

Proposed Program Comment for Army Inter-War Era Historic Housing 1919-1940

Consultation Conference Call on 13 Nov 2019: Introduction to the Program Comment and Privatized Housing Discussion

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INVITATION TO DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 CONSULTATION: PROGRAM COMMENT FOR ARMY INTER-WAR ERA HISTORIC HOUSING 1919-1940

Announcement: The Department of the Army Federal Preservation Officer is hosting a series of Section 106 consultation conference calls for the proposed *Program Comment for Army Inter-War Era Historic Housing 1919-1940.* The consultation conference calls will engage key stakeholders and members of the interested public as participants in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation for the Army's proposed Program Comment.

Invited Participants: Invited participants include representatives from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, State Historic Preservation Offices, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian Organizations, and members of the interested public including representatives from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. The Army may invite additional participants.

Format: Army led briefing on specified topic, followed by open forum discussion

Roll Call: A roll call of participants will occur at the beginning of each call

<u>Schedule</u>: November 2019 - June 2020, second Wednesday of each month, 2:00-3:00 EST 2019 Schedule: Nov 13, Dec 11

2020 Schedule: Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10

Call-in line and Code: Call-in line - (703) 545-5444, Conference code - 5717045703#

Agenda / Program Comment Discussion Topics:

- **2019** Nov 13: Introduction and Army Privatized Housing Financing
 - Dec 11: Inter-War Era Housing Undertaking and Property Types
- **2020** Jan 8: Inter-War Era Housing Treatment Measures and Effects
 - Feb 12: Inter-War Era Housing Design Guidelines
 - Mar 11: Inter-War Era Housing Properties of Particular Importance
 - Apr 8: Inter-War Era Housing Public Educational Materials
 - May 13: Treatment Measure Monitoring and Reporting
 - Jun 10: Inter-War Era Housing Consultation Summary

Supporting Documents: Participants can access the supporting documents for each call at https://denix.osd.mil/army-pchh/home/

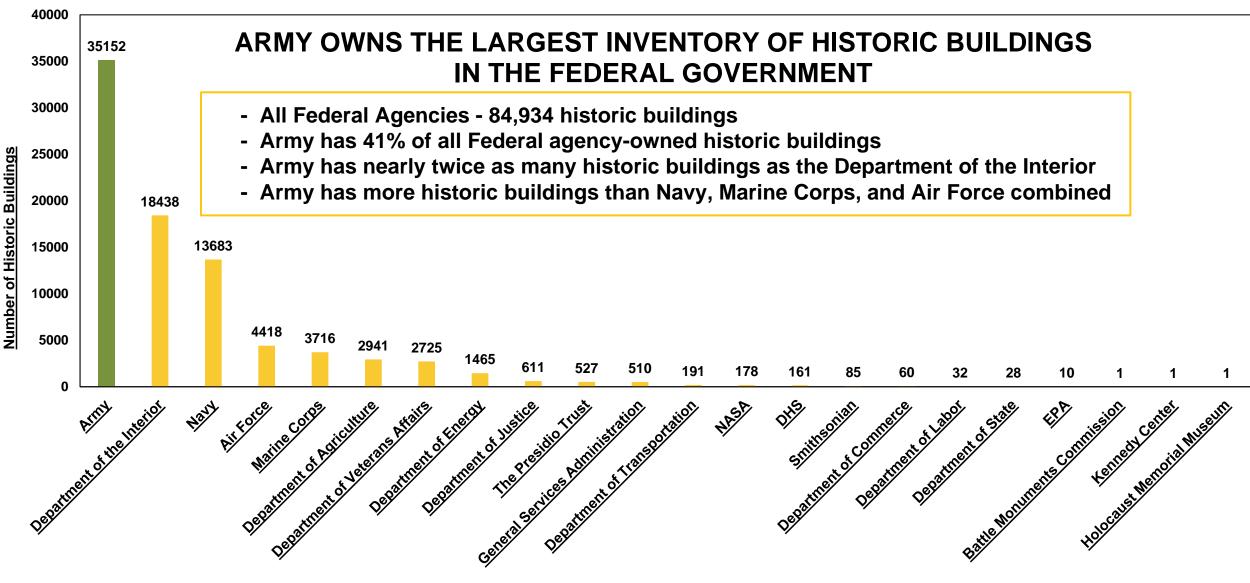
Administrative Record: The Army will prepare a record of each consultation conference call to include a list of call participants and significant topics discussed.

