



# U.S. ARMY

## CONSULTATION CONFERENCE #5:

# PROPOSED PROGRAM COMMENT FOR PRESERVATION OF PRE-1919 HISTORIC ARMY HOUSING, ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES



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## **PURPOSE**

To inform stakeholder consultation regarding the proposed *Program Comment for Preservation of Pre-1919 Historic Army Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, And Landscape Features*.

## **PROGRAM COMMENT PLAN**

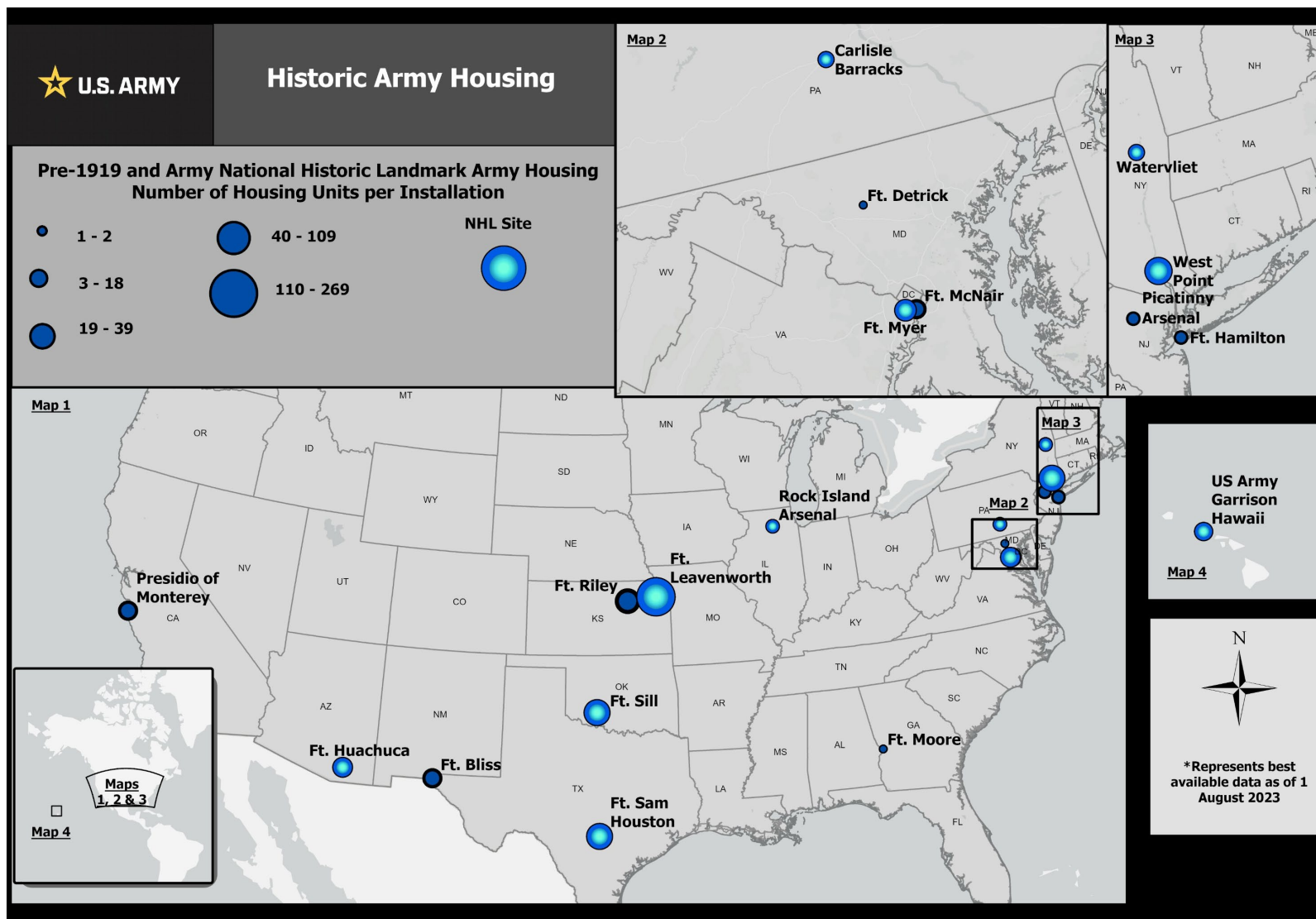
The Army's **Program Comment Plan** along with this briefing and other information is posted on the Program Comment website <https://denix.osd.mil/army-pre1919-pchh/>. Interested parties should review the Program Comment Plan since it informs this series of consultation conferences.

## **AGENDA - CONSULTATION CONFERENCE #5**

- I. IMPLEMENTATION**
- II. APPLICABILITY**
- III. EFFECT AND DURATION**

\* Learn more about Department of the Army historic preservation and cultural resources by visiting [www.denix.osd.mil/army-cr/home/](http://www.denix.osd.mil/army-cr/home/).

