

Fort Lawton Closure

The U.S. Army is closing Fort Lawton as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC).

What is BRAC?

BRAC is the federal law and process used to close or realign domestic military facilities. Fort Lawton is being closed under the 2005 BRAC decisions. During the BRAC process, the City of Seattle will serve as the Local

Redevelopment Authority and as such will develop a reuse plan for the Fort Lawton property. This plan will be used by the Army in making their decision on the future ownership of this property.

Where is Fort Lawton?

Fort Lawton is located in the Magnolia neighborhood adjacent to the northeast portion of Discovery Park.



What will happen to Fort Lawton property?

1. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has requested 8+ acres: the Army Reserve Complex and surrounding parking area. The rest of the property has been declared surplus.
2. The City of Seattle, as the Local Reuse Authority, will develop a reuse plan for all surplus property at Fort Lawton. Federal law requires that the reuse plan balances the needs of the homeless with other community needs.
3. In January 2007, the City will receive Notices of Interest from organizations interested in obtaining property at Fort Lawton for homeless and public benefit uses (such as education, public health, parks and recreation, etc.).
4. After reviewing all Notices of Interest, the City will draft the reuse plan and hold a series of public meetings. After consideration of public comments, the City will finalize the plan and send it to the U.S. Department of Defense and Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Army will review the reuse plan and make a final decision as to who will take ownership of Fort Lawton property.
5. The federal government is expected to convey at no cost, or reduced cost, property requests for homeless and public benefit uses (such as education, public health, parks & recreation, law enforcement, etc.) that are in the local redevelopment plan. Any property that is not conveyed for these purposes will be sold for fair market value.
6. Fort Lawton is expected to close in 2009.

Public Involvement

For details on the BRAC process at Fort Lawton and for more information on public meetings, visit www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/fortlawton/fortlawton.htm. If you have questions, contact Christa Dumpys, Queen Anne Neighborhood District Coordinator, at christa.dumpys@seattle.gov or 206-684-4812.

Fort Lawton Redevelopment Proposed Uses

Uses Available at Fair Market Value

- Land Trust affordable homeownership (permanently affordable)
- Native American college
- Community group office space
- Community day care
- Market rate condominiums
- Market rate single family homes
- Affordable rental housing
- Multi-purpose community facility
- Community auditorium
- Community garden



Fort Lawton Redevelopment Proposed Uses

Uses Available at No Cost or at a Discount

- Homeless housing for families
- Homeless housing for veterans
- Homeless housing for chronic homeless
- Homeless housing for seniors
- Homeless housing for Native Americans
- Homeless housing for artists
- Self-help housing (future owner participates in construction)
- Open space for parks, wildlife or sensitive areas



Fort Lawton Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Timeline

