

# FINAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

## REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AREAS OF CONCERN 17/18/19/103 AND 94

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CH2MHILL has completed the **Final** submittal of the **Public Involvement Plan for Areas of Concern 17/18/19/103 and 94**. Notice is hereby given that an independent technical review (ITR) has been conducted that is appropriate to the level of risk and complexity inherent in the project, as defined in the Quality Control Plan. During the ITR, compliance with established policy principles and procedures, utilizing justified and valid assumptions, was verified. This included review of assumptions; methods, procedures and material used in analyses; the appropriateness of data used and level of data obtained; and reasonableness of the results including whether the product meets the USACE's needs consistent with the law and existing USACE policy.

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

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AFB	Air Force Base
ANG	Air National Guard
AOC	area of concern
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
FUDS	Formerly Used Defense Site
I-270	Interstate 270
Ohio EPA	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
PAHs	polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons
PIP	Public Involvement Plan
RI	remedial investigation
RIA	Rickenbacker International Airport
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## SECTION 1

# Overview of the Public Involvement Plan

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)—Louisville District prepared this Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for environmental investigation and potential cleanup activities at areas of concern (AOCs) 17/18/19/103 and 94 at the former Lockbourne Air Force Base (AFB) in Columbus, Ohio (Figure 1-1) as part of the **Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) program**.

The former Lockbourne AFB was previously owned by the United States Government, specifically by the U.S. Department of Defense. In 1984, part of the property was transferred to the Rickenbacker Port Authority, and the Rickenbacker International Airport (RIA) was established. In 2003, Rickenbacker Port Authority merged with the Columbus Airport Authority, forming the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, which now owns and operates the RIA. Because the Department of Defense no longer owns this property, the property is considered a **FUDS**.

USACE prepared this PIP as part of its obligations under the **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA)** to help ensure the public is informed about the investigation and involved in potential cleanup decisions at AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94. This PIP was prepared in compliance with:

- USACE Engineer Regulation 200-3-1, *Environmental Quality—Formerly Used Defense Sites Program Policy* (May 2004).
- USACE Engineer Pamphlet 200-3-1, *Public Participation Requirements for Defense Environmental Restoration Program* (September 2011). (This document supersedes Engineer Pamphlet 1110-8-3, *Public Participation Requirements in the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites* [April 2004]).
- USACE **FUDS** Public Involvement Toolkit.
- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)**, *Superfund Community Involvement Handbook* (USEPA 540-K-05-003) (April 2005).

This PIP identifies community concerns, if applicable, and expectations regarding AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94, establishes public involvement goals and objectives, and provides a strategy for giving the public accurate, consistent, and timely information about the investigation and potential cleanup of AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94. USACE will oversee the implementation of the public involvement activities outlined in the PIP.

## 1.1 Public Involvement Goals

USACE will use the activities outlined in this PIP to inform and involve the community about the environmental investigation and potential cleanup process. Stakeholders in the environmental restoration process include:

- USACE
- The Columbus Regional Airport Authority, the current landowner
- **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)**, the lead environmental regulatory agency
- The community—Local residents, business owners, elected officials, interest groups, and members of the media who express an interest in the AOCs (see Appendixes B and E through I)

The public involvement program has the following goals:

- Inform the stakeholders that personal and property safety is the highest priority.
- Identify options for distribution of information to the community.
- Provide local residents, officials, and other stakeholders an opportunity and encourage public review and comment on environmental restoration activities.
- Inform the public of public involvement activities.

- Listen to public input.
- Identify and address public concerns.
- Revise actions where public comments have merit or foster an information exchange between the stakeholders as to why public comments were not incorporated.

## 1.2 Environmental Regulatory Process

The U.S. Department of Defense is responsible for evaluating and cleaning up environmental contamination at **FUDS** properties. The USACE serves as the lead agency for the **FUDS** program at the former Lockbourne AFB. Through a Department of Defense State Memorandum of Agreement, the USACE works with the **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)** on **FUDS** properties in Ohio. The former Lockbourne AFB is not on the **United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA's)** National Priorities List. However, consistent with **FUDS** Program Policy and with the Defense Environmental Restoration Program, environmental restoration activities under this task order will be conducted in accordance with the CERCLA, as amended by the **Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986** and the **National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan**, commonly called the **National Contingency Plan**.

The CERCLA process includes a series of activities, several of which are designed to involve the public in the decision-making process. The typical sequence of activities is detailed below:

- Public Involvement**—Public involvement is the process for engaging in dialogue and collaboration with communities potentially affected by sites. Its purpose is to give the community, including local residents, business owners, elected officials, interest groups, and members of the media who express an interest in the site, the opportunity to be informed about activities at the site and to provide input in cleanup decisions that are made for the site. CERCLA, as implemented by the **National Contingency Plan**, requires specific community involvement activities that must occur at certain points throughout the CERCLA process. Section 4.2 of this PIP discusses the required specific community involvement activities.
- Preliminary Assessment** and/or **Site Inspection**— Site investigations typically begin with a **preliminary assessment** and/or a **site inspection** to distinguish between sites that pose little or no threat to human health or the environment and sites that may pose a threat and require further investigation. This stage involves a review of historical documents and a visual **site inspection**. If the **preliminary assessment** results in a recommendation for further investigation, a **site inspection** is performed. During the **site inspection**, samples (such as water and soil) are collected to confirm or deny the presence of potentially hazardous substances.
- Remedial Investigation (RI)**—Based on the results of the **preliminary assessment** and/or **site inspection**, an **RI** may be needed at a site. An **RI** is designed to learn more about the site contamination and determine if any known contamination is leaving (that is, migrating from) the site. The primary purpose of the **RI** is to determine the **nature and extent of contamination** at each site, and the risk that contamination presents to human health and the environment. Samples are usually collected from the soil, **groundwater**, **surface water** (such as ditches, rivers, or lakes), and sediment. The resulting data provide information about the extent of possible contamination and rate of migration, if applicable.
- Feasibility Study**—If the **RI** determines that cleanup of a site is needed to address human health or ecological risk, then a **feasibility study** is conducted. The study evaluates various cleanup alternatives for the site.
- Proposed Plan**—The **Proposed Plan** summarizes the cleanup alternatives developed in the **feasibility study**, and recommends a preferred cleanup method. The public has an opportunity to comment on the PP during a formal **public comment period**. Site information is compiled in an **administrative record file** and is placed in an **information repository** established at a convenient location, such as a local library, for public review. The public comments received during this **public comment period** are reviewed and the responses are recorded in a document called a **responsiveness summary**.

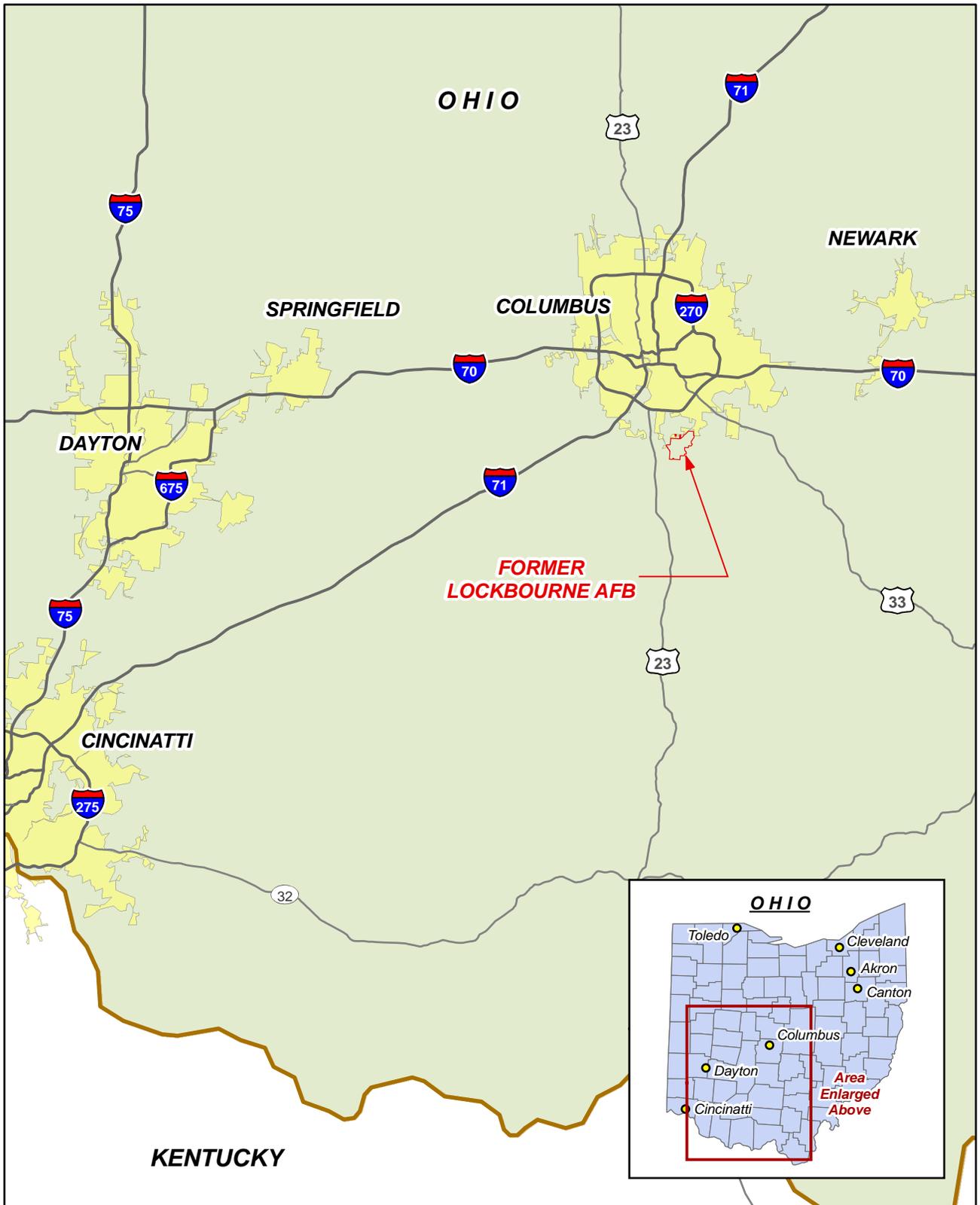
- f. **Decision Document**—At the end of the **public comment period**, an appropriate cleanup alternative is chosen to protect human health and the environment. The **decision document** explains the selected **cleanup action** and includes the **responsiveness summary**.
- g. **Remedial Design/Remedial Action**—The final stage in the process is the **remedial design** and **remedial action**. During the **remedial design**, the technical specifications for cleanup remedies and technologies are developed. The **remedial action** is the actual construction or implementation phase of the cleanup process.

## 1.3 Contents of the Public Involvement Plan

The information included in this PIP is based on demographic research conducted on the nearby communities, technical environmental documents related to AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94, and interviews conducted with stakeholders in 2012. Interviewees included local and county government officials and agencies, representatives of local and regional environmental organizations, residents, and a local property manager.

