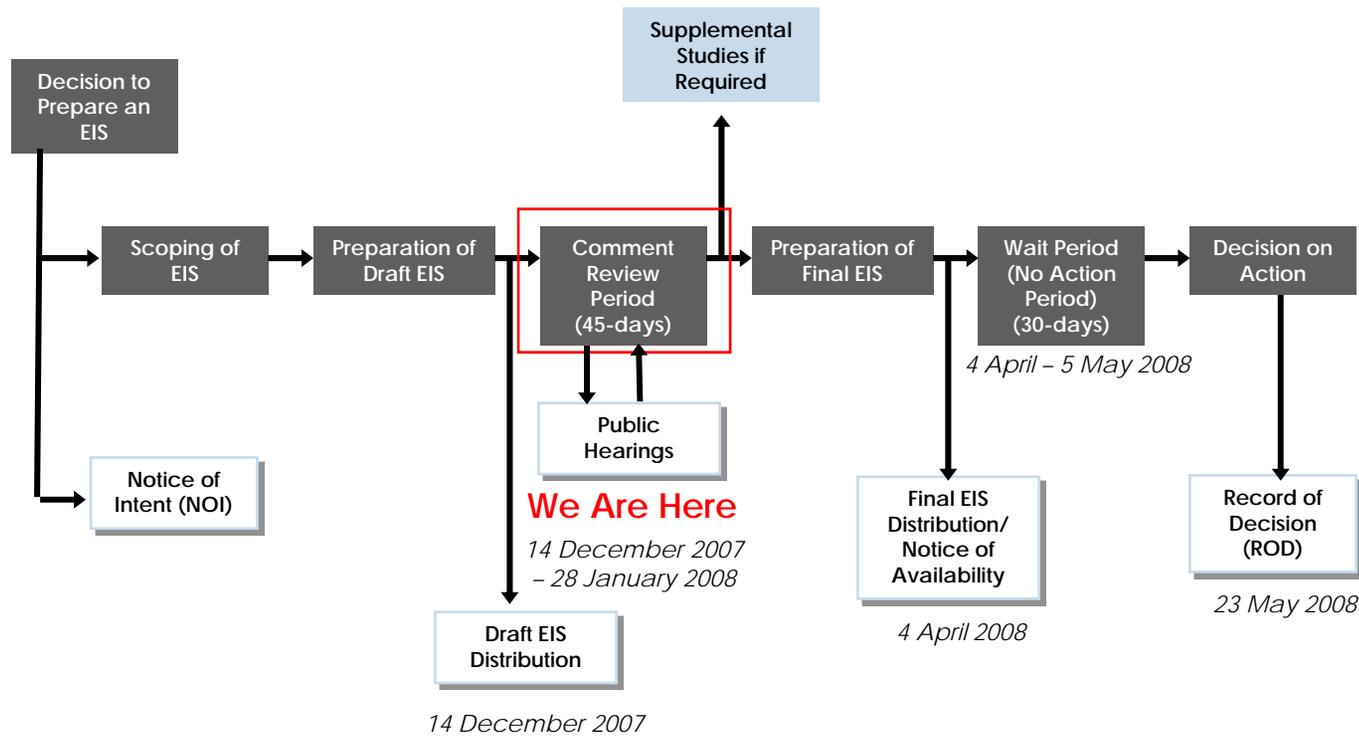
**Utilities:** Movement of functions from WRAMC does not change regional demand and supply from Area providers is projected as adequate.

**Land Use:** All direct effects to land use are within NNMC.

**Socioeconomics:** BRAC construction will increase regional sales and employment. Peak and off-peak traffic increases.

**Cumulative Impacts:** Traffic Study within the DEIS includes other off-base projects within the traffic baseline. On Base projects will not develop significant incremental impacts.

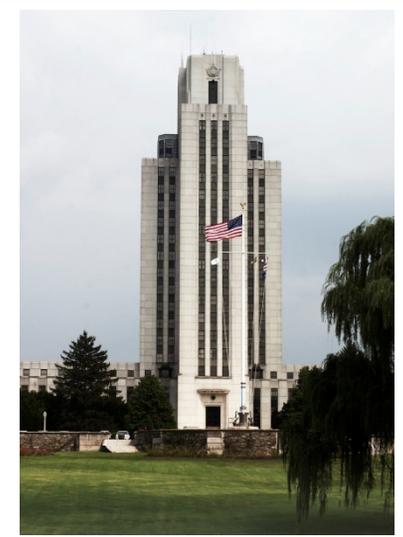
# The EIS Process and Schedule



## DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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## PUBLIC HEARING



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