

CAMP CROFT RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE: Marriott in Spartanburg, South Carolina

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6:30 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

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BY MR. HAYES:

We would like to call this meeting to order. I want to welcome everybody out tonight. It's sort of windy out tonight and cold, so we've got a pretty good turnout. We've got a quorum of the board, and we'll call this meeting to order.

Tonight we've got several different agendas on the schedule. We're going to be talking about old business and new business. The old business is things we brought up from before and we talked about, and there's been no notification of any new items on the agenda for old business. So -- so if there's new business -- old business to be brought up tonight, it will be what was brought up from before.

So and there's any new business for the next meeting to be brought up on the schedule for next meeting, then we need to discuss it then. So that's the way we'll handle that. If there's any discussion about new business, we'll have to carry that over for the next meeting.

We've got a new project manager from Huntsville, Mr. Brendan Slater, who is down at the end down here. He's been with the Corps for a good many years, so -- and also we've got Mr. Dan Plugge right next to Brendan. So we're glad they could come up from Huntsville.

So right now I'd like to turn the meeting over to Mr. Ron Nesbit with the Army Corps of Engineers, and we're going to talk about the update, update on the horse trails.

BY MR. NESBIT:

Yes. At the last meeting there were some questions about what areas of the park were deemed horse trails and where could we find information about them.

What we have here is a report that was actually done at the time when we were investigating the horse trails, both before and after, which is also located in the library or will be in the library that anyone wish to review, they can, and one of the things that -- excuse me -- I had mentioned at the last meeting was that we wanted to ensure that signs were still listed in the park around the horse trails to make certain that people were aware of areas that were safe to ride their horses, how wide or what areas to stay out of, and that has been checked. Signage are still in the park accessible and visible. So people can see these signs and know what areas have been marked for the horse trails.

One other thing that we did was to go back over and ensure that the information was provided to the state park, addressed that question in our GIS maps of the park showing the areas that was actually cleared by the Corps and investigated by the Corps as well.

All that information is available in the library or in the – on the web page. That is accessible to everybody.

Unless there is any other question about the horse trails, does anyone have any questions?

(NO RESPONSE)

BY MR. NESBIT:

One other thing about that we were to have made available to the parks that was for some time was the training tapes that they could use potentially to educate and instruct people using the trails or the park, for that matter, of things, safety ways of actually using the park in a safe manner. We've got tapes here tonight that we brought for the park. There's no one here tonight, but we will make certain that they get those tapes so they can use them for that purpose.

That's been a long outstanding item and I'm happy to say that we've got them now and I will make certain that these get those in their hands. Okay.

Status of the removal action in Wedgewood: What I will do is just give you a brief overview, and then I'm going to turn it over to Zapata to actually go in more depth of what we have done thus far, not just of Wedgewood but the anticipated area around the Wedgewood area that we hope to be able to begin additional work in the near future, I think next year, as well.

We were in the area in January of this year, 2005. We did find pits that we knew were there with ordnance. Rather than just one pit, we found more than one, so therefore it was a little more extensive than what we had anticipated; but we have since cleared those pits of those ordnance, and we have also allowed people back in their homes or have already come over from the site, so people have access back to their areas, and hopefully their lives will get back to normal again.

Now during the course of time I know we inconvenienced some of the residents in the area because it required a lot of people or some people to move out of their homes for

a short spans of time while we were there to actually do the intrusive removal activities that were necessary.

The reason for them to leave their homes is a safety issue. We have a safety zone that people that are not involved in the actual removal activity must be cleared of the area.

We got quite a bit of cooperation not only from the golf course, but also from residents in the Wedgewood area, as well. However, when we ask and are going through the process of trying to make certain that everyone is aware of when we are there, what we are doing, and how long we anticipate actually working in those areas, we try to make certain that everyone gets that information in enough time so that they can make plans for themselves during that period of time.

It's very expensive to do the intrusive work. It runs at a means of around \$30,000 to \$40,000 a day in some cases, and thereby any delay in those areas because someone is not cooperative makes it difficult for us to get the required work accomplished in the time frame that we had programmed to have it done; but in this case I can honestly say that everyone tried their best to accommodate us, and we really appreciated that.

Having said – brought up the question about cost, I might as well mention it now. We awarded a contract or about to award a contract this year for about \$300,000 or less to do additional removal activities up in that same area at the present, at least that's what's planned. Two or three hundred thousand dollars is not a lot of money. That's pretty much what has happened to the funding level for the project. A project that once used to average between 1.2, 1.5 million dollars a year is down to around \$300,000 a year. Three hundred thousand dollars a year, we will be in the Wedgewood area right from five to ten years, perhaps, to complete the activities that are necessary to bring that area that we feel to a safe atmosphere.

Now I can't tell you that the budget is going to increase for the environmental arena. I can tell you this: That the priority for the State of South Carolina in terms of work at Camp Croft has dwindled. I can't make the priority go any higher than it is, other than the fact that it's important that everyone realize that without funds we can't work and we can't get a lot accomplished, and it will take us longer in the areas to do what we are tasked to do.

So it's an appeal to you to do your part in terms of trying to assist us in getting funds, raising the priority. I'm not telling you to go, you know, to someone's door, but if that works, it works. The bottom line is we do not have enough funding for Camp Croft to make sizeable dents into areas to actually complete the project sooner than later, and that's what's happening to us.

I hate inconveniencing people, but we have no choice. We're making the – we're trying to get as much done with the minimal amount of money that we've got.

This coming year we will continue to plan to complete or do additional work in the Wedgewood area. Hopefully that work that's scheduled to be done will not inconvenience many of you, but if you are inconvenienced, you'll be notified. In fact, everyone will be notified in due time, probably at our next RAB meeting, and we'll be contacting those individuals by – by mail and/or someone giving you a call, as well.

If you should know that one of your family – oh, I'm sorry – one of your neighbors may have moved or – or -- or relocated, sold a home or something like that, when our folks are in the area, it would be good if you let them know that there may be new residents in that area or something like that, so that we can keep track of whom are living in the areas purely from the standpoint of making certain that everyone is notified of what's going on in the community in terms of dealing with the FUDS situation.

Okay.

I've covered a lot more than I was supposed to at this one juncture, but what I will do now is turn it over to Tom.

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

Jeff.

BY MR. NESBIT:

Or Jeff, yes, so that he can give a more accurate accounting of where we are, what we've done and how we are planning to get where we need to go.

BY MR. SCHWALM:

Good evening.

I'm Jeff Schwalm with Zapata Engineering. I'm the project manager for the Camp Croft work in Zapata Engineering, and would like to give you a bit of an update.

Most of you are probably familiar with the history of Camp Croft used as an Army infantry training. They did a variety of artillery and mortar training at the site in the 1940s. It was closed and turned over as excess in about 1947.