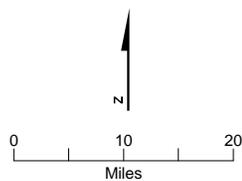
The PIP is organized as follows:

- Section 1 presents an overview of the PIP and USACE’s public involvement goals.
- Section 2 provides details regarding AOCs location, description, ownership, and history.
- Section 3 presents community background and profile.
- Section 4 summarizes USACE’s public involvement program.
- Section 5 presents the references used in this plan.
- Appendix A provides the detailed summary of the 2012 community interviews.
- Appendix B provides contact lists of media contacts.
- Appendix C presents potential public meeting locations.
- Appendix D contains templates for news releases and newspaper advertisements and a sample flier.
- Appendixes E through I provide stakeholder contact lists of key community leaders and interested parties.
- Appendix J lists the public **Information Repository** and **Administrative Record File** locations.
- Appendix K provides local resources that may be willing to post or distribute informational flyers.
- Appendix L presents a glossary of terms commonly used in environmental restoration programs. Terms defined in the glossary appear in **bold** in this PIP.



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 Former Lockbourne Air Force Base



**FIGURE 1-1**  
**Former Lockbourne AFB**  
**Location Map**

Public Involvement Plan  
 Former Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio

## SECTION 2

# Site Description and History

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This section presents the historical and geographical details for AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94 at the former Lockbourne AFB and also previous environmental investigations.

## 2.1 Location and Surrounding Areas

The RIA (former Lockbourne AFB) is an active joint civil-military airport used primarily as a cargo airport for the city of Columbus and some passenger charter carriers. The airport features parallel 12,000-foot runways and 500,000 square feet of cargo terminal space. The Ohio Air National Guard's (ANG's) 121st Air Refueling Wing operates out of the airport.

The RIA lies within the city limits of metropolitan Columbus. Most of the airport complex lies primarily in Franklin County, with a small part to the south located in Pickaway County. Most of the area south and southeast of the RIA is rural or agricultural. Residential and industrial/commercial areas border the north side of the RIA, and the village of Lockbourne is located to the west. Small industrial/commercial operations are located to the west, and a corridor of railroad tracks is located immediately to the southwest.

AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94 are centrally located within the RIA (Figure 2-1). The AOCs are located north of the runways.

## 2.2 Areas of Concern History and Current Use

The central machine shop area comprises the former Base Engineer's Shop (Building 530, AOC 17), Base Engineer's Maintenance and Inspection Building (Building 532, AOC 18), former Engine Cleaning Building (Building 535, AOC 19), and former Battery Maintenance Facility (Building 531, AOC 103; Figure 2-2). Operations at the four buildings likely involved the use of solvents and cleaners. Historical waste management practices are unknown at AOCs 17/18/19/103, and no historical releases of contaminants to the environment are documented (CH2M HILL 2012). Of the four facilities, only the building at AOC 18 (the Base Engineer's Maintenance and Inspection Building) remains. The other buildings were demolished before the Phase I **site inspection** was conducted (before 1999).

The RIA passenger charter terminal is located at AOC 19. AOCs 17 and 103 now consist of grass- and pavement-covered areas. Lane Aviation now uses the building at AOC 18. This group of AOCs is adjacent (north) to a broad tarmac and encompasses about 1,000 by 2,000 feet. Asphalt parking lots are located to the north and east of these AOCs and are used by automobiles and small planes. Stormwater from paved areas is directed toward and captured by storm sewers but may also run off into the grassy areas within these AOCs and infiltrate before reaching storm sewers.

The former location of the Precision Maintenance Lab (Building 247, AOC 94) is within the RIA, in a 1-acre area north of AOCs 17/18/19/103 (Figure 2-3). Compounds and chemicals potentially used at the former lab are not known, and no release has been documented at the former Precision Maintenance Lab. The building was demolished before execution of the Phase I SI completed in 2006. The grassy area is surrounded by heavily developed areas.

## 2.3 Summary of Environmental Investigations

Since 1991, two investigations were conducted at AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94 to provide a basis for one of the following determinations:

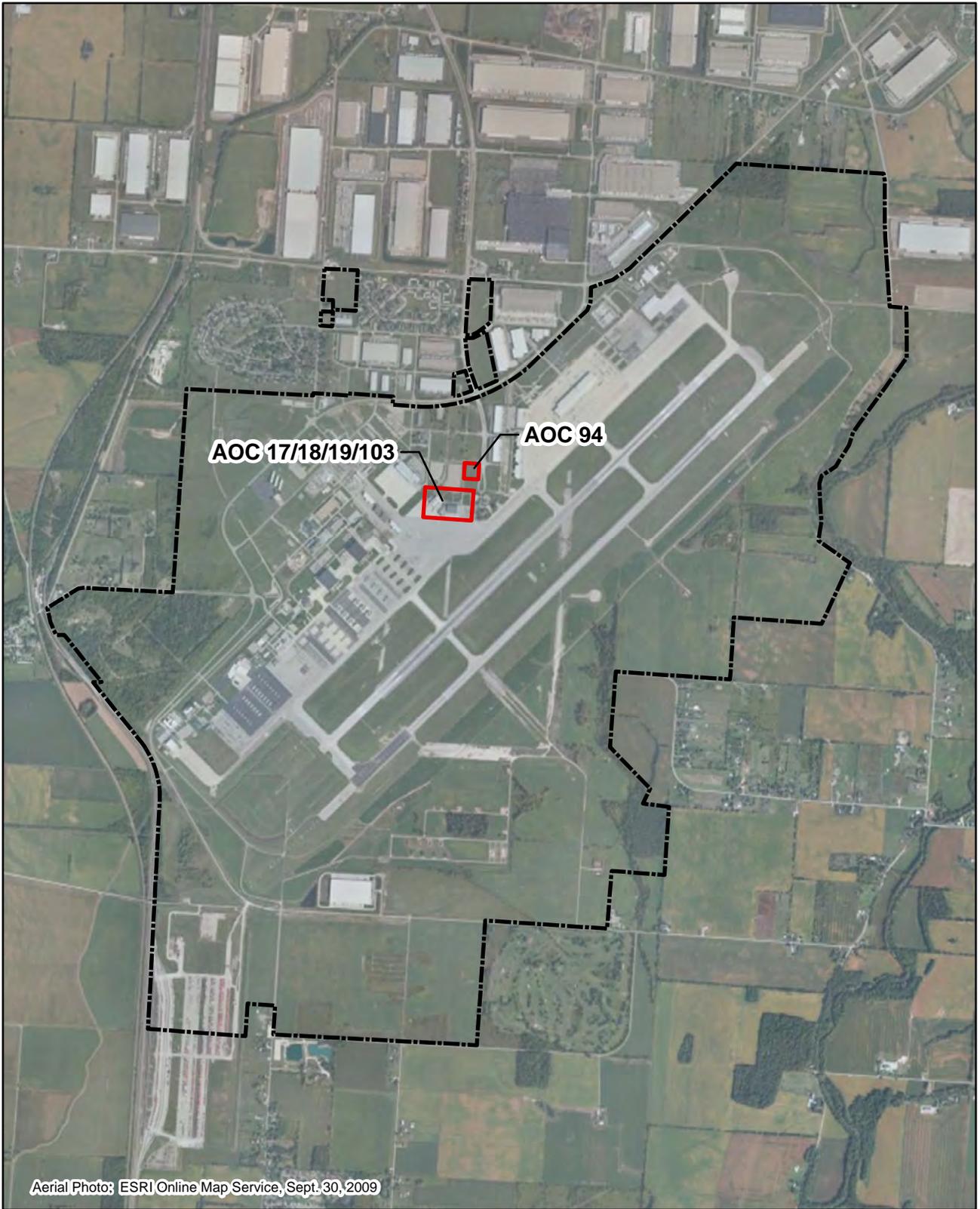
- Eliminating AOCs that pose no significant threat to public health or the environment
- Determining the potential need for removal actions, or
- Identifying the need for additional investigation (known as the **RI**)

During these investigations, soil and **groundwater** samples were collected and USACE evaluated potential risks to people and to the environment, in accordance with **USEPA** and **Ohio EPA** guidance. Risk screening for human health **receptors** was performed to evaluate potential risks to people. The human health risk screening follows a formal, scientific process that estimates risk based on the contaminants found at the AOCs and how people might be exposed to them. An ecological evaluation was performed to determine if significant ecological resources existed at the AOCs. The ecological evaluation concluded that, since the grassy areas at AOCs 17/18/19/103 are small and disturbed or mowed regularly, they do not provide a potential habitat for state threatened species, and no further ecological investigations of them were warranted. AOC 94 is a grass-covered area that is disturbed regularly, and the surrounding area is heavily developed. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has no records of rare or endangered species within a 1-mile radius of AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94. However, the Department has one record of occurrence of the upland sandpiper, a threatened species, at a location 1,500 feet north of AOC 94.

Findings of the investigations indicated further characterization is needed as described below:

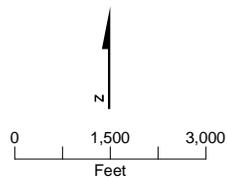
- Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were observed in surface soil, and arsenic was observed in subsurface soil at AOCs 17/18/19/103. The presence of PAHs in soil may be related to adjacent asphalt ground cover, aircraft and automobile exhaust, and runoff from the adjacent roads, parking lots, and active taxiway and runway. Arsenic levels in soil may be attributable to the natural mineralogy of the area. Based on the AOC use, a release of metals is not anticipated (CH2M HILL 2012).
- Chlorinated solvents were detected in **groundwater** at AOCs 17/18/19/103, specifically near former Buildings 535 (the Engine Cleaning Building), 532 (the Engineer's Maintenance and Inspection Building), and 531 (the Battery Maintenance Facility). The presence of chlorinated solvents, which are **volatile organic compounds**, may be related to releases of solvents at the ground surface during historical operations associated with the facilities.
- An assessment of upland sandpiper habitat at AOC 94 during nesting season is warranted to determine whether further ecological assessment is required (GEO 2011).

Based on the results of prior investigations, USACE is currently planning the additional investigations at AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94. The **RI** work planning phase is expected to be complete in early 2013.

