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### Army Corps Prefers Cucia Park For Middletown Training Center

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released its environmental assessment of the three prospective sites for its proposed training center.

The Corps has identified 42-acre Cucia Park as its preferred site — over the Bysiewicz Industrial Park and the Ken Dooley parcels — for the new center, according to the report released Thursday. The training center is expected to accommodate as many as 1,000 reservists.

The Corps will not make a final decision until the public gets to comment on the assessment, available at Russell Library or at <http://tinyurl.com/armycorps>. The public has 30 days to respond.

The report notes that if the center were built at Cucia Park, the Corps would have to clear 28 acres of forest and lose 0.3 acres of wetlands, which are protected against development. The project would also affect the habitat of the eastern box turtle.

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