From there not much happened in the project until about 1984, and we'll go through a timeline here in a little bit, but this project comes under the DERP and FUDS, which is a formerly used defense site project, and it was determined to be a FUDS site back in about 1992 or '93, in that time frame.

So it shows you how much we've spent on the project since '95, and there's still more work to do, as Mr. Nesbit was saying.

The main reason we're out here is because of the hazard of – the hazard – the hazardous of the evidence of the ordnance involved in the training that was in the 1940s. The items are still out there. They're still live, and they are still extremely hazard to the public if they're encountered.

Activities to date talk about the Restoration Advisory Board. That was established in 1995, and that's -- was established to encourage partnerships between the community and the government, like just repeating back on what Mr. Nesbit was saying, and this is the main forum for energizing community and working through the issues for the Camp Croft work.

Let's talk a little bit about the process.

The further process or the main process began through the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis. In the first – there was two of them. The first one was in January 1996, and then the subsequent Action Memorandum dated February 1996.

The second one was completed in January 1998 with the Action Memorandum in March 1999. We'll go over a little bit with those results in detail.

We looked at these areas here. Some were in the park. Some showed OOU3, which is in the Wedgewood Subdivision. There was other private properties throughout the area that were also investigated, and it shows you, after the investigations were completed, the recommended actions; and to date everything that was recommended under the first what we call EE/CA, Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis, all that work has been completed.

This map just show you the area that were looked under at the first EE/CA.

During the second EE/CA, these additional areas were looked at. As you can see, there were recommended actions, and the only one that is being worked at this time is OOU3, and that's still ongoing and we'll touch on that in – in a few minutes.

This shows the areas that were being looked at, and we'll talk about the latest clearance effort, which was in the north part of the Wedgewood area and on top of it and on the golf course there in the vicinity of the eighth hole, and it just shows you a couple – some of the items that we actually took out of the pits from this last effort.

This map point out a few things. This is where the activity occurred where we did a removal action and some – some of the items removed about – removed about 23 live grenades from – from the area we cleared. There was six, seven, eight pits total that were cleared on the site. We thought there were just three or four, so we found other pits and they were cleared, and we dug probably over 1,500 different targets through our geophysical investigation. Quite a bit of ordnance scrap, took out between the pits and the other areas, we removed about 622 pounds of ordnance scrap that was contaminated throughout that area, also; and that effort took place from we mobilized on 3 January and worked through I believe it was around the 2nd of February when we started finishing up in the area and mobilizing out of the area.

The work that's proposed for the future is about another approximately three to three and a half acres. Excuse me. It shows this area right here and these four areas right here, and I have another map for you to come up and look at after the meeting. Come on up and see how your house or how it may affect you in the future. So that's available to come up after the meeting.

The next item we want just to look at is showing the timeline and this work started by the initial site survey by the Charleston District in 1984, and this process has continued through today and shows approximate timelines when all the work is completed with the phase one removal action completed at around 1996, '97, that time frame, and this Phase II EE/CA is still – that work is still continuing.

It shows the work that we're still that we're doing and have completed to date showing the most recent completion of the work right here, and then we put the timeline out – timeline out to where we estimate it may take -- at the current funding levels it may

take us to complete the work. Right now we're looking at approximately 2011 the complete – to complete all the work in the Wedgewood area at the current funding levels.

So then there's the area OOU11, which is part is on a golf course and some of it's in a private neighborhood out to about 2020. We're looking at area OOU12, which is other private lands, and I can show you on some other maps that we have, and that's up to about 2030; and then OOU10, which is in Croft State Park, and we're looking at that's completed out to about 2035 right now. So this – and that's at the current funding level.

If you'd like any additional information on the project, here's some contact numbers. Again, the www.campcroft.com website posts all the plans that have been accomplished and details all the work and also you can get that information at the library, I understand, and these numbers are available here.

That's all.

BY MR. NESBIT:

Thank you. I want to make one clarification, also. When Jeff mentioned to 2011 that it will take to complete in the Wedgewood Subdivision, that's the remaining buffer area around the Wedgewood area that's to be done and not directly inside the Wedgewood area. Okay.

And, also, and one other thing, those that have received Certificates of Clearance for their property in that area, those areas will not be redone or need to be redone. Your area has been cleared and those certificates certify that it has been.

Okay. And one other thing to keep in mind, and I don't know if you know this, on the timeline you'll notice that the time frame of actual work happening is getting smaller and smaller. Years ago there was practically the entire year worth of activities going on. Now it has shrunk down to two or three weeks, and the reason that's happening is because of the funding issue that's still very, very prevalent.

Funding drives the train in this case, and we need to recognize that, and I want to be sure that you understand that as well. Okay.

BY MR. OSBORNE:

I've got a question.

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

State your name, please.

BY MR. OSBORNE:

Harold Osborne.

All right. Why wasn't it cleaned up on the first time instead of now this is the third, and you're going to go in again, and that will be the fourth, and then you're talking about through the eleventh more. Why wasn't it this cleaned up on the very first time?

BY MR. NESBIT:

Just as I said just a moment ago, funding drives the train. You only have ---

BY MR. OSBORNE:

We had the funding already at the initial deal.

BY MR. NESBIT:

You have a ---

BY MR. OSBORNE:

I've got all the records on it.

BY MR. NESBIT:

You only have a certain amount of funds available for a given year, and it's prescribed -- then it's determined to be used for certain purposes. Once it's been decided and approved, that work is what's actually accomplished during that period of time.

The next year funds are appropriated for additional work to be done in that same area addressed in the current EE/CA that we're working by.

BY MR. OSBORNE:

All right.

There's a gentleman that was talking to me when you were doing this deal over at the golf course, and he was stating that nobody has come up and talked to him about his property. He's scared to go out and do any repairs, because he don't know what's he going to do or what he's going to hit.

Now, how come you can't get the whole neighborhood together and explain to them what's going on and the possibility of what's there and just lay it down and lay it out on the line?

BY MR. NESBIT:

I don't think that we have done ---

BY MR. OSBORNE:

Because I know this other outfit and other people that have told me that they don't want you guys on their property anymore. You won't tell them what's going on.

BY MR. NESBIT:

Let's – let's – let's ---

BY MR. OSBORNE:

Now that's just what I've been told.

BY MR. NESBIT:

Okay. Let's – let's be clear.

The question of whether or not people have been notified, we have made every effort to notify everyone involved, be it Wedgewood or the entire community, about work that the Corps is doing and the area involving Camp Croft via news media, via sending letters directly to the homes, by telephone calls even, and even as you look at the number of people here tonight that went through the same process, so if someone do in fact do not get a notice, it isn't because we haven't tried and made certain that that happens. And if, in fact, individuals have questions about that, then they need to contact us so that we can discuss the situation with them.

BY LT. DYAS:

John Dyas with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Osborne, give me that man's name. I'll call him myself and find out what the problem is down there.

Do you want to give me his name?

BY MR. OSBORNE:

I don't know his name, but I know the house.