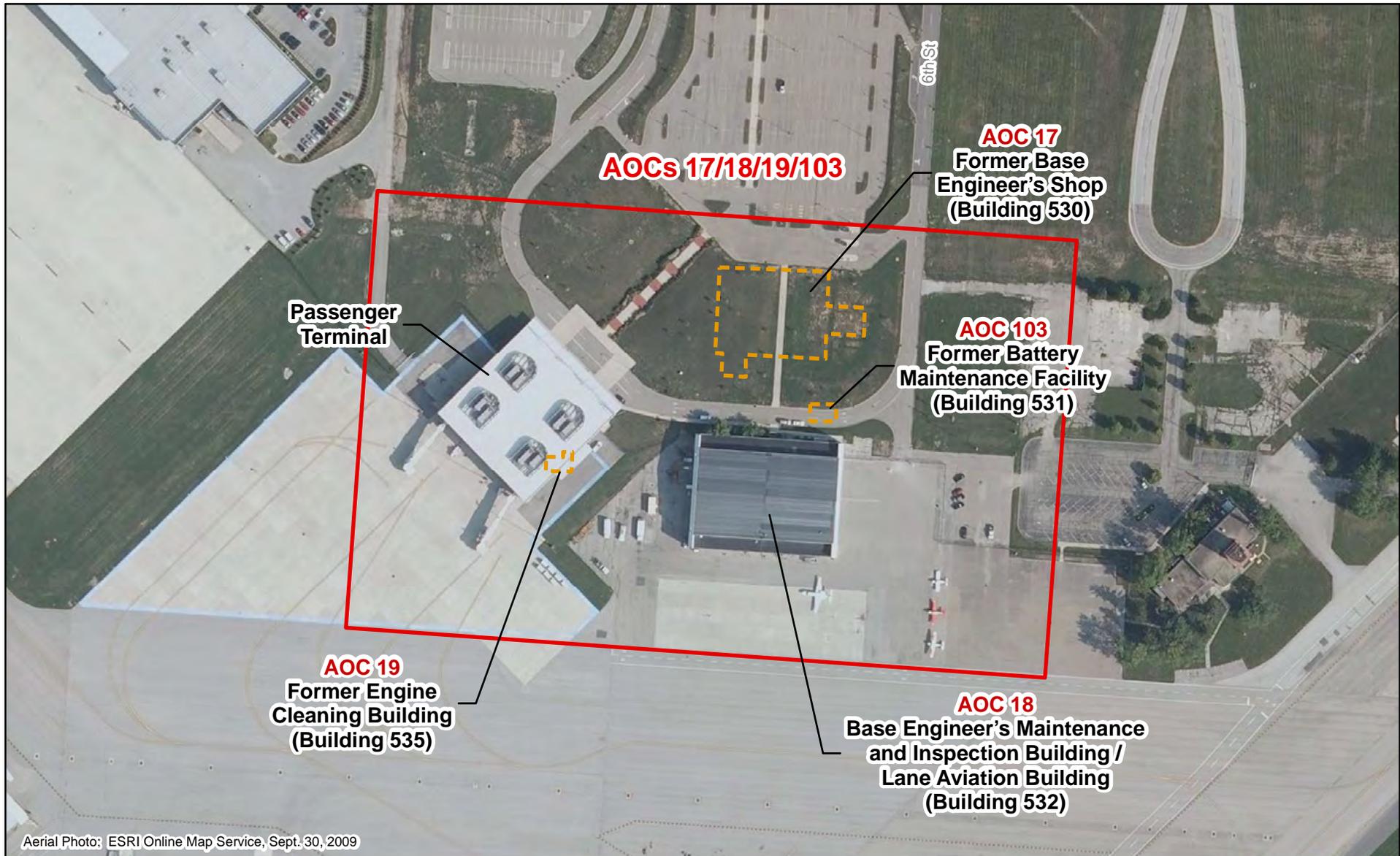


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- AOC Boundary
- Columbus Regional Airport Authority Boundary

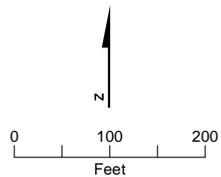


**FIGURE 2-1**  
**AOC Location Map**  
 Public Involvement Plan  
 Former Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio



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- AOC Boundary
- Former Building

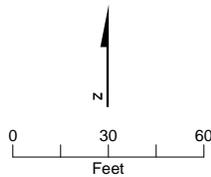


**FIGURE 2-2**  
**AOCs 17/18/19/103 Layout**  
 Public Involvement Plan  
 Former Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio



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- AOC Boundary
- Former Building



**FIGURE 2-3**  
**AOC 94 Layout**

Public Involvement Plan  
Former Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio

# Community Background

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This section describes the communities near the former Lockbourne AFB and the communication needs and desires of the communities in regards to environmental investigation at AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94. The information in this section is based on in-person community interviews conducted in July 2012. Table 3-1 summarizes demographic and economic data about the local communities.

## 3.1 Community Profile

As noted, residential and industrial/commercial areas border the north side of the former AFB, and the village of Lockbourne is located to the west. Small industrial/commercial operations are located to the west, and a corridor of railroad tracks is located immediately to the southwest. Several residential communities are located within 10 miles of the AOCs, and most are surrounded by farmland.

The village of Lockbourne is a small residential community (population 240), less than 2 miles southwest of AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94 (Figure 3-1). Land use north, west, south/southwest of the village is primarily agricultural. The village of Obetz is 4 miles north-northwest of the AOCs and bisected by the Interstate 270 (I-270) outer belt of Columbus. The village of Groveport is about 4 miles northeast of the AOCs and just south of I-270. Grove City is a larger community, about 10 miles northwest of the AOCs, just south of I-270. Land use between the RIA and Grove City is mostly farmland. Hamilton Township in Franklin County provides municipal services to the communities within its borders, including Lockbourne and Obetz. Madison Township in Franklin County serves Groveport and other villages further to the east, as well as unincorporated areas.

The village of Commercial Point is about 6 miles southwest of Lockbourne in Pickaway County. The villages of Ashville and South Bloomfield are about 7 miles south of the AOCs. Madison Township in Pickaway County provides services to the unincorporated area around these communities.

The school districts serving the communities near the AOCs are Hamilton Local Schools, Teays Valley Local Schools, and Groveport-Madison Schools (Table 3-1). The schools nearest to the AOCs are located on the Hamilton Local Schools campus, at Rathmell Road and Parsons Avenue, about 5 miles northwest of the AOCs. Enrollment in Limited English Proficiency programs is less than 5 percent. Less than 2 percent of local adult residents speak English “less than well” or “not at all.”

The city of Columbus, the Franklin County seat, is about 11 miles north of the AOCs. Median income, housing values, and minority and limited English-speaking populations are higher in Columbus than in Lockbourne and the other communities close to the AOCs (Table 3-1).

Columbus’s economy is based on a combination of industries, with the major employers being light industrial, construction, technologies, education, service, state government and transportation. RIA (airport code LCK; one of the world’s only cargo-dedicated airports), the Rickenbacker ANG Base, and the Rickenbacker Intermodal Facility in northern Pickaway County (southeast of the AOCs) are major contributors to the Columbus area economy.

## 3.2 History of Community Involvement

Public involvement for the former Lockbourne AFB began in the early 1990s, specifically for the environmental cleanup program at the adjacent Rickenbacker ANG Base. The U.S. Air Force established the Rickenbacker Restoration Advisory Board in January 1994 and in 1995 prepared the Community Relations Plan for the Rickenbacker ANG Base (Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence 1995). Until 2002, the board met quarterly to update the public on the current progress at the environmental cleanup sites at the Rickenbacker ANG Base and former Lockbourne AFB. The focus of the board was the cleanup of sites on Rickenbacker ANG Base, but other USACE sites sometimes were discussed during the board’s public meetings.

TABLE 3-1  
**Demographic and Economic Profile**

Community	County	School District	Population Estimate: 2011 <sup>a</sup>	Average Age <sup>b</sup>	Median Household Income <sup>c</sup>	Median Home Value <sup>c</sup>	Percent Minority <sup>b</sup>	Limited English Proficiency <sup>c</sup>
Village of Lockbourne	Franklin	Hamilton Local Schools	239	38.9	\$43,083	\$93,500	2.1%	0.0%
Village of Ashville	Pickaway	Teays Valley Local Schools	4,120	32.8	\$50,357	\$143,000	3.6%	0.0%
Village of South Bloomfield	Pickaway	Teays Valley Local Schools	1,754	34.3	\$55,000	\$118,100	27.6%	0.0%
Village of Commercial Point	Pickaway	Teays Valley Local Schools	1590	32.1	\$70,909	\$164,000	5.6%	0.0%
Village of Obetz	Franklin	Hamilton Local Schools	4,595	35.9	\$48,485	\$111,200	14.2%	0.0%
Village of Groveport	Franklin	Groveport Madison Schools	5,435	39.9	\$72,614	\$163,000	17.9%	0.7%
Grove City	Franklin	South-Western City Schools	36,052	37.8	\$63,189	\$167,200	7.4%	1.2%
City of Columbus	Franklin	City of Columbus Schools	787,033	31.2	\$43,122	\$138,200	38.5%	3.7%
Franklin County	n/a	n/a	1,178,799	33.4	\$49,087	\$155,300	30.8%	3.1%
Pickaway County	n/a	n/a	55,990	38.5	\$49,262	\$144,800	1.2%	0.0%

*Sources:*

<sup>a</sup>Census Bureau Annual Estimates of the Resident Population, July 1, 2011: <http://www.census.gov/popest/cities/cities.html>

<sup>b</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

<sup>c</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2006–2010 American Community Survey

n/a: Not applicable

USACE developed this PIP to guide public involvement activities associated with the investigation of AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94. In March 2011, USACE published a PIP for the former Lockbourne AFB landfill, AOCs 1 and 2. In July 2012, USACE published an addendum to the PIP for the Indoor Firing Range, AOC 75. As USACE conducts other environmental evaluations at the former Lockbourne AFB, public involvement will be evaluated and plans will be developed, as appropriate.

### 3.3 Community Interviews

In-person interviews were conducted with 18 local stakeholders in July 2012, representing local and county government officials and agencies, local and regional environmental organizations, a property manager, and a local resident. Two additional interviews were conducted by telephone, at the request of the interviewees. The interviews focused primarily on environmental investigation of AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94.

### 3.4 Key Community Concerns

In general, interviewees did not express concern about AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94, as long as contamination is restricted to the AOC boundaries and does not migrate off the RIA boundary and into the surrounding communities. Several mentioned that some people believe there are elevated cancer rates due to the former Lockbourne AFB landfill, and that it may have been caused by contaminated **groundwater** before the village was connected to municipal water.

Environmental representatives expressed concern about potential harm to Big Walnut Creek that could be caused by stormwater runoff, but they did not think the project was likely to cause that impact. They also expressed a desire that remediation be done in an environmentally sustainable manner, such as using solar power or green roofs or other “green infrastructure” if construction is needed.

Village of Lockbourne officials expressed concern about communication with USACE project staff on previous projects, including not getting responses to calls and e-mails, or having out-of-date contact information. They stated that lack of responsiveness made them feel that USACE did not take their previous concerns seriously and did not want to deal with them. The officials feel strongly that there is an elevated cancer rate within the village, which they think may have been caused by contamination from the former Lockbourne AFB landfill affecting private wells before the village was connected to municipal water.

