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## **Army chooses new site for Conn. training center**

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MIDDLETOWN, Conn.

Connecticut officials are applauding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for choosing an alternate site for a new training center in Middletown.

A plan to build the new Armed Forces Reserve Center at a site on Boardman Lane had drawn criticism. State officials say the site is environmentally sensitive.

Gov. M. Jodi Rell says the Army's selection of Cucia Park as the preferred site is the most sensible. Cucia Park is a 40 acre site owned by Middletown and is zoned for industrial use.

A new training center is needed because several existing facilities around the state are being closed under the 2005 recommendations of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

The Army says the final site selection won't be made until an environmental assessment is completed.

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