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The intent of the *Program Comment for Inter-War Era Housing 1919-1940* is to improve the quality of life, health, and safety of military families, while preserving the historical and architectural character of Army housing through programmatic compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)





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Issues to Address

Housing Crisis Declared by Secretary of the Army in Feb. 2019

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- Widespread reports of deficient conditions in Army housing
- High degree of attention: Senior Army and Defense Officials, Congress, media
- Lead-based paint, mold, deterioration, infestations



Inter-War Era Housing at Fort Benning GA, Lead Paint Abatement

- Army Inspector General Report: Finding: Historic housing is more expensive to operate, maintain and renovate, strict rules apply, restrictive floorplans, SHPO / PA review of all actions. Recommendation: Assess the feasibility of continuing the PAs, conduct a cost benefit analysis, develop a plan to address historic housing
- DOD Privatized Military Housing and Historic Preservation Workshop: Issues identified by DoD privatized housing partners include high cost of "in-kind" materials and specialized craftsmen, high degree of variability in application of Secretary's Standards, time consuming project-by-project reviews under PAs
 - Partners income is fixed, set on regional market rates, no historic preservation cost differentials
 - Historic preservation costs and processes impact their ability to complete housing improvements, projects are deferred, houses taken off-line, some partners operating in the red, families are delayed occupancy



- Strategic Agenda for Army National Historic Preservation Act
 Improvement July 2019
 - Issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment
 - Directs the Federal Preservation Officer to pursue a programmatic NHPA compliance solution for historic Army housing
- **Program Comment for Inter-War Era Historic Army Housing 1919-1940** is the proposed solution and is informed by the identified issues, the Army's overarching historic context for housing, and past precedent