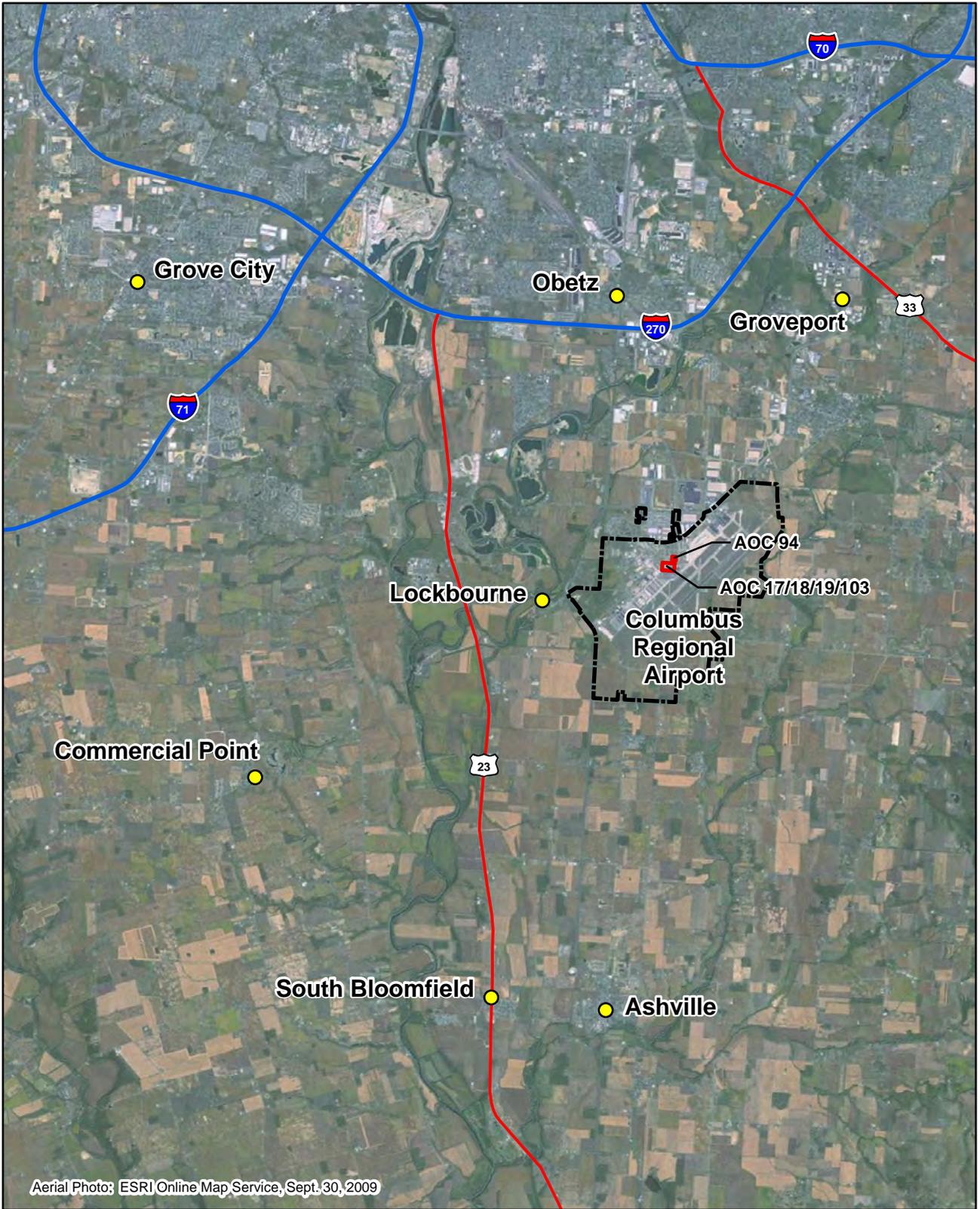
### 3.5 Responses to Community Concerns and Communication Needs

In general, the process of conducting community interviews tends to stimulate renewed interest in environmental restoration of a site. Those interviewed expressed interest in being kept informed. To be responsive to community concerns, USACE will keep local stakeholders informed and aware of opportunities to participate in decision making throughout environmental process associated with AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94.

Information distributed to the public should include the name, phone number, and e-mail address of a person whom the public can contact for more information. Results of the community surveys indicated the public would like to receive information in the following ways (Appendix A):

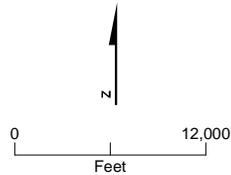
- **Community Meetings**—Interviewees expressed preference for updates at public meetings held specifically for the AOCs and suggested Audubon Park in Columbus, schools, and the passenger terminal at RIA as potential locations. One interviewee said he does not prefer informational sessions. He said the best way to conduct a public meeting is with a town hall format where meeting attendees speak and their testimony is recorded.
- **Project Updates**—Respondents indicated they would like periodic updates (most requested quarterly or as needed). Most preferred e-mail updates, and several suggested they would then be able to share those updates with other officials and constituents. Several representatives of environmental organizations indicated that they could include updates in their organizations’ publications.

- **Newspapers**—Respondents indicated that people in the community get most news from newspapers: local community newspapers, such as the *Southeast Messenger* and *This Week Community News*, and secondarily from newspapers with wider distribution such as the *Columbus Dispatch*. They also recommended local television channels 4 (NBC), 6 (ABC), 10 (CBS), and 28 (FOX) and the local National Public Radio and 610 WTVN station.
- **Web Site**—Interviewees were unaware of the project Web site. They said the Web site address should be provided with project communication submittals, and that the Web site should be kept up-to-date.



LEGEND

- Nearby Community
- Interstate
- US Highway
- AOC Boundary
- Columbus Regional Airport Authority Boundary



**FIGURE 3-1**  
**Vicinity Map**

Public Involvement Plan  
Former Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio

# USACE's Public Involvement Program

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The USACE will promote open, two-way communications with the community and provide opportunities for meaningful involvement. Understanding the community's interests enables the project delivery team to respond to public interest in and concerns about the environmental investigation, with specific attention to health, safety, and environmental issues of concern to the community.

## 4.1 Public Involvement Plan

The community has asked to be apprised of activities at AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94. In response, USACE's public involvement program will include, as appropriate, public meetings, communications with the local and regional media, and opportunities for the public to obtain information regarding environmental activities. Elements of the public involvement program are dynamic and will be updated, as necessary, to ensure the continued effectiveness of the program.

### 4.1.1 Public Comment Periods

**Public comment periods** are formal opportunities for community members to provide input on cleanup program documents and proposed decisions. They will be conducted in accordance with provisions of the CERCLA. Comment periods are typically 30 days, but may be extended up to 60 days in response to timely request by one or more affected party. USACE will consider public comments before making decisions regarding potential proposed **cleanup actions**. A **responsiveness summary** will document the USACE responses to public comments and will be made available to the public.

### 4.1.2 Public Meetings

Public meetings provide an opportunity for information exchange among USACE, other agencies, the media, and the public. Opportunity for a public meeting is required during formal **public comment periods**. USACE may conduct additional public meetings to update the community on the progress of the **FUDS** program and to solicit community input.

USACE will inform the public of the scheduled time and location of upcoming public meetings by advertisement in a local newspaper, such as the *Southeast Messenger*, the *Times*, or the *Columbus Dispatch*. Appendix B lists contact information for these and other local and regional media organizations. Appendix C identifies potential public meeting locations.

### 4.1.3 Information Repositories and Administrative Record File

USACE has established a Public **Information Repository** at the Columbus Metropolitan Library (see Appendix J for hours of operation), where environmental documents will be made available to the community before public meetings and **public comment periods**. Because of limited shelf space at the library, documents will be in CD format. The library has public access computers that community members can use to view information on the CDs. The **Information Repository** is located at:

Columbus Metropolitan Library  
Southeast Branch  
3980 S. Hamilton Road  
Groveport, OH 43125  
614-645-2275

The **administrative record file** is the legal file containing documents and/or correspondence that form the basis for selecting a response action. The public can view the administrative record file online at <http://bit.ly/LockbourneAFB> (see Appendix J).

### 4.1.4 Communication Techniques and Actions

USACE will make information on AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94 activities available to the public through the following channels:

- Direct contact with stakeholders—USACE and **Ohio EPA** points of contact are available for public information and questions (Appendix A).
- Project Web site—The USACE Web site for the former Lockbourne AFB (<http://bit.ly/LockbourneAFB>) provides information about the environmental restoration activities at the **FUDS**. The Web site has informational materials, fact sheets, and public notices. The USACE will update the Web site quarterly, at a minimum, with project status information and links to reports as new information is available.
- Mailings—USACE will issue informational materials such as public notices, fact sheets, and news releases as appropriate. USACE will maintain a mailing list of people interested in receiving updates and will issue periodic fact sheets/newsletters providing an overview and status update on AOCs 17/18/19/103 and 94.

## 4.2 Projected Schedule for Community Involvement Activities

To satisfy the community’s desire for information and to allow residents to participate in the decision-making process, USACE may schedule public involvement activities throughout the environmental action process. The activities comply with the community involvement requirements of the **National Contingency Plan** and CERCLA. Table 4-1 provides a comparison of the timing of public involvement activities and CERCLA milestones.

TABLE 4-1  
**Public Involvement Activities**

Activity	Public Involvement Plan	Information Repository, Administrative Record file	Web Site	Fact Sheet <sup>a</sup> / Newsletter	Public Notice	Public Comment Period	Public Meeting / Informational Session <sup>b</sup>	Responsiveness Summary
Remedial investigation/ feasibility study		●	○				○	
Proposed plan				● <sup>a</sup>	●	●	● <sup>b</sup>	
Decision document							○	●
Remedial design/ remedial action							○	

<sup>a</sup>The **proposed plan** typically is released as a fact sheet and distributed to stakeholders. A formal **proposed plan** may be prepared and placed in the **information repository**. In that case, the **proposed plan** should be summarized in a fact sheet, and the fact sheet should direct readers to copies of the formal plan.

<sup>b</sup>An opportunity for a public meeting is required as part of the **Proposed Plan** activity. Other activities may have informational sessions conducted, as needed.

	Periodic updates	●	Required by law, regulation, or policy
	Ongoing activity	○	Discretionary activity (determined by level of community interest)

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**Appendix A**  
**Community Interview Results**

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# Community Interview Results

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## Former Lockbourne AFB Five Areas of Concern Community Interview Questions for Public Involvement Plan Update

**Date:** Personal interviews were conducted July 9–11, 2012. One telephone interview was conducted July 20, 2012.

**Interviewers:** Amy Brand and Kim-Lee Yarberry, CH2M HILL

Thank you for meeting with us! We appreciate your time. This interview should take about a half hour, unless you'd like to talk longer.

Briefly—

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting an environmental investigation at the Former Lockbourne Air Force Base under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly-Used Defense Sites. As part of this effort, the Corps prepares a Public Involvement Plan. The plan identifies community concerns and describes how the Corps will communicate with the public about environmental restoration at the site. We are in the process of updating the Public Involvement Plan for Lockbourne, because we are starting new environmental investigations of five sites known as “areas of concerns” (AOCs). These AOCs are located on and adjacent to an active taxiway of the Rickenbacker International Airport.

Your responses will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only in a summary format to update the Public Involvement Plan. Should you have any questions, please call Katelyn Newton at 502-315-6773.

Ok, if you're ready, let's get started.

### General

#### 1. How long have you been a resident of the local community?

- Responses ranged from 1.5 months to 74 years, average (without high and low) = 29 years
- 1 person used to live in the area but does not now

#### 2. How far do you live from the former Lockbourne AFB?

- 8 range from 0.25 mile to 10 miles
- 8 said they do not live in the “local” community (live 20–25 miles away)
- 1 lives “within the same watershed”
- 3 live in Columbus

#### 3. How would you describe your role in the community?

- 0 former employee of Lockbourne AFB [*If yes, go to (a) below*]
- 7 local residents
- 1 business owner
- 3 military or former military
- 1 representative of homeowner association or other civic group
- 7 public or elected official
- 2 representative of local environmental group
- 5 community leader
- 3 local government employee

*Note:* Numbers add to more than the total number of people interviewed (20) because people identify themselves with more than one role.

**Other:**

- Wife worked as a cashier at the BX at the former Lockbourne AFB
- Two interviewees went to school at Rickenbacker.
- One of them used to play there and worked there as a medic when it was a military base.
- Two were requested to participate by township or City elected officials.
- Representative of a state-based professional environmental organization, concerned about green infrastructure.
- Representative of a quasi-nonprofit organization and government agency for central Ohio. The nonprofit organization focuses on transportation issues and Intermodal.
- Manager of local apartment complex
  - a. **How long did you work at the site?** n/a
  - b. **What was your job?** n/a

**Environmental****4. How would you describe the community's attitude toward environmental issues in general?**

- People don't discuss it at all.
- Not sure.
- People everywhere are more concerned in general.
- Nonexistent.
- Little concern toward environmental issues, until it affects their health. Two of the other interviewees agreed. They particularly have little concern regarding this subject (former Lockbourne AFB site contamination).
- People who would be interested in environmental issues in general would be interested in these issues too. They are a small but vocal group.
- Thought that near the site, people are more living day by day. This is a larger issue than they would be concerned about.
- Emerging. Community awareness is growing.
- They realize that environmental issues are here to stay, particularly where you have measurable issues. The community supports the environment but they don't want unfunded mandates. The communities have been asked to do a lot. People are proud of what they do. Most are "blue-dog Democrats." They ask for fairness and consideration in regard to what they are asked to pay. Because of the financial concerns, there is a lot more pressure to justify anything that is done. They advocate common sense, science-based, financially sustainable methods
- Within the interviewee's own community, they are very concerned, but overall, the community is not concerned so much. He worries about that and his kids and grandkids.

