

Navy Site Planning

Recruit Training Command Great Lakes



This map is part of a series used in the analysis of the possible site redevelopment at the U.S. Naval Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes located in northeastern Illinois. The installation houses approximately 54,000 recruits each year. The barracks are overcrowded and need to be replaced because the facilities are out-of-date, the structures are deteriorating, and there is insufficient utility capacity.

RTC Great Lakes requested a site analysis of the installation to prepare proposed site redevelopment plans illustrating environmentally sound solutions for improving and managing the land and facilities while supporting the RTC mission. Several planning guidelines were set such as the creation of a campus environment, segregation of vehicles from recruit pedestrian traffic, incorporation of antiterrorism/force protection setbacks, minimizing negative impacts to the adjacent community, and consolidation of common land use functions into activity corridors.

In addition to the design criteria, planners were required to maintain a constant berthing capacity for 16,000 recruits, minimize the adverse impacts to recruit training activity, and maximize the use of existing infrastructure.

To help in this process, the maps identified proposed functional districts and land use zones within RTC; utility corridors; facility/building locations; natural resource features; and transportation, vehicular, and pedestrian circulation modes.

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