

Air Force Academy cultural resources compliance, notice of availability

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The 10th Civil Engineering Squadron welcomes comments and questions from the public regarding ensuring the Air Force Academy compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. Details below concern plans for expanding the area of the Academy's Cemetery, and background information.

Collaborating and carefully coordinating with the public, the Colorado State Historical Preservation Officer and more than 30 Federally-Recognized Tribes, is a frequent activity regarding the Academy's operation, maintenance, and planning for new construction projects.

In planning for an expansion of the Academy's Cemetery, in the process of consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer it has become apparent that historic erosion control features will be adversely impacted. The features were constructed during the early days of the Academy as a response to erosion upon the landscape. Those involved with the cemetery expansion are considered to have potential eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Mitigation for this impact will be addressed in a formal Memorandum of Agreement. The agreement will specify what will be committed to in the form of compensating for the damage. For example, an information pamphlet on the origins, mission, and importance of the Academy's Cemetery may be produced for the benefit of visitors to the site.

As the agreement is developed, members of the public including individuals and those representing non-governmental organizations with interest in this matter are welcome to examine and offer views on the draft agreement, or otherwise communicate. This can be done by emailing 10ces.taskers@us.af.mil or by mail at:

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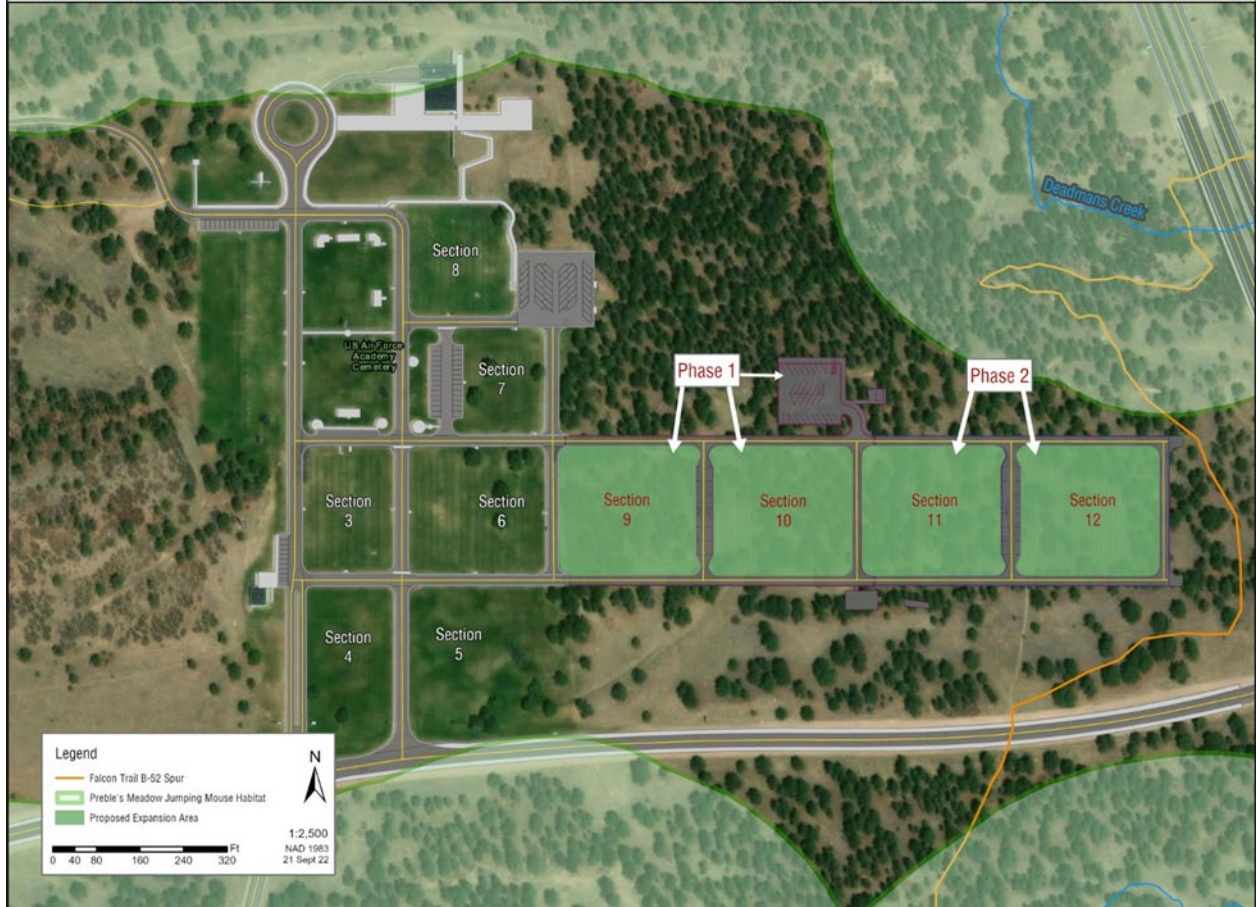
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The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 was passed primarily to acknowledge the importance of protecting our nation's heritage from rampant federal development and to foster historic preservation including federal-state and federal-tribal collaborations, and citizen involvement. Section 106 of the statute addressed Federal agencies' planning efforts, requiring: (1) Federal agencies take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties, and (2) the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation must be afforded an opportunity to comment on such undertakings.

The Academy's natural landscape and built-environment have a unique appearance related to its original 1950s-era design and, though the base is more than 60 years old, its iconic setting is important symbolically and practically for the Academy's mission of developing leaders of character for our Air and Space Forces. Senior officials, staff, graduates, visitors and supporters benefit from experiencing the Academy's special presence, as do distinguished Defense Department and international guests.

Visit www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties/section-106-process/introduction-section-106 for more information on the National Historic Preservation Act's planning process. Citizens' role in the process is explained at <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017-01/CitizenGuide.pdf>.



USAFA Cemetery Expansion Project. On the left is existing cemetery; on the right are four sections proposed for expansion.