**5. What environmental issues tend to be most important to people? (prompt as needed: energy, water, etc.)**

- Groundwater and drinking water
- Nothing, unless it affects them personally.
- Fracking is a current hot button issue.
- Air, because it stinks. Water, because it hits the pocketbook, and medical issues

- Recycling—the city just initiated curbside recycling so it is on peoples’ minds. Plus it is something they feel they can contribute too. Interviewee is not sure there is a great understanding of air and water quality and climate change.
- Not sure—suspect water
- Beyond the concern from groundwater at the base, there are not large environmental concerns.
- One interviewee said that they don’t have the noise or fumes from when the base was active, so that is no longer a concern. They were not affected by the trash burning energy plant mentioned during another interview. However, they did burn trash at the former Lockbourne AFB landfill and air quality was affected when that was occurring.
- None!
- People who have well water may be more engaged. People seem to get more riled up about air quality than water quality. This is likely because they can smell bad air quality, but don’t necessarily understand the how water is impacted and how it affects them.

**6. Are you aware of that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is investigating environmental contamination at the former Lockbourne AFB?**

8 yes            10 no            1 not sure

- Have heard about it in passing, but not really sure.
- One who answered “no” said “but it is not unexpected”
- One person has been engaged in this area ever since they did the environmental assessment for the intermodal.
- One person knew that the Ohio EPA had done a study on watersheds near Rickenbacker back in the 1990s.

**a. If so, what is your understanding of the program? Do you remember how you learned about it and when?**

- Village of Lockbourne representatives have been aware and concerned about the landfill “for years.”
- Since he knows the type of work the military does, he just expected that they would need to do environmental work in the future.

**b. (if they focus on the landfill) What is your understanding of areas of the site other than the landfill?**

- Did not appear to have an understanding of the five AOCs prior to receiving the fact sheet. However, not surprised based on what the site was used for and did not seem as concerned about it. One interviewee said frequently that they knew what they (former Lockbourne AFB) was doing over there.

**7. Would you say the community is interested in or concerned about environmental contamination at the site?**

10 yes            5 no            5 not sure

- People in the village of Lockbourne are VERY concerned about the landfill site and the potential for groundwater or soil contamination to affect them. People believe there is a high cancer rate, and that it may be caused by contaminated groundwater before the village was connected to municipal water.
- No. Only if it’s on the news as a sensational story or they hear there may be medical or financial opportunities.
- They thought yes because of the association with their water wells.
- One interviewee thought the community would be interested in factual, accurate information. There is a lot of speculation in the community, not necessarily facts.

- Interviewees have not heard or seen anything in the paper on the TV news about this site. This is not to say that in neighborhoods closer to the site, there might be more information. They would not say that people aren't interested in environmental contamination. People may be concerned that this has been going on for a long time.
- Within the environmental community, they are very aware. Outside of this community, these topics are framed as positive and good for the community (e.g., good for the economy)

**8. Do you have any special interest in or concerns about this study, and if so, what?**

5 yes            11 no            4 not sure

Of those who stated "yes":

- The primary concern is the potential that groundwater from the site has increased the cancer rate in the local community. One interviewee felt that the ATSDR study was a false investigation. They found out what they wanted to find out, not what the local residents knew. He does not trust the ATSDR and several government agencies. If ATSDR came back to do another study, they would find that a lot of the people involved in the earlier study have passed away.

Of those who stated "no" or "not sure" but made comments:

- Just want to be kept informed if there is something that would affect off-base property and property values; anything happening close to the southeastern boundary.
- They are concerned about local environmental, sewer, stormwater issues. However, they really don't get involved in environmental issues out of their village border, with the exception of Big Walnut Creek. They would want to know if anything could get off the base and impact their community.
- No particular interest in this study. However, they have an interest in this area. The soil in this area has a high water table and recharges the groundwater aquifers. With the development of the intermodal, this area has been developed like crazy. Therefore, they are worried about the watershed. They are looking for green infrastructure (not necessarily this site) to improve infiltration. To the east of the flightline, water flows to Walnut Creek; to the west, water flows to Big Walnut Creek.
- More concerned with stormwater
- General concern with protecting Big Walnut Creek.
- Interviewee mentioned concern about other issues. He is concerned about all the warehouses to the north, the train terminal to the south, and a new road they are constructing that he heard about recently. There are lots of construction activities impacting Big Creek and its tributaries. He is worried about the cumulative impacts of these projects ("death by 1,000 cuts"). He would like to know has someone kept score of who has applied for permits for all this work. His concern is the continued health and improvement of the creek itself and TMDLs. He wants shared information (e.g. mussel study). He is worried about stormwater or runoff from this site (from construction or contamination) to the tributaries. He would like to look at the site hydrology.

**9. Do you feel that environmental contamination at the site has affected the local community?**

6 yes            10 no            4 not sure

**c. If yes, in what ways?** (*prompt only as needed: health, property values, quality of life, etc.*)

- They've heard that statistically that the cancer rate is not different here. However, for a town of 300 people, an incidence rate of 60 people seems high. The residents were on well water before the 1980s, at which point they were switched to municipal water. Some of the wells were hand dug. There are a few residents who still refuse to switch to municipal water.

- They were concerned about the ecological population. There is a herd of deer out there (~18 total) that travel/live through there. They wanted to know where they will live once their habitat is removed. They have heard that there are exposure risks if anyone just walks on or plays on the landfill. Therefore, they are concerned about animals (such as deer) walking on the landfill and then transporting that contamination (such as on their hooves/feet) to their yards and then that contamination getting into their homes. If a deer eat the plants growing on the landfill or as stated before, walk on top of the landfill, and then a hunter kills it (somewhere else) and eats it, will they then be eating contaminated meat?
- Interviewee used to live just south of RIA in Pickaway County. They had wells water but they didn't drink it. They did bathe and clean with it. She had a child who had high levels of mercury. She tried to look for answers and thought that the former LAFB/RIA could be a factor. She also realizes that other things could be factors (such as, pesticides on corn). Neighbors she spoke with also seemed to have concerns but she thought this could be a skewed group. They moved away when her child was 5 and this was one factor in their decision to move.
- Interviewee talked about environmental issues in general. He said that water and air has been impacted. This area used to be forested. Now, it's paved with concrete, a heat island.
- Any VOCs used in the buildings are trapped now. He's concerned about people in the building who are breathing these VOCs now.

**d. If no, have you heard whether other people think that?**

2 yes            0 no            1 not sure

- There is a cancer cluster rumor spreading around the community. There are ~ 4-5 people with cancer in their 40s and some people think it's strange. The 1st interviewee is not sure if this cancer frequency is normal or not.

## Information and Communication

### 10. How do you get your local news?

- 4 Newspaper: *Columbus Dispatch*, weekly local papers
- 7 Radio: NPR, 610 WTVN
- 1 Online
- 4 Television: Local affiliates, WBNS, Fox, CNN, Channel 6, Channel 28

**Other:**

- Monthly village of Lockbourne Newsletter
- The Rickenbacker Area Council publishes a newsletter for military and local community councils.
- Village of Obetz Web site
- Occasional and infrequent village newsletter.
- Periodic notices through the apartment complex and a quarterly newsletter.

### 11. Do you consider these sources reliable and accurate?

6 yes            3 no            3 not sure

- Hope so! But cautious—all news sources are biased.
- The local newspaper is very conservative. The papers and TV are all owned by the same people. This worries him, since there is really only one editorial board. There is no alternative.
- One interviewee said that if you take some of the dramatics away, then these sources are somewhat accurate.
- The Columbus Dispatch leans conservative. The town leans a little more conservative. Interviewee dislikes how some media dramatizes a story and then doesn't mention it again.
- Yes and No, depends.

**a. If no, are there other sources you would recommend?**

- Possibly local weekly newspapers

**12. Would you be interested in being on a mailing list to receive information about the Corps' environmental restoration program at the site?**

20 yes            0 no

**If yes:****a. What type of information would you like?**

- One paragraph summary so you can determine quickly if it pertains to you.
- Easy-to-read, simple bulletins.
- Fact sheet.
- Along with updates for the sites, they would like the appropriate point of contact made easy to identify and updates to the points of contact.
- They would like to know if anything goes on along Alum Creek Drive that would impact the local community.
- Interested in drainage plans or a summary of drainage plans, receiving waters, a summary of how the USACE would deal with any discharges from this site. How will we protect the creek? If we pave over grass, what will happen to the drainage?

**b. How would you prefer to receive that information? (e.g., mail, email)**

18     E-mail  
2     Mail

**c. How often would you want to receive information?**

- More than now!
- Quarterly—that is how often Huntington sends out its permits.
- No more than 1-2 per month
- Monthly or quarterly.
- As there is information about the study
- As soon as there are conclusions that can be shared

**13. Are there other ways that you think the Corps could provide you with information and let you know about opportunities to participation in decision-making for the site?**

- Newspaper
- Radio/TV
- Information repository

*Suggested location:* None offered.

- Community meetings

*Suggested location:* Audubon Park in Columbus, schools, the passenger terminal

*Suggested times/days of the week:* None offered.

- Site visits
- Web site: would be good if kept up to date. Don't think people know there is one. Need to publicize better.

**Other** (*describe*)

- Concern that USACE information would be biased—how would they know they’re getting good information? Just don’t really trust people that much anymore!
- Quarterly announcements in advance of any new developments. He would like a 90-day public comment period. He feels that you can’t learn enough to make educated comments in 30 days.
- He feels that there is only one way to have a public meeting. This is recorded meetings, where one person speaks and written testimony is received as opposed to informational sessions. He prefers a town hall session.
- Facebook?
- Rickenbacker Area Council, RISFAC (Regional Inter-service Family Assistance Committee) newsletter.
- If you provide the village council the information, they will pass it on. They are a close knit community. One interviewee said that they can pass out the fact sheet and act as a conduit for information.
- Local restaurant, feed store (farmers), newsletters that go out to agricultural members, farm bureau.
- Environmental group could be a conduit for information.

**14. Have you had contact with any Corps of Engineers, state, or environmental officials regarding environmental issues at the former Lockbourne AFB?**

4 yes            16 no

- One interviewee said he had been in contact, but not recently, in regard to the intermodal.
- Not necessarily regarding the former Lockbourne AFB. Interviewee spoke with Katelyn Newton (USACE) on phone. He’s spoken with the RIA. He’s had contact with the Ohio EPA, regarding an application of piping for sewers and drains (401 permit).

**If yes:**

- a. Please explain.
- b. Have they been responsive to your concerns?