BY LT. DYAS:

Okay. I'll get with you on that.

BY MR. OSBORNE:

But that's just like nothing – even when I call the Sheriff's Office, the Sheriff himself, he didn't even know what was going on down there.

Now we're back to the same thing of certain things that's going on and the people don't even know, and I called myself, I called Channel 4 and had them come out there to do a story on it, because no other television had done anything to let people know.

BY MR. NESBIT:

Appreciate the publicity.

BY MR. OSBORNE:

Well, we're back to the same thing.

BY MR. NESBIT:

No, we're not.

BY MR. OSBORNE:

The amount – the amount of ordnance that has been found on that golf course, and I told you about this for the last six, seven years on stuff that's been found and been hid, and then even the Corps of Engineers – or not the Corps, but the Army coming and picking it up and taking it and destroying it, why? This is all from the golf course.

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

Is that the items would have been in the peach shed that you have referenced, and we bought that to closure in the previous meeting.

BY MR. RENNA:

Yes, we did. That was unfounded and still remains unfounded.

BY MR. OSBORNE:

Do what?

BY MR. RENNA:

It was unfounded.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

I think I can add to something to that. Robin Zimmerman. I've told before there's a certain individual, and Lieutenant Dyas, you know who I'm talking about. He just made that up. The same man claimed he helped you, and Sergeant Renna and Sergeant Beatty out there that day. I don't think I should mention his name, but we tried to say a hundred times that didn't happen, and it did not happen. This one individual simply made that up. It's falsehood from the word go. It did not happen. That never happened.

BY MR. HAYES:

Well, let's go ahead and make it clear just on what didn't happen?

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Supposedly, Gary, in 2001 right off West Croft Circle where those two ponds are, in fact where those ponds were those Laotian children drowned, there was a well drilling – a well – Steve Lee, Wendell Lee’s well drilling coming out there. Supposedly a number of 57 millimeters, 60 millimeters, 81 millimeters were found, and somebody made the statement that a unit from Fort Stewart came up here and got those and took those and hid them in a peach shed off Parris Bridge Road. That did not happen. There’s a certain individual used to attend these meetings who just simply made that up and did a very good job of propagating that rumor, and he’s been known to do this a lot.

BY MR. HAYES:

Okay. So the shells were ---

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Well, no, they were never found. Nothing was found there.

BY MR. HAYES:

Okay.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Nothing was taken to a peach shed.

BY MR. HAYES:

And the peach shed wasn’t even in that area?

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

No, it was way up here towards Boiling Springs.

BY MR. HAYES:

I think is there any – does anybody need anymore clarification about what didn’t happen?

(NO RESPONSE)

BY MR. HAYES:

Okay. I think that’s kind of for the record.

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

It closes that.

BY MR. HAYES:

It closes that.

BY MR. GEORGE MULLINAX:

That closes it again.

BY MR. HAYES:

Okay.

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

I would like to add to Ron's discussion of our efforts. As you see in the timeline there have been several investigations and removal actions adjacent to the Wedgewood down in the park, during all of those investigations you all are aware that there are right of entries that are required for the Corps or the contractors to come on the property. It requires notifications to individuals so they know what the project is and what the schedule is.

Unfortunately, the schedules tend to shift. We don't always get out when we originally propose to. The efforts then to follow-up with individuals whose property is directly impacted is extensive with phone calls, with face-to-face meetings, providing them packets on what they need for being away from their home during the day, follow-up phone calls when the schedule is near to when the contractors are going to be on that property, leaving fliers on the doors. So every effort is made to coordinate with individuals to the maximal extent possible.

We give 800 numbers for them to be able to contact Zapata Engineering directly if there are any questions. We've supported other contractors in the past with communications during those field efforts, and when Zapata was informed of removal actions this past January or February, our teams were out there making every effort possible to knock on doors, talk to people make sure they understand, answer questions. Sometimes there is confusion on the schedule and we miss each other, but we make every effort to make ourselves available for questions and to coordinate with schedules to minimize the impact to the best we can.

We have an extensive mailing list for these meetings. We issue paid advertisements announcing the meetings. The meetings are posted on the website. Anybody that you all know needs to be informed, please leave me their mailing address or their name and phone number so we can get that information and get them on the mailing list, or have them call. You all know our 800 number. I'll give you a card with

my email address. We want to spread the word to keep people informed the best that we can, and we rely on you to get that out.

I know several of you come to these meetings routinely, and it tends to be the same – same few folks, and we do want to get more people involved. You all are very important to the overall success of the project; and as much as energy as we can get, as Ron has said and Jeff has said, invigorated and get some funding going, we need for you, the community, to help us do that.

So we're not here trying to do anything that's in the night behind your backs working on your property when you're not aware of it. Everybody is informed, and, you know, we hope the folks that are here who have been impacted can speak to that to our efforts.

So I just wanted to clarify that John Hinely has been door – and I have been door to door, and Jeff has been door to door, and we're here. So don't hesitate to ask us questions, too.

And, oh, another note, if you come in late, please sign in, over the course of the evening; and an administrative note, and if you do have questions or comments, if you could please state your name for the record, I appreciate that.

BY MR. HAYES:

Does anybody have any questions about how to get in touch with the Corps or with Zapata?

(NO RESPONSE)

BY LT. DYAS:

One – one thing, John Dyas with the Sheriff's Office, again.

You know that if the Corps of Engineers is not there, I want to remind people that the Sheriff's Office is there 24/7. It's something that the news media just talked to me about. If you find something on your property, call us or call 911, and we'll come out 24/7.

We've come out on Easter one year. We come out in the cold, come out in the heat, come out in the rain. It doesn't make any difference. We're here to deal with emergency situations and ordnance is an emergency situation. So we're here to deal with it and we can deal with it. I just wanted to remind everybody that.

BY MR. NESBIT:

I just want to ask you one question.

Have you had any requests for someone to come out or calls or anything with that since the last meeting?

BY LT. DYAS:

Just the Corps has called us out. You know, we've taken part in January when they were doing the intrusive work, and it was good communication with each other. They – they knew that they had called – we gave every number we had. One time they were trying to get in touch with me and instead they got touch in Rick or Ted, so there's somebody else for them to call all the time. We made it – I made it a point while they were actually out there to keep ourselves up to speed as we could so we could come out there right away as soon they call us, and we're prepared with all of our equipment.

BY MR. NESBIT:

Thank you.

BY MR. HAYES:

I believe that's all the old – old business.

Does anybody got any new business they want to bring up for the next meeting?

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Well, Gary, Robin Zimmerman.

Just as a matter of interest, the new development on Cow Ford Bridge Road, which is off of White Stone Road, which is a lot of double wide trailers have been built in there, are there any plans to work that area, because that was where the maneuver one and maneuver area two firing ranges were? And I think, you know, you're going to find a lot of things down there eventually. I was just wondering.

