

USAF ANNOUNCES AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Air Force regulations, Hurlburt Field, Florida has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact/Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONSI/FONPA) to evaluate the consequences of the following stated proposed action:

The Proposed Action is to construct utility laterals and portions of driveways within the 100-year floodplain at the Hurlburt Field Soundside Manor housing area. This represents a change from the May 2011 Eglin/Hurlburt MHPI Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which analyzed the impacts from home construction within Soundside Manor but did not address construction within the floodplain, because at that time construction within the floodplain had not been identified as a component of the Proposed Action. As part of demolition of existing homes and new construction, the estimated amount of housing unit square footage (SF) within the floodplain would be reduced to zero, and the amount of driveway and sidewalk square footage within the floodplain would be reduced by approximately 4,500 SF and 900 SF, respectively.

To review the Draft EA and FONSI/FONPA, copies are available at <http://www.afcec.af.mil/hurlburtfieldmilitaryfamilyhousingenvironmentalassessment/index.asp> or by contacting Mr. Kevin Akstulewicz using the contact information below. The public is invited to review these documents and make comments during the 30-day comment period from now until August 4, 2014. To comment, or for more information, contact Mr. Kevin Akstulewicz by mail at Leidos, 9335 Barrington Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37922; e-mail: Hurlburt-MHPI-EA-Comments@outlook.com; phone: (865) 300-0612.