0 yes            3 no            1 somewhat

**Please explain.**

- One person stated she had called the signee to find out more about the interview letter, but did not get a call back.
- Ohio EPA is responsive in the summaries they send out. They do not necessarily respond at a high enough level, or with enough detail. The Huntington district of the USACE is very responsive but he thinks they are under pressure from the State of Ohio.
- Two interviewees have repeatedly tried to make contact and get information, particularly regarding the former Lockbourne AFB landfill. One of the interviewees (who is the lead for this topic) said that it took ~ 4.5 to 5 months to get a response from someone. Initially, she tried to contact a Rickenbacker airport person, who had told her that he would pass on the questions/request for information on and someone would contact her. She and another interviewee also tried to contact someone at the USACE, to no avail. Finally, after going through a list of names on e-mails/paperwork, the interviewee came across a current USACE official’s email address and contacted her. She was very responsive and a few days later the current USACE public affairs officer got in touch with the interviewee. The second interviewee, who had tried to contact the USACE, said that he never got a response.

**15. If you had a question or concern about the site, what would you do? Is there someone you would contact?**

5 yes            0 no            8 not sure

**If yes, who?**

- Carla Heck, Katelyn Newton
- Neighbor near base (southeast of property)—individual’s name and phone number were provided
- Rickenbacker Area Council
- Lane Roberts at the Port Authority
- Bill Yaple (Walnut Action Group—WAG, this group is more jurisdictional), Erin Miller (environmental steward for City of Columbus), MetroParks (they are located north of the site but may have a general interest and/or heard feedback from residents)

***(Note: If “no” or “not sure”, interviewee was referred to Katelyn Newton and provided with her business card.)***

**16. Is there someone in particular you think we should contact as part of these interviews?****Name (Affiliation):**

- City Sewer Division—One interviewee said she would check with them if they were interested
- Sterling Management (Barb-Walnut Green Condo Owners),
- Jeff Cox (Sierra Club)
- David Celebrezze (Ohio Environmental Council),
- Friends of Walnut Creek Action Group
- Central Ohio Watersheds Council
- Major Mitchell (Air National Guard, Chair of Rickenbacker Area Council), whoever owns the land takes the lead.
- Hamilton Township, Ashville, Pickaway County, Franklin County officials
- Ann Fisher (local commentator on NPR who covers environmental issues)
- Franklin County Soil and Water
- Karen Hawkins (Ohio Chapter of AWWA)
- Tracey Freeman (Ohio EPA PR)
- DNR
- Friends of Allen Creek
- City of Columbus Division of Water
- Laura Young Mohr (Division of Public Utilities)
- Local neighbor southeast of the base (name and phone number were provided)

**17. Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

- He would like sustainable construction implemented in the southern part of the RIA. He would like to know why none of the buildings have green roofs. Recycle water, not retention ponds, would reduce the pressure on the sanitary system. Solar panels could make them energy independent.
- He would like to know if there is a scoring system to compare this site with other sites, some kind of standardized system. If so, is that documented? He feels like this was not done for RIA/LAFB in the past and the information was not public.
- He would like contact information for the Ohio EPA, DNR, or any other agencies related to this site.
- Interviewee said that they can pass out the fact sheet and act as a conduit for information.
- They have also been contacted by other organizations, regarding environmental issues, and are not really sure who is involved with what since there is so much going on around them (for example, they asked if we were involved with the drum removal or the port authority). The Air National Guard contacted them

recently about a drum removal. They did not seem to like that they were informed after the drums had been removed and not before. They also had concerns with the Rickenbacker Port Authority. In the area of Vause Road and Rickenbacker Parkway, there is a road which they used to use as their East-West travel corridor. However, for some reason the road has been closed with no plans to re-open. The Port authority has said they don't want traffic on the road but the community does not know why. They wanted to know if it was related to the landfill and if they would get access, to what they consider their land again.

- One interviewee said he thought people would be interested to know about the remediation, if and when it was implemented. That is, how it worked and similar details.
- Interviewee would like to know if the site is within the city limits. After looking at a map, it doesn't look like it. The site map on the fact sheet does not give you a good sense of where the site is located or where you are.
- Professional environmental organization gets many requests to share information. The shorter the synopsis, the better it is. They would like their Web site to be a site that people think of, and they would be happy to share information there.
- Why this is being handled by the Louisville District of USACE and not the Huntington district?
- Apartment complex: Tenants have lived there from 1 year to about 18 years. About 2 or 3 are military. Most are factory workers. Some have rental vouchers. They have about 15 turn over each month out of 376 units.

**Your participation is important to the success of the environmental restoration program at the former Lockbourne AFB. Thank you so much for your time. Again, your responses will be kept confidential and will only be used in summary. If you have any additional questions or think of anything you want to add, here is my business card—please feel free to contact me.**

**Appendix B**  
**Media Contacts**

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## Media Contacts

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### Newspapers

*The Columbus Dispatch*

34 South Third Street  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-461-5200  
Web site: [www.dispatch.com](http://www.dispatch.com)

*This Week*

Community News  
7801 North Central Drive  
Lewis Center, OH 43035  
740-888-6000  
Web site: [www.thisweeknews.com](http://www.thisweeknews.com)

*Southeast Messenger*

(covering Groveport, Canal Winchester, Southeast Columbus, Madison Township and Lithopolis and distributed to ZIP codes 43109, 43207, 43232, 43125, 43110, and 43068)  
Columbus Messenger Newspapers  
3500 Sullivant Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43204  
614-272-5422  
Web site: [www.columbusmessenger.com](http://www.columbusmessenger.com)  
E-mail: [southeast@Columbusmessenger.com](mailto:southeast@Columbusmessenger.com).

*The Daily Reporter*

580 South High Street, Suite 316  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-228-NEWS or  
614-224-4835  
Web site: [www.thedailyreporteronline.com](http://www.thedailyreporteronline.com)  
E-mail: [advertising@sourcenews.com](mailto:advertising@sourcenews.com)

*Columbus Business First*

303 West Nationwide Boulevard  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-461-4040  
Web site: [Columbus.bizjournals.com](http://Columbus.bizjournals.com)  
E-mail: [Columbus@bizjournals.com](mailto:Columbus@bizjournals.com)

*Circleville Herald*

120 Watt Street  
Circleville, OH 43113  
740-474-3131  
Web site: [www.circlevilletoday.com](http://www.circlevilletoday.com)

### Television Stations

WBNS-TV Channel 10 (CBS)  
770 Twin Rivers Drive  
Columbus, OH 43215  
General Manager: Tom Griesdorn  
News Phone: 614-460-3700  
Web site: [www.wbns10tv.com](http://www.wbns10tv.com)  
E-mail: contact through Web site

WSYX-TV Channel 6 (ABC)  
1261 Dublin Road  
Columbus, OH 43215  
General Manager:  
614-481-6666  
Newsroom Phone: 614-481-6672  
Web site: [www.wsyx6.com](http://www.wsyx6.com)  
E-mail: contact through Web site

WCMH-TV Channel 4 (NBC)  
3165 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
General Manager: Dan Bradley  
614-263-4444  
Newsroom Phone: 614-263-5555  
Web site: [www.nbc4i.com](http://www.nbc4i.com)  
E-mail: [newsdesk@nbc4i.com](mailto:newsdesk@nbc4i.com)

WTTE-TV Channel 28 (FOX)  
1261 Dublin Road  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-481-6666  
Newsroom Phone: 614-481-6672  
Web site: [www.wtte28.com](http://www.wtte28.com)  
E-mail: contact through Web site

WOSU-TV Channel 34 (PBS)  
2400 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43210  
General Manager: Tom Rieland  
614-292-9678  
Web site: [www.wosu.org](http://www.wosu.org)  
E-mail: [newsroom@wosu.org](mailto:newsroom@wosu.org)

## Radio Stations

### WCOL FM

2323 West 5th Avenue, Suite 200  
Columbus, OH 43204  
614-486-6101  
Web site: [www.wcol.com](http://www.wcol.com)  
E-mail: contact through Web site

### WLVQ FM

280 North High Street, 10th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Office phone: 614-227-9696  
Studio phone: 614-821-9696  
Web site: [www.qfm96.com](http://www.qfm96.com)  
E-mail: contract through Web site

### WWCD FM

1036 South Front Street  
Columbus, OH 43206  
614-221-9923  
Studio phone: 614-221-1025  
Web site: [www.cd101.com](http://www.cd101.com)  
E-mail: [webmaster@cd10251.com](mailto:webmaster@cd10251.com)

### WRFD AM

8101 North High Street  
Suite 360  
Columbus, Ohio 43235  
614-885-0880  
Web site: [www.wrfd.com](http://www.wrfd.com)  
E-mail: [mail@wrfd.com](mailto:mail@wrfd.com)

### WMNI AM & FM

North American Broadcasting Inc.  
1458 Dublin Road  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-481-7800  
Web site: [www.wmni.com](http://www.wmni.com)  
E-mail: contact through Web site

### WTVN AM

2323 West 5th Avenue  
Suite 200  
Columbus, OH 43204  
General Sales Manager: Jeff Rehl  
Office phone: 614-486-6101  
Web site: [www.610wtvn.com](http://www.610wtvn.com)

### WOSU AM & FM

2400 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43210  
General Manager: Tom Rieland  
614-292-9678  
Web site: [www.wosu.org](http://www.wosu.org)  
E-mail: [newsroom@wosu.org](mailto:newsroom@wosu.org)

### WSNY FM

4401 Carriage Hill Lane  
Columbus, OH 43220  
614-451-2191  
Web site: [www.wsnv.net](http://www.wsnv.net)

### WBNS AM & FM

605 South Front Street  
Suite 300  
Columbus, OH 43215  
General Manager: Dave Van Stone  
614-460-3850  
Web site: [www.1460thefan.com](http://www.1460thefan.com)

**Appendix C**  
**Meeting Locations**

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APPENDIX C

# Meeting Locations

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Hamilton Township Administrative and  
Community Center  
6400 Lockbourne Road  
Lockbourne, OH 43137  
614-491-3963

Hamilton Township High School  
*(library, cafeteria, or gymnasium)*  
1105 Rathmell Road  
Columbus, OH 43207  
614-491-8044 x1800

Madison Township Community Center  
*(Franklin County)*  
4575 Madison Lane  
Groveport, OH 43125  
614-836-5308

Madison Township Hall  
*(Pickaway County)*  
7083 Duvall Road  
Ashville, OH 43103  
614-207-7147

Village of Obetz Community Center  
*(multipurpose room or gymnasium)*  
1611 Chillicothe Street  
Obetz, OH 43207  
614-492-5170

Scioto Elementary School  
20 West Scioto Street  
Commercial Point, OH 43116  
740-983-5000

Teays Valley High School  
*(library, cafeteria, or gymnasium)*  
3887 State Route 752  
Ashville, OH 43103  
740-983-5000

Columbus State Community College: Pickaway  
Center  
3887 Ohio 752  
Ashville, OH 43103  
614-227-2400

**Appendix D**  
**Public Involvement Tools**

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# Public Involvement Tools

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The USACE templates for news releases and newspaper advertisements and sample flier that are potentially applicable for this project are listed below. The templates and samples listed are examples and have not been updated for a specific project. The list of examples of public involvement tools that may be needed is not all-inclusive.

- Public Comment Period News Release Template
- Public Comment Period Newspaper Advertisement Template
- Sample Information Repository Flier
- Public Meeting News Release Template
- Administrative Record Newspaper Advertisement Template



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Name District

*Public Comment Period News Release Template*

# News Release

Release No. Final Release  
For Release:

Contact:  
Phone:  
Email:

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*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Request Comments from the Public on Proposed Plan**

City, State – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to review and comment on the proposed plan for **[type of action, e.g., remedial action]** at former **[Name of Site]**, a **[Type of site, i.e., FUDS, BRAC, RCRA]** in **[City, State]**.