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

What I'd like to ask, Robin, is if we can look at where that area is with respect to the areas that have already been investigated in the previous two EE/CAs, which are on these maps, and we can see if it lays within one of those areas that's been investigated or not, and that can help us.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Okay.

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

Gauge if there has been work.

BY MR. HAYES:

Is that something we need to bring up at the next meeting?

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

What we do is we can – if you can show us tonight where that area is, I'll add that as an agenda item to follow up for the next meeting.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

All right.

BY MR. HAYES:

Does anybody else have items?

Ma'am?

BY MS. PIKE:

At the next meeting can you give me an explanation as to why I was given I guess clearance on my property after two visits and I'm still finding hand grenades in my yard?

BY MR. HAYES:

Okay. What's your name?

BY MS. PIKE:

Pike, P-i-k-e.

BY MR. HAYES:

Ms. Pike.

BY MS. PIKE:

And I found two last year out in my back – out in my backyard.

BY MR. HAYES:

Is that area – it's been ---

BY MS. PIKE:

Cleared.

BY MR. HAYES:

It has been cleared?

BY MS. PIKE:

I guess it's been cleared. I – I don't know. I know I've just gotten a letter. I don't know.

BY MR. RENNA:

Rick Renna with the State Law Enforcement Division. I'd like to ask a question, if you can today, since you found them, have you contacted law enforcement about them?

BY MS. PIKE:

No, I couldn't. They're on my porch, because they were dead. They were found - - but what I don't understand is they spent – were there twice, and they spent, I think, I'd stayed gone six weeks at a time and everything was supposed to be cleared, and then a tree fallen during the last ice storm and there were two hand grenades there.

BY MR. HINELY:

Well, ma'am, I talked to you, I think, the ---

BY MS. PIKE:

Yes.

BY MR. HINELY:

--- last time, and I don't believe you mentioned those hand grenades to me at that time.

BY MS. PIKE:

No.

BY MR. HINELY:

Do you still have those?

BY MS. PIKE:

Yes.

BY MR. HINELY:

And you know for sure they're empty?

BY MS. PIKE:

They got a – they got a lot from my property, and then before they even started in the '90s, we found two mortar shells in our backyard in the '79 or '80, and that was going through the county. They came and got them and took them from me, and so I'm, you know, I don't know if they were live or not, but these were dead.

I just can't understand why, and maybe you'll have an explanation at the next meeting as to why you were there twice and spent all this time and gave me clearance, and yet they're still there and you provided me with this letter.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

I'm the geophysicist with the Corps. We do various types of – use various types of technology to find items in people's yards under the subsurface. It's very, very difficult. This area is – has a lot of geologic rock that gives false signals.

We use the best technology available. Over the past 10 or 15 years it has improved dramatically. We provide you with a statement of clearance when your work is done, but on that statement of clearance it says, "We use the best technology available at the time to do that work." We don't guarantee that it is a hundred percent. There will always be potential to find something else on your property or anywhere within Camp Croft, and that's really the best – I mean a lot of it is related to frost/heat. A lot of it is buried in roots of trees. You know if a tree fell over or something and you got rid of the tree, and, you know, the technology or the instrument they used couldn't see beneath those roots. You know, it might come to the surface some other time in the future.

I mean there's numerous reasons why an item could have been missed. I mean we use every possible means to find everything. We – our – our contractors go over the property with a fine tooth comb, so to speak, and then they have their supervisors go back over that property double checking what they do, and then we have a person that's onsite from the Corps that goes back and checks what they do, and we review the records before we leave the site and make sure every inch of it was covered; and, you know, if any of you all do happen to find something, please call 911.

I mean I – you know, unfortunately, you know you can't find it all. We do our very, very best, and we want to thank you all for all your cooperation. We know it's been very, very tough inconvenience for you, and we're going to be there for several more years. We want to thank the Sheriff's Department for their prompt response to our requests for help.

Please remember, you know, there – you know, it is a former military training area, and there will always be a potential.

This guy has a question, too.

BY MR. JOHNSON:

Well, I can't sit here and – well, you caused me to say this.

I'm Jessie David Johnson. In 1945 my father was killed by a hand grenade, and just like she said, she picked it up and put it on the porch.

Now this little boy picked it up and put it in his pocket. He thought it was something to play with, and when we jumped up on the peach flat, that knocked the pin out of it.

So if any of you see something that you don't know what it is, just like they said, call somebody, call the police, or talk with them but don't touch it because you don't know what's live and what ain't.

I have played all over the Camp Croft area, and I have seen these things, but didn't really know that they were live until I started coming to these meetings, and that's why I come to try to learn and try to tell people, because I've got friends that live in Camp Croft. I've got cousins and family members; but if you see anything that you don't know what it is, don't touch it because it could be live.

BY LT. DYAS:

Let me add to that. One thing that we do is if we're called out, we do a report, even though it's not live or we determine that it's not live, we get – we actually do the report that we recovered military ordnance, and that gives documentation to let us know that there was something else found on the property. That's why it's important just to call us and let us know.

The one that we found on Easter was a – was a practice grenade, but it actually had a live blasting cap still in it, so it's still is a live grenade, but it was a practice grenade. It had a hole in the bottom and you can see in it.

We do a report every time we come out. We let – we let the engineers know that we found this here, this here. We actually with the technology that we have, go over the position to them, and we can actually pinpoint exactly where we found it at, so we do do that, and that's why it's important to let everybody know, even if they find something and they think it's not anything, it's a dummy round or whatever, we still will come out and we're still going to do a report and say that we did find something, so it's important.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

I'd like to say something else.

When the Corps of Engineers started this program several years ago, they go through the EE/CA process, and then implement the removal actions.

When that program was developed, they had a plan, you know, a plan in place where after the removal actions were completed that they would come back and talk to people every five years after the completion of the removal to determine if any new finds had been made or if there's areas that weren't investigated that needed to be reinvestigated or people found stuff that were reported to the Sheriff's Office. Since that time and that program was implemented, they changed that rule, and now, instead of waiting until the removal actions are complete, basically every five years or so you're supposed to go back and re-evaluate the efforts that you're doing to make sure you're on the right track, make sure you're clearing the areas that are being priority areas, making sure that the land uses haven't changed, because we keep talking about these properties that people have refused rights of entries several years ago when we were doing the EE/CAs.

So that's part of this year's funding that we did receive. We are having the topographic engineering center of the Corps do an aerial photography analysis and re-examination of all the efforts that we have done as far as EE/CAs and the removal actions, etcetera, so they're going to complete this, this area of property analysis and review of the data in 2005, and in subsequent years, probably 2006, as funding is available, we are going to take that information and compile it with all the records that the Sheriff's Office has and all the records of removals that we have done and re-examine all these areas to see if there's any other areas that we need to investigate or reinvestigate, and that will be taking place probably next year or the year after.