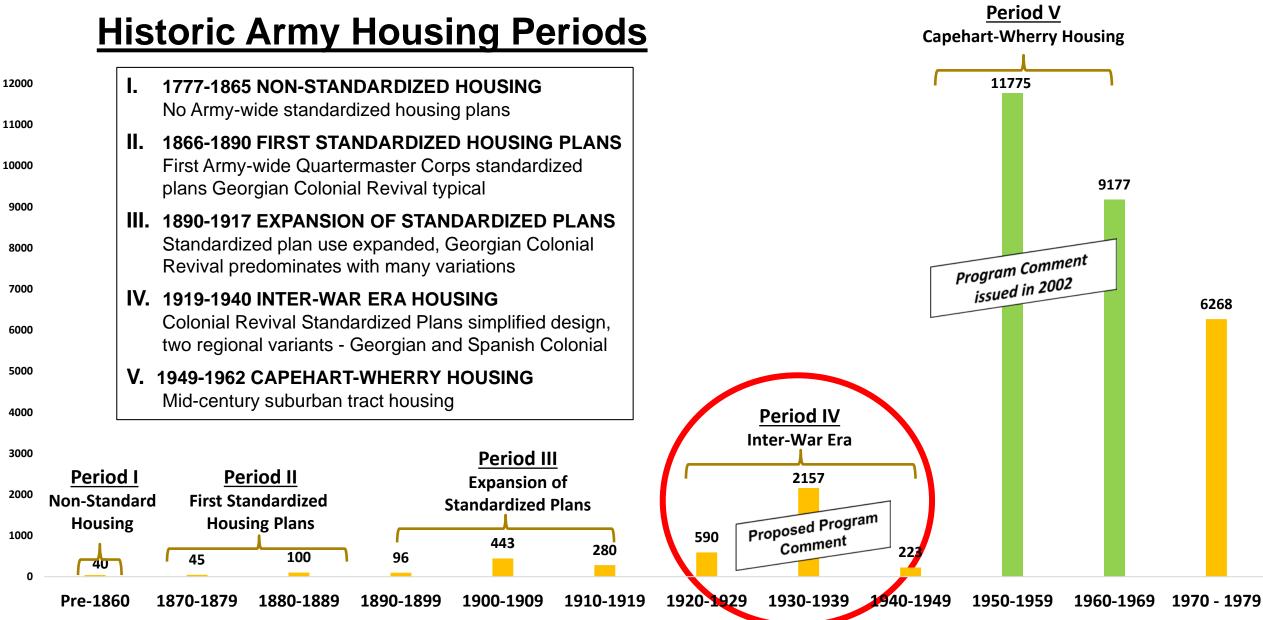


Program Comment for Army Capehart-Wherry Housing 1949-1962

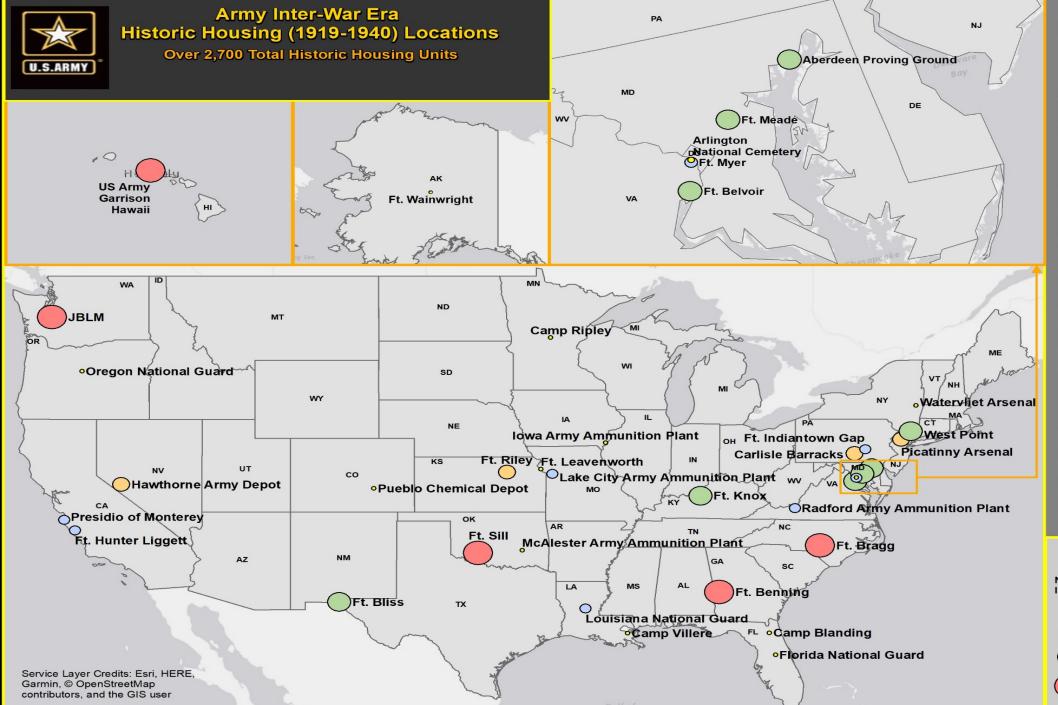
- Program Comment for Army Capehart-Wherry housing issued by ACHP in 2002
- Programmatically addressed repetitive and frequent management actions (maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, renovation, mothballing, demolition, replacement, transfer, sale, lease) for a large inventory of similar Army historic property types
- NHPA Section 106 compliance met, no further project-by-project reviews or consultation required for management actions
- Treatment provided a significant contribution to scholarship and public information regarding this era of historic architecture
- Identified and preserved properties of particular importance units designed by the firm of a renowned master architect (Richard Neutra)



Army Historic Housing Context



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Historic Hou	sing is Lo	r-War Era ocated on the
followin	g 15 Inst	allations:
		# of Historic
		Housing
Installation	State	Units
Fort		
Benning	GA	453
US Army		
Garrison		
Hawaii	HI	308
Fort Bragg	NC	255
Joint Base		
Lewis		
McChord	WA	208
Fort Sill	ОК	204
Fort Bliss	тх	170
Fort Belvoir	VA	146
Fort Knox	KY	134
West Point		
Military		
Reservation	NY	134
Aberdeen		
Proving		
Ground	MD	118
Fort George		
G Meade	MD	113
Fort Riley	KS	91
Picatinny		
Arsenal	NJ	80
Hawthorne		
Army Depot	NV	46
Carlisle		
Barracks	PA	40

Army Inter-War Era Historic Housing 1919-1940

Number Of Historic Housing Units Per Installation • 1 - 10

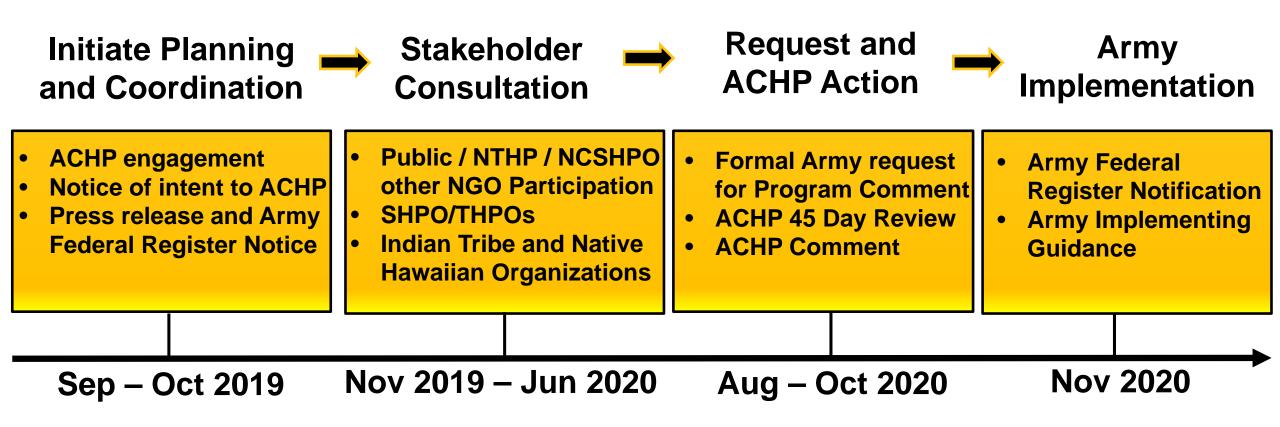
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Tasks and Timeframe

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Army Privatized Housing Financing Discussion