# Distribution Map of Pre-1919 Army Housing



Installation	Pre-1919
Fort Leavenworth, KS	269
Fort Riley, KS	109
Fort Sam Houston, TX	91
West Point, NY	84
Fort Sill, OK	73
Fort Bliss, TX	39
Fort Huachuca, AZ	38
Presidio of Monterey, CA	37
Fort Myer, VA	34
Fort McNair, DC	27
Carlisle Barracks, PA	18
US Army Garrison HI - Fort Shafter	17
Watervliet Arsenal, NY	8
Rock Island Arsenal, IL	6
Fort Hamilton, NY	6
Picatinny Arsenal, NJ	6
Fort Detrick, MD	2
Fort Moore, GA	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>865</b>

## Examples of Pre-1919 Army Housing



Fort Leavenworth, KS



Fort Riley, KS



Fort Sam Houston, TX



Fort Shafter, HI



Fort Sill, OK



West Point, NY



Rock Island Arsenal, IL



Fort McNair, DC

## **I. IMPLEMENTATION**

- All management actions for Army pre-1919 housing will be implemented following the criteria and procedures in the program comment.
- For the small number of installations where pre-1919 housing has not been privatized, installations are responsible for implementing all management actions following the criteria and procedures in the program comment. Where pre-1919 housing has been privatized, Army privatized housing partners are responsible for implementation.
- The Army and its privatized housing partners will implement the management actions in accordance with the program comment in lieu of conducting individual project reviews under 36 CFR 800.3 - 800.7. The program comment supersedes and replaces the requirements in Army installation-level Programmatic Agreements (PAs) and Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) for pre-1919 housing, associated buildings and structures, and landscape features.
- The Army will implement the proposed program comment in lieu of PA or MOA requirements and procedures previously applicable to pre-1919 housing, associated buildings and structures, landscape features, and neighborhoods. This approach to program comment implementation is based on the prior ACHP approved program comments for historic Army housing.

## **I. IMPLEMENTATION**

- The program comment is a stand-alone NHPA compliance document, PAs and MOAs will not be developed or amended to “implement” the program comment. The terms of the program comment are not subject to change or further negotiation in the context of PAs or MOAs or other NHPA-related actions. Changes to the terms of the program comment can only be made following the amendment procedures in the program comment.
- To further clarify program comment implementation; existing PAs and MOAs are not voided. The program comment will simply replace the requirements in existing agreements that are applicable to pre-1919 housing with the requirements of the program comment.
- If implementation of any management actions implemented under the program comment may cause damage, physical destruction, or change in the physical features of all or any part of a known NRHP eligible archeological site or property of traditional religious and cultural importance to Federally recognized Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations, those effects will be addressed following the procedures in 36 CFR 800.3 - 800.7, or by following procedures in an applicable installation PA. The unanticipated discovery of a NRHP eligible archeological property or human remains during the implementation of management actions will be addressed following the procedures in 36 CFR 800.3 - 800.7, or by following the unanticipated discovery procedures in an applicable installation PA, and / or by following the compliance procedures of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, as appropriate.

## II. APPLICABILITY

- The proposed program comment will apply to all privatized and non-privatized pre-1919 Army housing, associated buildings and structures, and landscape features.
- The proposed program comment would not apply when management actions may cause damage, physical destruction, or change in the physical features of all or any part of the following: NRHP eligible archeological sites and properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to Federally-recognized Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations; human remains and cultural items including funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act; and Indian Sacred Sites as defined in Executive Order 13007.

### **III. EFFECT AND DURATION**

- This proposed program comment would remain in effect from the date of adoption by the ACHP through December 31, 2055. Over 90% of pre-1919 Army housing is privatized under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) program. At each installation with RCI housing, the Army conveys ownership of existing housing and leases land to the RCI partnership for the purposes of possession, management, and operation as housing and associated ancillary purposes. Current RCI ground leases with the Army run through 2055.
- RCI housing privatization entities with pre-1919 housing will implement this program comment. Where the Army owns and operates pre-1919 housing or where there is a reversion of leased or otherwise conveyed pre-1919 housing from a privatized management entity back to the Army, the Army installation is responsible for implementing this program comment.
- The effective period for the proposed program comment coincides with the term of the ground leases that have been executed with the Army's privatized housing partners under the RCI program. Upon termination of the ground lease, ownership of all RCI partnership owned improvements including all housing that is located within the boundaries of the ground lease is automatically conveyed back to the Army.
- The program comment will remain in effect from the date of adoption by the ACHP through December 31, 2055, unless prior to that time the Army determines that such comments are no longer needed and notifies the ACHP in writing, or the ACHP withdraws the program comment in accordance with 36 CFR 800.14(e)(6). Following such withdrawal, the Army will be required to comply with Section 106 through the process in 36 CFR 800.3 - 800.7, or an applicable program alternative under 36 CFR 800.14, for each individual undertaking formerly covered by this program comment.