So, you know, your concerns about possibly finding things in your yard, you know, we need to make sure that you call the police department and get that on record that they come look at it; and if anybody else finds anything, please make sure you call them, because all this stuff is going to be going into the review process here very soon, and all of that is evaluated. You know, the lack of right of entry, for instance, to property that we couldn't investigate six or seven or eight years ago, those areas will – you know,

if there's something that turns up on the photo analysis that shows there was a mortar range there, you know, we're going to try to investigate those areas.

So, you know, we're doing everything we can possibly do to make your community safe. So, you know, you've got to – that's why we have these meetings so you can express your concerns and so we can tell you what we're doing.

Anyway, please keep that in my mind, and, you know, if you do happen to find something, make sure you call the Sheriff's Office. Get it documented. Make sure we know about it, because if we don't know about it, we can't put it into the GIS and know where that item was.

You know, hearsay evidence doesn't do us any good. We have to have documentation that it's true.

BY MR. HAYES:

Okay. Ms. Pike, back to what you wanted for the next meeting for the new agenda. Do you want a report or do you need ---

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

Did we answer your question, Ms. Pike?

BY MS. PIKE:

Yes.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

And if you can please have the Sheriff come take those items away and look at them and make sure they are safe, because they do have fuses in them sometimes. You know, if there's any other items that any of you all have, please – you know, a lot of people have them on their mantels in their houses and stuff.

BY MS. PIKE:

I'm just wondering just how clear my whole area is if I'm still – all it takes is a rake to determine that there's two hand grenades here, with all you all's fancy equipment, and what I had was a rake and found them.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

Well, like I said, you know, I can't speak for the teams that were there, but we did everything we could possibly do.

BY MS. PIKE:

But I wonder how the rest of my property is; and because when you all came, I did stay clear. I didn't see it. I wasn't home.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

Well, ---

BY MS. PIKE:

Because I left so you all would have a clearance, and you found live in the front yard and live in the backyard, and now I found the one that's on my porch. So now I'm beginning to wonder, "Well, how much more is out there?"

BY MR. PLUGGE:

So it wasn't ---

BY MS. PIKE:

I mean, you know, I'm not asking nobody to come back.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

I was told about those items and wasn't it after an ice storm? Did a tree happen to fall over during that?

BY MS. PIKE:

A tree fell over.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

Okay. Those could have been buried in the root balls beneath the trees, and our instruments can't see under those trees.

BY MS. PIKE:

Well, I - I'm not ---

BY MR. PLUGGE:

They could get really, really close to it, and, you know, like I said, you know, if the tree fell over and those were buried where their instruments couldn't see them, I mean

BY MS. PIKE:

You ---

BY MR. PLUGGE:

I wasn't there. I don't know.

BY MS. PIKE:

No.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

And, you know, I'm just trying to come up with a plausible explanation for you, but, you know, ---

BY MS. PIKE:

Well, it wasn't where the tree was. It was from around where the tree was, not where the -- not in the root, because I was out there, and they had come out there and ground up the stump; and then I was out there, you know, in a large area with my rake leveling things out cleaning it out, and I found the hand grenade with my rake.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

I wish you would've called the police department, and documented it at that point, that way they could see ---

BY MS. PIKE:

Well, you know ---

BY MR. PLUGGE:

That way they can see exactly where they are, take a GPS coordinate of exactly where it is, and see the situation how it transpired, and they write it down on their report, rather than if he goes out there now, they're on your front porch. So that's what -- you know, we need to see the real stuff, the actual circumstances of how these things transpire.

So I hope that answers your question. Like I said, it's the best that we can do, and every year it gets better. So the technology is getting even better, so.

BY MR. HAYES:

Yes, ma'am.

BY MS. PETTY:

My name is Phyllis Petty, and I was just wondering what all those little flags stand for?

BY MR. PLUGGE:

Those were all the anomalies that our geophysics determine were possible metallic items in the ground so we can go back ---

BY MS. PETTY:

And that's all those out there? Oh, my goodness, ---

BY MR. PLUGGE:

And a lot of them ---

BY MS. PETTY:

It's worse than we thought.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

A lot of them are metal, bottle caps, horseshoes, stuff like that. You know, the golf course, we dug up a couple of items and we found batteries from their golf carts that they buried. You know, things like that. I mean they're metallic items that show up, and not all of them are necessarily related to ordnance. There's a lot of other junk that people throw out. They bury stuff and they dispose of stuff all the time.

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

Let me clarify, and Robin, we'll get you.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Okay.

BY MS. CANTOR-MCKINNEY:

To clarify when they run the geophysics, the sensors over the ground determine where the metallic objects are under the ground. All we know is it's a piece of metal. We don't know if it's a grenade or a mortar, a bottle cap. They kind of tell depth and size, depending upon the readings and the processing of the data that comes out of those instruments, but the technology is not to the point yet where we would like it to say, "It's a beer can and you can leave it," or "It's a grenade, and we'll spend the money if it's a grenade."

The technology is not there. That's why there's all those flags that those are metal readings that need to be investigated to make sure that they're cleared.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Yes. Mr. Plugge, I just wanted to -- I'm not pretentious enough to try to tell a geophysicist what's going on, but very few people are unaware that that entire Wedgewood area in the 1880s through the 1920s was a very busy soap stone quarry, that they mined a lot of soap stone out of there. I understand soap stone is a mass of powder, and it can really mess up readings. Am I not right?

BY MR. PLUGGE:

I'm not one hundred percent sure on that. I wouldn't think that would have any metallic ---

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

But it could ---

BY MR. PLUGGE:

--- mixture items.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

--- not any metallic mixture items.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

I wouldn't think so.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Wouldn't think so.

And that whole Huntingwood's neighborhood there used to be a total of eleven different soap stone quarries there, and that was one thing the Army found so -- well, they liked that place because there was so -- soap stone is a very good building material for certain things.

Where they're talking about where these people live, that was a major soap stone quarry.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

Well, like I said, I wouldn't think soap stone would or talc would have a metallic mixture.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Wouldn't have a metallic mixture.

BY MR. PLUGGE:

The Camp Croft area is very challenging from a geophysical standpoint. It's very, very tough.

BY MR. ZIMMERMAN:

Yes, sir.

BY MR. OSBORNE:

Are you still doing explosives over there at Croft, because I hear an awful lot?

BY MR. PLUGGE:

We haven't had a crew out there for at least a month.

BY MR. OSBORNE:

Also, how about the low flying airplanes, what are you doing with that?

BY MR. PLUGGE:

We have no airplanes doing anything.

BY LT. DYAS:

The forestry commission flies all the time. I see them all the time. They're out there in that area. I see them all the time.

BY MR. HAYES:

Okay. Does anybody else have any new business to bring up for the next meeting?

(NO RESPONSE).

BY MR. HAYES:

Okay.

Now in between now and the next meeting, if you've got anything you want to bring up in the next meeting, call Suzy or send it in writing to Zapata, and we'll bring it up at the next meeting.