**[Give short history of site and what occurred there, e.g., Former Spencer Artillery Range was used by the military to train troops during World War II.]** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has recently completed a study of former **[Name of Site]** concerning military munitions and alternatives for further action. The preferred alternative, implementation of a local educational awareness and training program, is presented in the proposed plan. Copies of the proposed plan are available for public review in the **[name and address of location where documents are housed]**.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers encourages you to comment on the proposed plan during the 30-day **Public Comment Period, [date to date]**. Written comments may be submitted by mail, postmarked no later than **[date]** at the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, **[Name of District]**, Public Affairs Office, **[address, city & state]**. Public comments received during this period will be considered in the final decision-making process for former **[Name of Site]**.

For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, **[Name of District]**, Public Affairs Office at **[phone number]**.



## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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### **Proposed Plan for [Name of site]**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to review and comment on the proposed plan for **[type of action, e.g., remedial action]** at former **[Name of Site]**, a **[Type of site, i.e., FUDS, BRAC, RCRA]** in **[City, State]**.

**[Give short history of site and what occurred there, e.g., The Former Spencer Artillery Range was used by the military to train troops during World War II]** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has recently completed a study of former **[Name of Site]** concerning potential military munitions and alternatives for further action.

**[Explain the preferred alternative here]**. The preferred alternative is presented in the proposed plan. Copies of the proposed plan are available for public review in the **[name and address of location where documents are housed]**.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers encourages you to comment on the proposed plan during the 30-day **Public Comment Period, [date to date]**. Written comments may be submitted by mail, postmarked no later than **[date]** at the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Public Affairs Office, **[address, city & state]**. Public comments received during this period will be considered in the final decision-making process for former **[Name of Site]**.

For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, **[Name of District]**, Public Affairs Office at **[phone number]**.



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Mobile District

# Information Repository

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## Former Spencer Artillery Range, a Formerly Used Defense Site

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has established an Information Repository for documents and materials generated as part of the investigation being conducted at the former Spencer Artillery Range, a formerly used defense site near Spencer, Tenn. The Information Repository is housed at the (name of facility), address, city, state.

Formerly used defense sites were used by the military to train Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines as well as to test new weapons and warfare capabilities.

Construction of Spencer Artillery Range, aka Spencer Mountain Artillery Range, Spencer Field Artillery Range, Spencer Rifle Range and Fall Creek Falls Artillery Range began Feb. 4, 1941. During its active period, the range was used in part for munitions testing. In 1946, the range was deactivated and the land reverted back to the 25 original landowners.

The Corps has recently completed an investigation at the former Spencer Artillery Range to determine the presence and extent of contamination as a result of World War II military training activities.

If you are interested in the details of the investigation at the former Spencer Artillery Range or would like to review any documentation, please visit the Information Repository. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District Public Affairs Office at 251-690-2505 or toll-free at 888-835-5971.

Information Repository  
Location  
Address  
Days & Hours of Operation

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Name of District

# News Release

Release No. Final Release  
For Release: [date]  
Address

Contact: [name]  
Phone:  
Email:

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*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Conduct a Public Meeting

[CITY, State] – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has scheduled a public meeting to present information on the upcoming investigation to be conducted at the former **[name of site]**, a formerly used defense site located near **[city, state]**. The public meeting will be **[day, date]** from **[time]** at the **[location]**, **[address, city]**. Corps representatives will provide information on the upcoming investigation and answer any questions the public may have.

**[This paragraph should explain what is taking place at the site. Give an appropriate amount of detail. Also, if the site is a FUDs site – explain FUDS.]**

For more information about the **[type of site, i.e., FUDs, RCRA or BRAC]** **[name of site]**, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, **[name of district]**, Public Affairs Office at **[phone number]**.



## **ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD**

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### **Former [Name of Site], a [Type of Site, e.g., FUDs or BRAC]**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces the availability for public review of files comprising the Administrative Record for the selection of the **[type of action, e.g., remedial response action]** at the former **[Name of Site]**, a **[type of site]** in **[city, state]**. The Administrative Record is part of the Information Repository, which is located at the **[name of facility]**, **[address, city, state]** and at the District Office, **[address]**.

**[Explain what an Administrative Record is and what it will contain. Also explain the site and what occurred at the site. For example, the Administrative Record includes documents that form the basis for the selection of a remedial response action at this formerly used defense site (FUDS) project. FUDS were used by the military to train Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines as well as to test new weapons and warfare capabilities. Documents now in the Record files include (list the documents). Other documents will be added to the Record files as the FUDS project work progresses. These additional documents may include the Proposed Plan, technical reports, additional validated sampling data, comments and new data submitted by interested persons, and the Corps' response to significant comments.]**

The Administrative Record is available for review during normal business hours at **[information repository name and address]** and Corps of Engineers, **[District Name and address]**. Written comments on the Administrative Record should be sent to: **[name, address, phone number]**.

For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, **[District Name]**, Public Affairs Office at **[phone number]**.

**Appendix E**  
**USACE, Regulatory, and RIA Contacts**

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# USACE, Regulatory, and RIA Contacts

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## USACE Contacts

Katelyn C. Newton  
U.S. Army Engineer District  
Louisville District  
Public Affairs Office  
PO Box 59  
Louisville, KY 40201-0059  
Office: 502-315-6773  
E-mail: [Katelyn.C.Newton@usace.army.mil](mailto:Katelyn.C.Newton@usace.army.mil)  
Web site: <http://bit.ly/LockbourneAFB>

Carla Heck, PMP/CHMM  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Louisville District  
PO Box 59  
Louisville, KY 40201-0059  
Office: 502-315-3829  
E-mail: [Carla.M.Heck@usace.army.mil](mailto:Carla.M.Heck@usace.army.mil)

Josh Van Bogaert, P.E.  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Louisville District  
Environmental Engineering Section, Room 351  
PO Box 59  
Louisville, KY 40201-0059  
Office: 502-315-6333  
E-mail: [joshua.vanbogaert@usace.army.mil](mailto:joshua.vanbogaert@usace.army.mil)

## Regulatory Contact

Fred Myers  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Division of Environmental Response and  
Revitalization—Central District Office  
50 West Town Street, Suite 700  
PO Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049  
Office: 614-728-3820  
Fax: 614-728-3898  
E-mail: [fred.myers@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:fred.myers@epa.ohio.gov)

## RIA Contacts

Paul Kennedy  
Columbus Regional Airport Authority  
4600 International Gateway  
Columbus, OH 43219  
Manager, Energy and Environment  
Office: 614-239-3347 Mobile: 614-736-0052  
E-mail: [pkennedy@ColumbusAirports.com](mailto:pkennedy@ColumbusAirports.com)

Roger Jones  
Air National Guard  
USAF ANG 121 ARW/CES  
Public Affairs, 121st Air Refueling Wing  
7370 Minuteman Way  
Columbus, OH 43217  
E-mail: [Roger.Jones@ang.af.mil](mailto:Roger.Jones@ang.af.mil)  
Office: 614-492-3408 or 614-492-3269

Peter Forbes, YD-02, DAF  
Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA)  
COO-ER Loring Operations Office, Eastern  
Region  
154 Development Drive, Suite G  
Limestone, ME 04750-6122  
Office: 207.328.7109  
Email: [peter.forbes@us.af.mil](mailto:peter.forbes@us.af.mil)

**Appendix F**  
**Local Officials**

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## Local Officials

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### Franklin County Board of Commissioners

373 S. High Street, 26th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-6314  
614-462-3322

Paula Brooks  
Commissioner  
614-462-5729

John O'Grady  
Commissioner  
614-462-5589

Marilyn Brown  
Board President  
614-462-3461

### Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Jim Karnes  
Franklin County Hall of Justice  
369 S. High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-462-3360

### Village of Lockbourne

Ralph S. Coon, Mayor  
55 Landis Street  
PO Box 186  
Lockbourne, OH 43137

Dan Tufts, Administrator  
36 Williams Street  
Lockbourne, OH 43137  
614-497-2661

Diane Cade, Council Member  
85 Commerce Street  
PO Box 95  
Lockbourne, OH 44137  
614-804-0255

### Village of Commercial Point

Joe Hammond, Mayor  
10 W. Scioto Street  
Commercial Point, OH 43116  
614-877-3888

### Madison Township (Franklin County)

Madison Township Administration Office  
Susan Brobst, Administrator  
4575 Madison Lane  
Groveport, OH 43125  
614-836-5308

Gary McDonald, Trustee  
5151 Berger Road  
Groveport, OH 43125

Edward B. Dildine, Trustee  
4495 Katherine Road  
Columbus, OH 43232

Victor Paini, Trustee  
7521 Burgstresser Court  
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

### Village of Obetz

E. Rod Davisson, Mayor  
4175 Alum Creek Drive  
Obetz, OH 43207  
614-491-1080

Douglas K. Browell, Administrator  
4175 Alum Creek Drive  
Obetz, OH 43207  
614-491-1080

### Hamilton Township

Shannon H. Bush, Chairman  
6400 Lockbourne Road  
Lockbourne, OH 43137  
614-491-5664

Chris Hann, Trustee  
6400 Lockbourne Road  
Columbus, OH 43207  
614-491-0812

Karen Schutte, Clerk/Treasurer  
6400 Lockbourne Road  
Lockbourne, OH 43137  
614-497-2465

Howard Hawn, Trustee  
6400 Lockbourne Road  
Lockbourne, OH 43137  
614-491-7842

**Village of Groveport**

Lance Westcamp, Mayor  
Municipal Building  
655 Blacklick Street  
Groveport, OH 43125  
614-836-5301

**City of Columbus**

Michael B. Coleman, Mayor  
Mayor's Office  
City Hall 2nd Floor  
90 W. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-645-7671

**Appendix G**  
**State Elected Officials**

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# State Elected Officials

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## Governor

John Kasich  
Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6108  
614-466-3555

## Ohio Senate

Senator Charleta B. Tavares  
District 15  
Senate Building  
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-466-5131

## Ohio House of Representatives

Representative Michael Stinziano  
District 25  
77 S. High Street  
11th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-6111  
614-466-1896

**Appendix H**  
**Federal Elected Officials**

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# Federal Elected Officials

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## Senator Sherrod Brown

### Columbus Office

200 N High Street, Room 614  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-469-2083  
888-896-6446

### Washington DC Office

713 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-2315  
Web Form: [brown.senate.gov/contact](http://brown.senate.gov/contact)

## Senator Rob Portman

### Columbus Office

37 West Broad Street  
Room 300  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-469-6774  
800-205-6446

### Washington DC Office

B40D Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-3353  
Web Form: [portman.senate.gov/contact\\_form.cfm](http://portman.senate.gov/contact_form.cfm)

## Congressman Steve Stivers Ohio, 15th District

### District Office

1299 Olentangy River Road  
Suite 200  
Columbus, OH 43212  
614-299-6415

### Washington DC Office

1007 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-2015  
Web Form: <http://stivers.house.gov/contact-me>

## Congressman Patrick J. Tiberi Ohio, 12th District

### District Office

3000 Corporate Exchange Drive  
Suite 310  
Columbus, OH 43231  
614-523-2555

### Washington DC Office

113 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-5355

**Appendix I**  
**Environmental and Civic Groups**

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# Environmental and Civic Groups

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## **Columbus Audubon Society: <http://www.columbusaudubon.org>**

Promotes the appreciation, understanding and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for present and future generations. With roughly 3,000 members in Central Ohio, Columbus Audubon is one of the largest chapters in the nation.

