

## **EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PROPOSED FAMILY CAMPGROUND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN WETLANDS AND 100-YEAR FLOODPLAINS AT ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, TENNESSEE**

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The Department of the Air Force (DAF) is proposing to implement Family Campground (FamCamp) recreation improvements (Proposed Action) at Arnold Air Force Base (AFB), Tennessee. Arnold AFB covers nearly 39,000 acres in Coffee and Franklin Counties. The Proposed Action includes facility and infrastructure construction projects at the existing Arnold AFB FamCamp along the northern shoreline of Woods Reservoir immediately south of Northshore Road. The Proposed Action would also construct new facilities and infrastructure to establish a second FamCamp on a previously disturbed but currently undeveloped site approximately 0.5 miles east of the existing FamCamp. The Proposed Action would be implemented entirely within the existing boundaries of Arnold AFB and would not involve changes to the number of military and civilian personnel assigned to the base or changes in the base's mission or operational activities.

The DAF is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts from the Proposed Action. The EA is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended by Public Law 118-5, Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (42 United States Code 4321 et seq.), the DoD NEPA Implementing Procedures (June 2025), and the DAF NEPA Implementing Procedures (March 2026). The DAF requests input on the Proposed Action from federal, state, and local regulatory agencies during preparation of the EA as part of the NEPA review process. The DAF is also requesting early public comments on the Proposed Action, its potential environmental impacts, and potential project alternatives. The Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact / Finding of No Practicable Alternative, if appropriate, will be posted to the Arnold AFB website at <https://www.arnold.af.mil/Units/Test-Support-Division/Civil-Engineering/> when available.

Portions of the Proposed Action are subject to the requirements of Sections 401, 404, and 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order (E.O.) 11988, Floodplain Management, and E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands, because they would be constructed in or adjacent to wetlands and 100-year floodplains on Arnold AFB. Therefore, the DAF is hereby giving notice of the Proposed Action and requesting public comments in accordance with Section 2(a)(4) of E.O. 11988, Section 2(b) of E.O. 11990, and the DAF NEPA Implementing Procedures.

Please submit written comments on the Proposed Action via email (preferred) to Arnold Air Force Base Public Affairs, 100 Kindel Dr. A242, Arnold AFB, TN 37389; [Arnold.AEDC.PA@us.af.mil](mailto:Arnold.AEDC.PA@us.af.mil); 931-454-4204. Written comments will be accepted for 30 days from the publication date of this notice.