Any motion to adjourn?

BY DR. LOWRY:

So move.

BY MR. MULLINAX:

Second.

BY MR. HAYES:

This meeting adjourned.

BY MR. NESBIT:

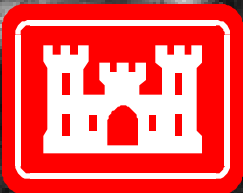
Thank you all for coming.

(MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7:25 P.M.)

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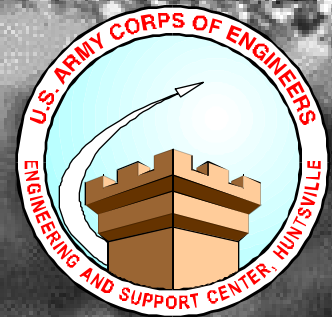
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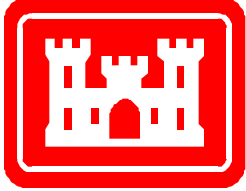
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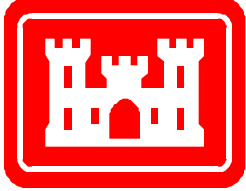
History

The infantry replacement Training Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina was activated on January 10, 1941. It was a training facility for all phases of combat and encompassed approximately 19,000 acres.



By July 1945, nearly 200,000 men had trained at the facility named “Camp Croft.”

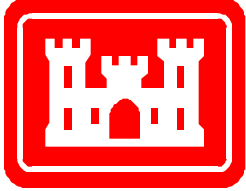
In 1947, the camp was declared excess to the War Assets Administration, and parcels of the land were disposed of by sale or quitclaim to organizations, business interests, and former owners.



DERP-FUDS

The former Camp Croft restoration project is funded by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program - Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS), mandated by Congress in 1986.

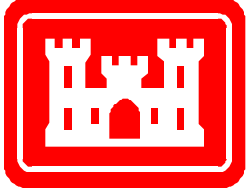
Since 1995, more than \$15,000,000 has been appropriated for the evaluation and restoration of the former Camp Croft site.



Ordnance

Ordnance consists of artillery, missiles, mortars, ammunition, and explosives designed to cause harm to individuals or damage to material.



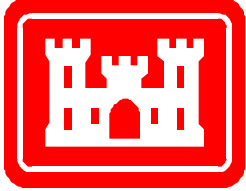


Activities to Date

A Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was established in 1995 to encourage partnerships between members of the community and the Government, and to serve as a forum for the discussion and exchange of information between the US Army Corps of Engineers, regulatory agencies, and the community regarding the ordnance removal process.

The RAB is comprised of individuals representing diverse community interests, and meets on a regular basis.





EE/CA

Two Engineering Evaluations/Cost Analyses have been completed for the former Camp Croft. Areas of investigation are divided into smaller, manageable areas referred to as ordnance operable units (OOUs).

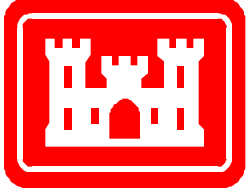
The EE/CA identifies ordnance concerns and presents risk reduction alternatives for each area of concern.

Phase I - January 1996

Action Memorandum dated February 1996

Phase II - January 1998

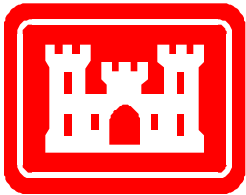
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Action Memo Phase I EE/CA




Identified 9 Ordnance Operable Units

- OOU1A Croft State Park/ **No Further Action**
- OOU1B Croft State Park/ **Surface Clearance/ Complete**
- OOU2 Croft State Park/ **Surface Clearance/ Complete**
- OOU3 Wedgewood Subdivision/ **Clearance to Depth/Complete**
- OOU4 Croft State Park/ **No Further Action**
- OOU5 Private properties/ **No Further Action**
- OOU6 Private property/ **Clearance to Depth/Complete**
(several acres not investigated due to Right-of-Entry refusal)
- OOU7 Croft State Park/ **Clearance to Depth/ Complete**
- OOU8 Croft State Park/ **No Further Action**









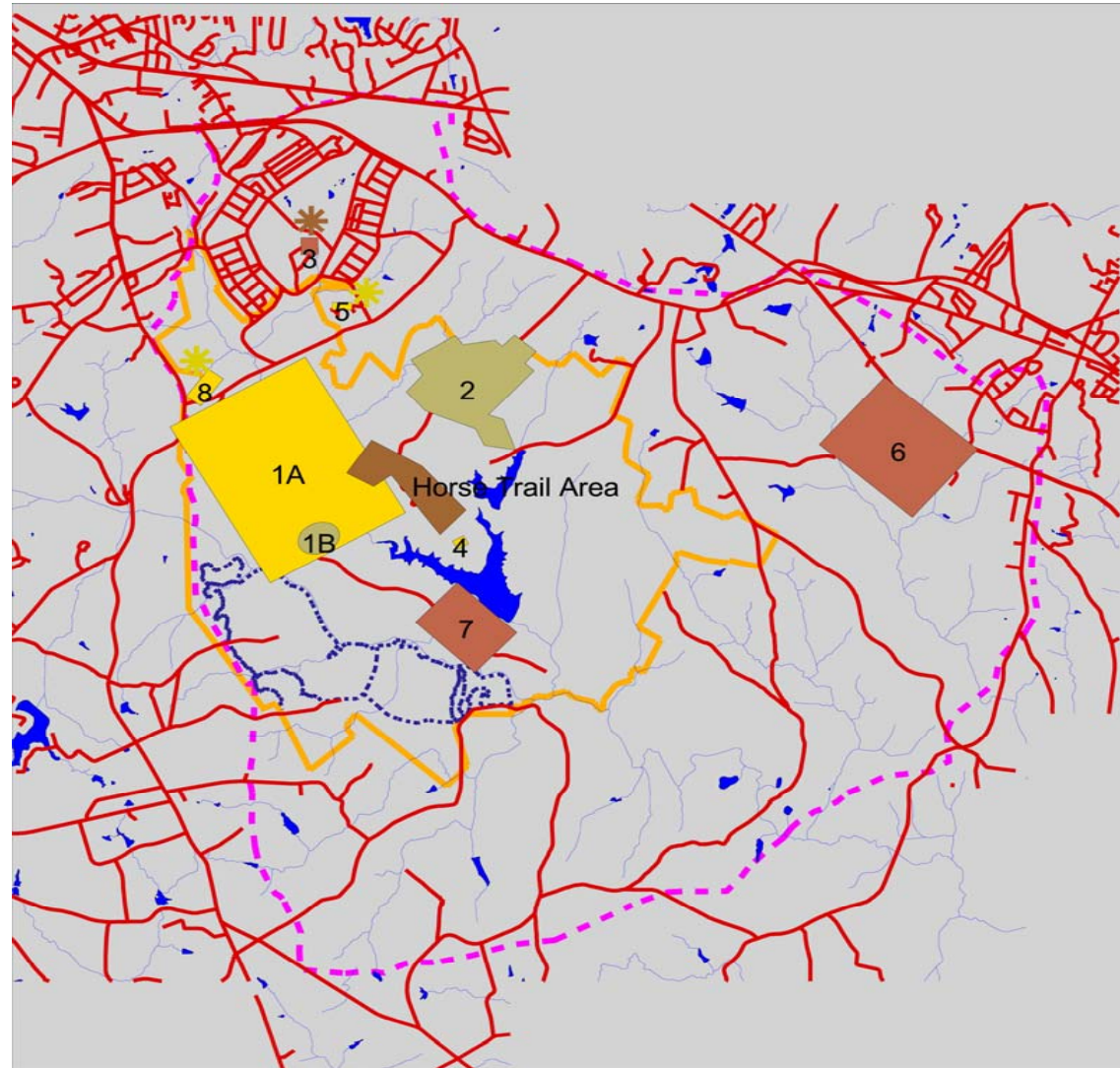
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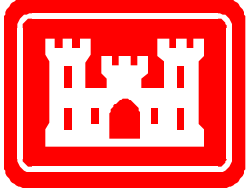
Risk Reduction Alternatives