Contact: Columbus Audubon  
Grange Insurance Audubon Center  
505 W. Whittier Street  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-545-5497  
[information@columbusaudubon.org](mailto:information@columbusaudubon.org)

## **Columbus Audubon Society <http://www.columbusaudubon.org>**

Promotes the appreciation, understanding and conservation of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for present and future generations. With roughly 3,000 members in Central Ohio, Columbus Audubon is one of the largest chapters in the nation.

## **Friends of Big Walnut Creek: <http://www.friendsofbigwalnutcreek.com>**

The mission of the Friends of Big Walnut Creek is to protect and restore Big Walnut Creek and Rocky Fork and Blacklick tributaries for the mutual benefit of the human and natural communities and to enhance stewardship within the watershed through education, collaboration, monitoring and community cleanup efforts.

Contact: Bob Kyle, President  
Friends of Big Walnut Creek  
4991 Johnstown Road  
New Albany, OH 43054  
614-470-9699  
[information@friendsofbigwalnutcreek.com](mailto:information@friendsofbigwalnutcreek.com);  
[ksjk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ksjk@sbcglobal.net)

## **Friends of the Scioto River: <http://sciotoriverfriends.org>**

Promotes the protection and public enjoyment of the Scioto River valley, primarily in Franklin County, Ohio.

4719 Reed Road, #103  
PO Box 20160  
Columbus, OH 43220  
[info@sciotoriverfriends.org](mailto:info@sciotoriverfriends.org)

## **Ohio Citizen Action: <http://ohiocitizen.org>**

Combines original, news making research, door-to-door canvasses and community campaigns to highlight environmental violations by Ohio industrial polluters and get them to be good neighbors.

Contact: Kate Russell, Columbus Organizer  
3055 North High Street, 2nd floor  
Columbus, OH 43202  
614-263-4600

## **Ohio Environmental Council: <http://www.theoec.org>**

The mission of the Ohio Environmental Council is to secure healthy air, land, and water for all Ohioans.

Contact: Jack Shaner, Deputy Director  
1207 Grandview Avenue, Suite 201  
Columbus, OH 43212  
614-487-7506  
[jack@theoec.org](mailto:jack@theoec.org) (will distribute to members)

## **Ohio Water Environment Association: <http://www.ohiowea.org>**

As a leading water resource organization for preserving and enhancing Ohio's water environment, its mission is to educate members through sharing information and networking, educate the public on preserving and enhancing our water quality, be proactive on water environment issues, and build a positive professional image.

Contact: Judi Henrich, Executive Administrator  
1890 Northwest Blvd, Suite 210  
Columbus, OH 43212  
614-488-5800  
[info@ohiowea.org](mailto:info@ohiowea.org)

## **Rickenbacker Area Council**

The Rickenbacker Area Council focuses on strengthening relationships and communication among the military branches and local leaders. The committee consists of representatives from various military branches, elected officials, business, and civic leaders of the Rickenbacker area who have the common goal of making the area a prosperous and thriving community.

Contact: Major Mitchell  
121st ARW Wing  
614-492-4371  
holly.mitchell@ang.af.mil

## **Rickenbacker Infrastructure Coordination Committee**

Established by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to collaborate with area stakeholders on identifying and seeking funding for transportation improvements in the Rickenbacker Airport area, establishing consistent transportation and land use policies, and sharing information.

Contact: Claire Jennings, Associate Planner  
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-233-4149  
cjennings@morpc.org  
<http://www.morpc.org/transportation/freight/freight.asp>

## **Scioto River Valley Federation: <http://www.sciotoriver.org>**

Promotes public involvement and responsible management of the Upper Scioto River watershed in Franklin, Delaware, Marion, and Hardin counties.

Scioto River Valley Federation  
PO Box 1501  
Delaware, OH 43015  
info@sciotoriver.org

## **Sierra Club, Central Ohio: <http://ohio.sierraclub.org/central>**

The Sierra Club's Clean Water Campaign in Central Ohio takes action through river cleanups and events, raises awareness through tabling, educational workshops, and newsletters, and advocates for water quality through partnerships, lobbying, and grassroots organizing.

Douglas Calem (Chair)  
Central Ohio Sierra Club  
131 N. High Street, Suite 605  
Columbus, OH 43215-3026  
614-461-0734  
douglas.calem@gmail.com

## **Wild Ones, Columbus Chapter: <http://www.for-wild.org/chapters/columbus>**

Wild Ones promotes biodiversity through landscaping with native plants. The Columbus Chapter holds programs or field trips on the second Saturday of each month.

Luanne Hendricks  
Columbus Chapter President  
lrhendricks@gmail.com

**Appendix J**  
**Information Repository and**  
**Administrative Record File Locations**

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APPENDIX J

# Information Repository and Administrative Record File Locations

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The information repository is located at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. The location and hours of the Columbus Metropolitan Library are presented below:

Columbus Metropolitan Library  
Southeast Branch  
3980 S. Hamilton Road  
Groveport, OH 43125  
614-645-2275

Hours:

Monday–Thursday	9:00 AM–9:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM–6:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM–6:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 PM–5:00 PM

The public can view the Administrative Record file online at <http://bit.ly/LockbourneAFB>.

**Appendix K**  
**Other Local Resources**

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## Other Local Resources

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Local businesses and other locations that may be willing to post or distribute fliers:

Village of Lockbourne  
85 Commerce Street  
PO Box 95  
Lockbourne, OH 44137  
614-491-3161

Hamilton Township Administrative and  
Community Center  
6400 Lockbourne Road  
Lockbourne, OH 43137  
614-491-3963

Madison Township Community Center  
(*Franklin County*)  
4575 Madison Lane  
Groveport, OH 43125  
614-836-5308

Madison Township Hall  
(*Pickaway County*)  
7083 Duvall Road  
Ashville, OH 43103  
614-207-7147

Village of Obetz Community Center  
1611 Chillicothe Street  
Obetz, OH 43207  
614-492-5170

Columbus Metropolitan Library  
Southeast Branch  
3980 S. Hamilton Road  
Groveport, OH 43125  
614-645-2275

Cline's Corner (*convenience store*)  
15 Commerce Street  
Lockbourne, OH 43137  
614-497-8413

Akers Feed & Supply  
675 Ohio 665  
Lockbourne, OH 43137-9716  
614-875-5679

Kroger  
Great Southern Shopping Center  
6011 Groveport Road  
Groveport, OH 43125  
614-830-2010

Wayside Grocery  
10327 Ashville Pike  
Lockbourne, OH 43137  
740-983-2665

Wal-Mart Supercenter  
1693 Stringtown Road  
Grove City, OH 43123  
614-539-8560

### Local Court Reporters

Keystrokes by Kelly  
6575 Jackson Pike  
Grove City, OH 43123-8919  
614-875-9590  
keystrokesbykelly.com

Spectrum Reporting LLC  
333 East Stewart Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43206  
614-444-1000 or 800-635-9071  
Fax: 614-444-3340  
spectrumreporting.com

Elliott & Associates Reporting Services  
915 South Front Street  
Columbus, OH 43206-2520  
614-445-6300

Professional Reporters Inc.  
390 South Washington Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43215-5542  
614-460-5000  
prioio.com

McGinnis & Associates, Inc.  
175 South Third Street #540  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-431-1344  
mcginniscourtreporters.com

Armstrong and Okey Inc.  
185 South 5th Street, #101  
Columbus, OH 43215  
614-224-9481  
armstrongandokeyinc.info

**Appendix L**  
**Glossary**

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# Glossary

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**Administrative Record file:** A file containing information that is used to make decisions about an environmental site, including work plans, verified sampling data, final reports and studies, maps, and public health assessments. The file is available for public review.

**cleanup actions:** Those actions taken to address a release or threatened release of hazardous substances that could affect public health or the environment. For example, a cleanup action can include installing a fence at a site, digging up contaminated soil, or capping a landfill.

**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA):** The federal law, commonly known as Superfund, passed in 1980 and modified in 1986 by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). It requires responsible parties to clean up releases of hazardous substances and certain pollutants and contaminants and sets out a process for investigating and making decisions about sites that may need to be cleaned up.

**decision document:** At the end of the public comment period, an appropriate cleanup alternative is chosen to protect human health and the environment. The Decision Document explains the selected cleanup action and includes the Responsiveness Summary.

**feasibility study (FS):** Presents and evaluates various alternatives for remedial actions at the site.

**Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Program:** The Department of Defense program that cleans up environmental contamination still remaining at properties formerly owned, leased, possessed or otherwise used by the Army, Navy, Air Force or other defense agencies. A property is eligible for cleanup under the FUDS program if the DoD transferred the property before October 17, 1986. The Army is the executive agent for the program, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for carrying out the program. FUDS policy is defined in USACE Engineer Regulation 200-3-1, *Environmental Quality —Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program Policy*, May 2004.

**groundwater:** Water found beneath the earth's surface that fills spaces between sand, soil and rock. In aquifers, groundwater occurs in sufficient quantities that can be used as a source of water for drinking, irrigation and other purposes.

**information repository:** A file containing current information, technical reports, reference documents and other information about a cleanup program. The information repository is usually located in a public building that is convenient for local residents, such as a public library.

**National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (National Contingency Plan or NCP):** The federal government's principal guidance for responding to both oil spills and hazardous substance releases.

**nature and extent of contamination:** The questions that a remedial investigation is designed to answer, i.e., what types of chemicals or physical hazards, such as petroleum products, solvents, or metals, are present (nature) and how large/wide and deep is the area in which the contamination is found (extent).

**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA):** The state agency responsible for enforcement of state laws protecting the environment.

**preliminary assessment:** The first step in the CERCLA process is to assess available information about a site and its surrounding area. A Preliminary Assessment is designed to determine whether a site poses little or no threat to human health and the environment or if a potential threat requires further investigation.

**proposed plan:** A plan for a site cleanup that is available to the public for comment.

**public comment period:** A time period, usually lasting 30 days, for the public to review and comment on various documents and actions.

**receptor:** Any organism that might be exposed to a contaminant, by coming in contact with air, water, soil, or other material containing the contaminant.

**remedial action:** The cleanup of environmental contamination; the actual construction or implementation of the selected cleanup alternative at a site.

**remedial design:** The phase during which technical specifications for cleanup remedies and technologies are developed.

**remedial investigation (RI):** Extensive and detailed studies of the nature and extent of the contamination at the site, including field testing and sampling, site characterization, and conducting formal risk assessments. This phase in the CERCLA process occurs after a site inspection reveals a real or potential threat to human health and the environment exists. The RI is used to determine whether clean up is required and to provide data for a feasibility study of cleanup alternatives.

**responsiveness summary:** A summary of oral and written public comments received during a public comment period. It is a key part of the decision document, highlighting the community's concerns.

**site inspection:** If the preliminary assessment results in a recommendation for further investigation, a site inspection is performed. Investigators collect samples (such as soil and water) to determine if hazardous substances are present at a site.

**surface water:** Bodies of water that are above the ground, such as rivers, lakes and streams.

**Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986:** The law that refined and expanded CERCLA in 1986, formally establishing the Defense Environmental Restoration Program and its funding mechanism, the Defense Environmental Restoration Account.

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA):** The independent federal agency, established in 1970, that regulates environmental matters and oversees the implementation of environmental laws.

**volatile organic compounds:** Contaminants that evaporate into the air easily, such as paint thinners or industrial solvents.