Croft OOU	
	Clearance to Depth
	Surface Clearance
	No Further Action

Explanation

	Croft State Park
	Former Camp Croft
	Streets
	Streams
	Lakes
	Horse Trails



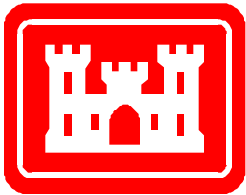


Action Memo Phase II EE/CA

Identified 19 additional sectors

COU9A - E	Croft State Park/ <u>No Further Action</u>
COU9F - H	Private property/ <u>No Further Action</u>
COU10	Croft State Park/ <u>Surface Clearance</u>
COU11	Private property/ <u>Clearance to Depth</u>
COU12	Private property/ <u>Clearance to Depth</u>
COU3 (expanded)	Private property/ <u>Clearance to Depth/Ongoing</u>




Private properties in proximity to Henningston Road were not investigated due to Right-of-Entry refusal.









Phase II EE/CA OOUs

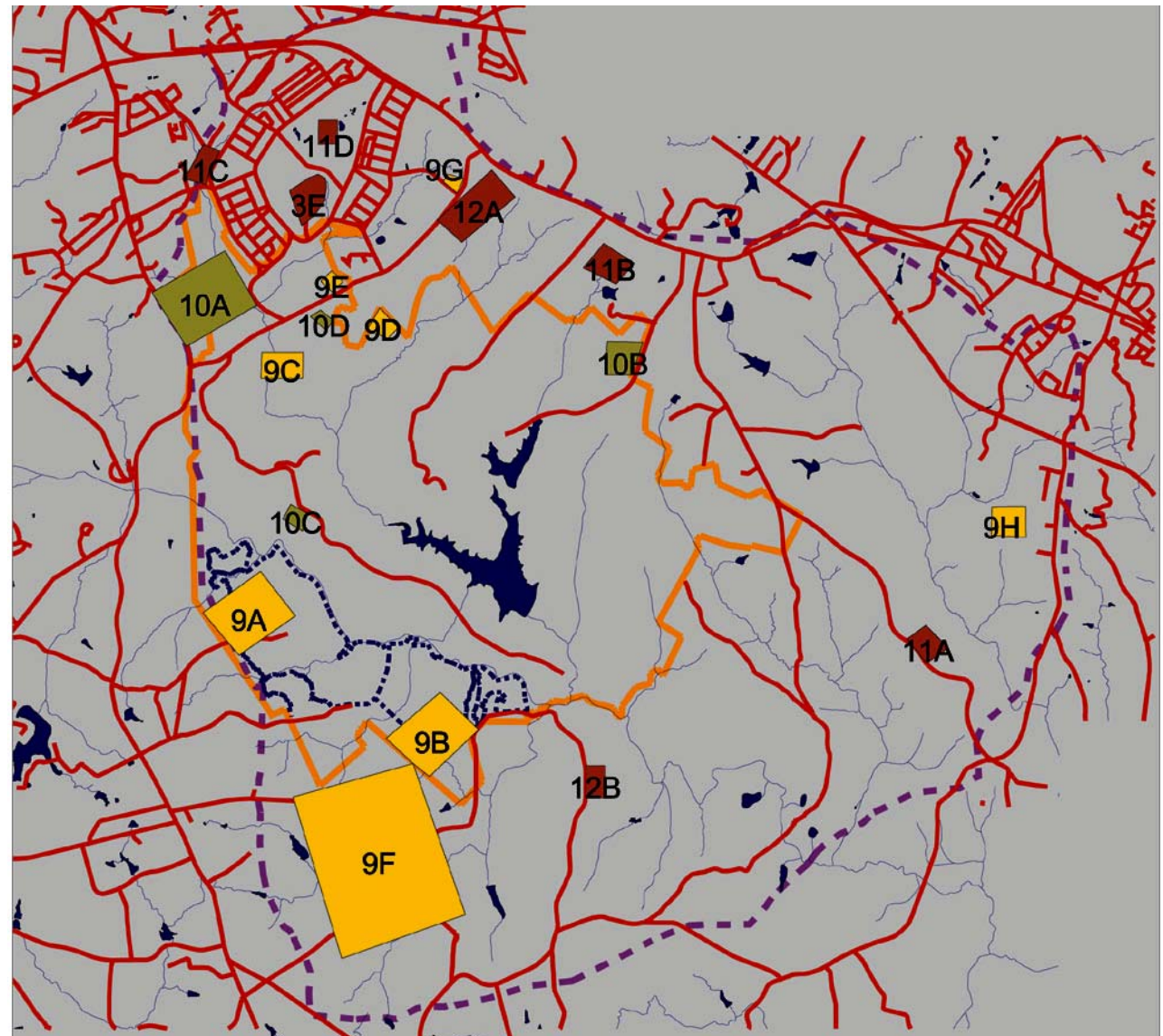
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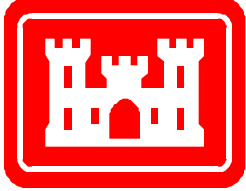
Croft OOU

-  Clearance to Depth
-  Surface Clearance
-  No Further Action

Explanation

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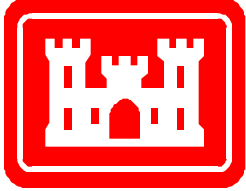
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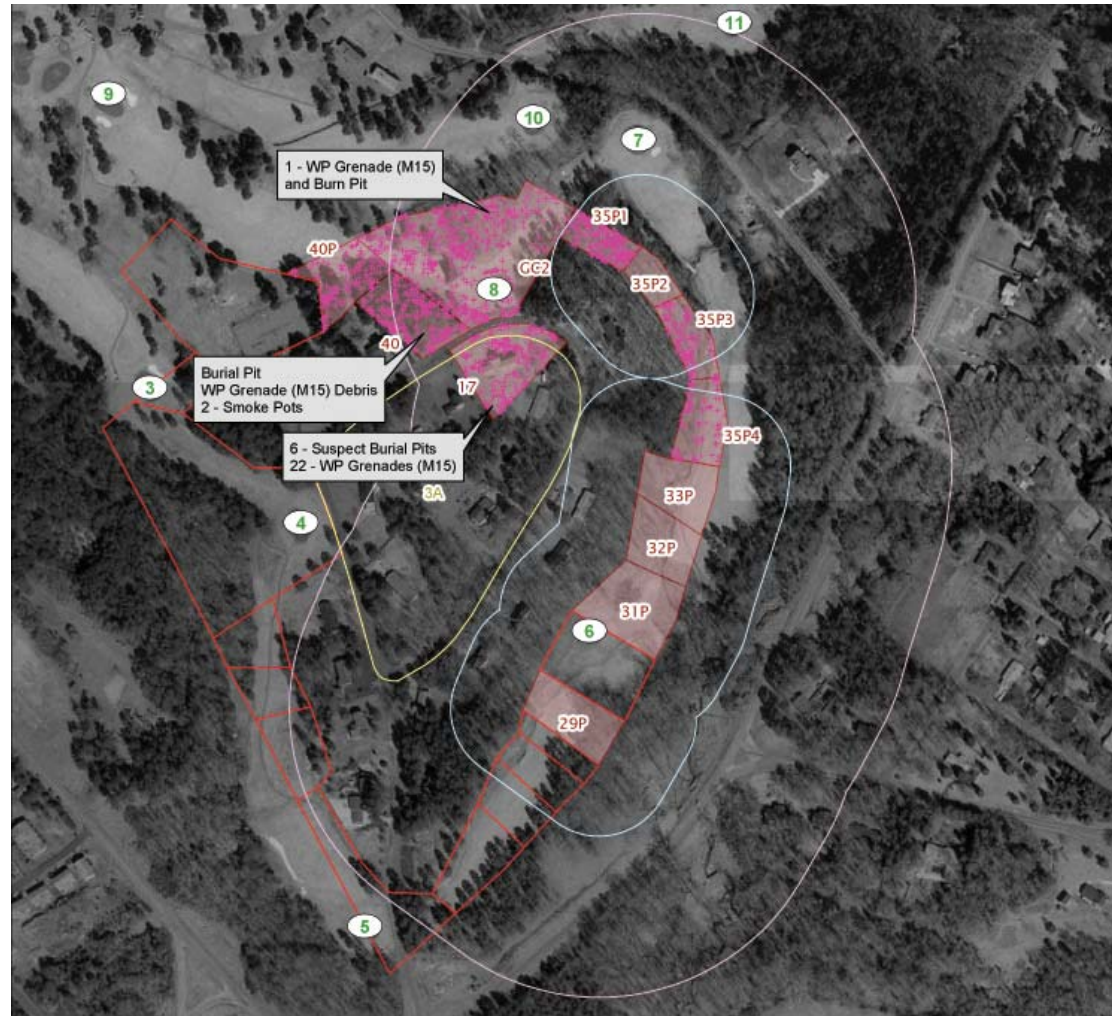
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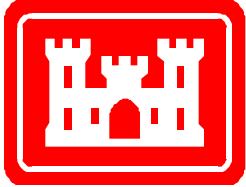


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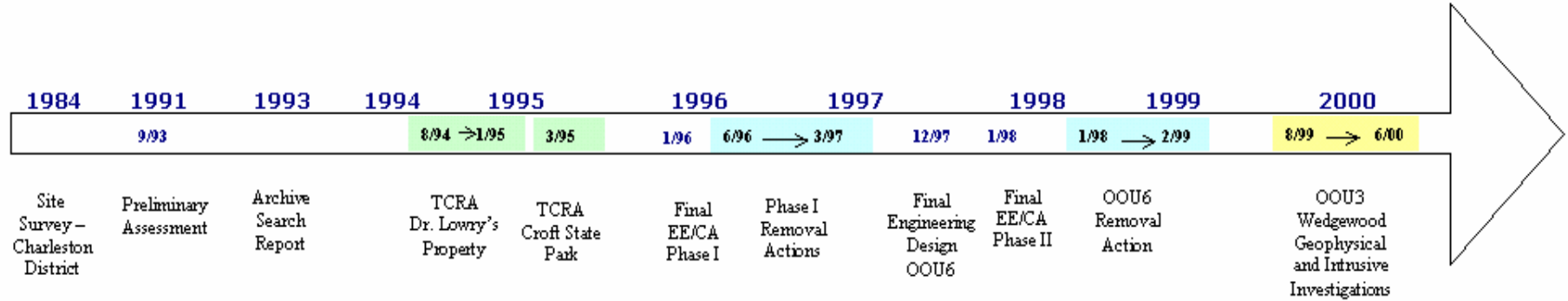


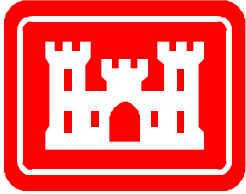
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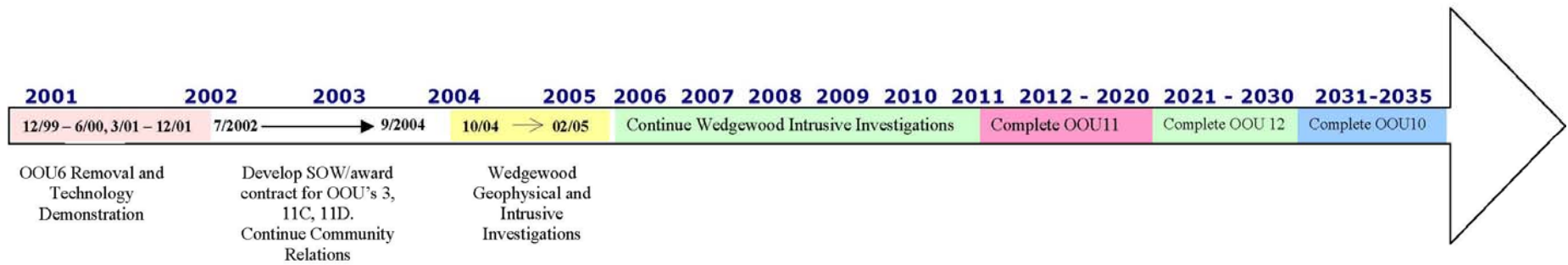


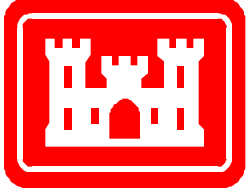
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