

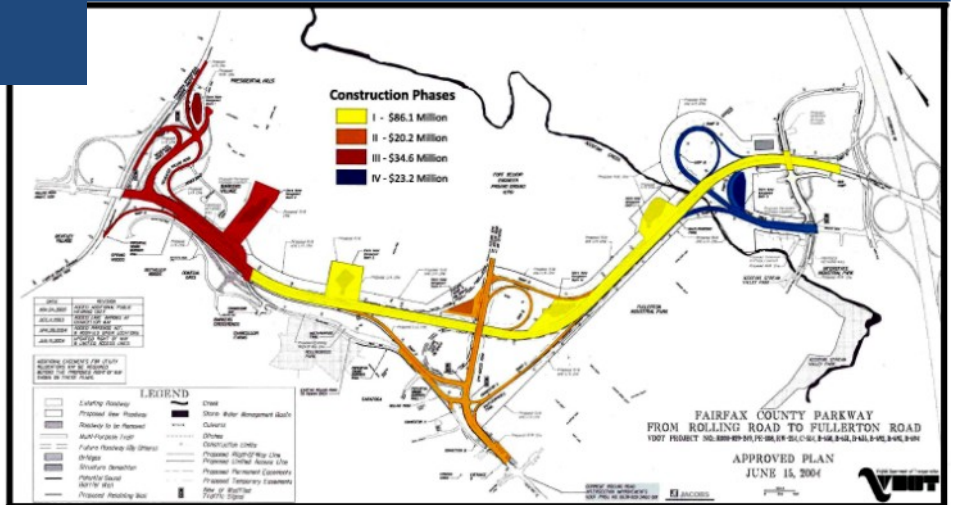
# Defense *advocate*

## Fairfax Parkway

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and the Army recently signed an agreement that will complete the final two-mile portion of the Fairfax County Parkway through Fort Belvoir's 800-acre Engineer Proving Ground (EPG).

The first phase of the project is an \$86 million, two-mile, four-lane roadway between Rolling and Fullerton roads. The Army has given the right-of-way through the EPG to VDOT, and VDOT will in turn give the FHA \$114.7 million for construction.

Total cost for the four phase project is estimated at more than \$164 million.



The project was planned more than 20 years ago, and while the recent agreement isn't entirely BRAC-driven, it is an essential part of preparing for the 8,500 National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) workers who will be moving to the grounds through BRAC.

## Fort Pickett ACUB

Fort Pickett in Virginia's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District was approved in December 2007 to join the [Army](#)

[Compatible Use Buffer \(ACUB\) program](#). The program allows installations to work with public and private partners to protect habitat and mitigate encroachment without acquiring new land for Army ownership. This is done primarily through the creation of conservation easements, where willing landowners transfer development rights to their land in perpetuity in exchange for financial and tax incentives.



Fort Pickett and third-party easement holders including the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, Virginia Department of Forestry and the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation are hosting meetings for landowners in Dinwiddie, Nottaway and Brunswick counties to explain the program and its benefits.

VNDIA is administering a \$300,000 grant to The Nature Conservancy for an ACUB project near Fort A.P. Hill. Similar programs exist in the other service branches, as the Department of Defense understands that conservation easements are a win-win tool in managing encroachment.

## Coming Events

**April 2, 2008**  
[Va. Dept. of Vet. Services Town Hall Meeting](#)  
Dale City, Va.  
Contact: Anne Atkins, (804) 371-0441

**April 8, 2008**  
[Va. Dept. of Vet. Services Town Hall Meeting](#)  
Galax, Va.  
Contact: Anne Atkins, (804) 371-0441

**April 23**  
[VNDIA Quarterly Board Meeting](#)  
Arlington County, Va.  
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**April 28, 2008**  
[Fort Monroe FADA Meeting](#)  
Fort Monroe, Va.  
Contact: FMFADA, (757) 637-7778  
[www.fmfada.com](http://www.fmfada.com)

**August 10-13**  
[Association of Defense Communities \(ADC\) Annual Conference](#)  
Monterey, Calif.  
Contact: (202) 822-5256/  
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## NGA at Fort Belvoir

One of the major projects slated for Fort Belvoir is the construction of a new \$1.4 billion, 2.4 million square foot facility for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) at the Engineer Proving Ground. The NGA

East facility will consolidate operations currently located in Bethesda, Md., Reston, Va., and the Washington Navy Yard, and will accommodate 8,500 workers.

The NGA is a Department of Defense agency that develops imagery and map-based intelligence solutions for national defense, homeland security, and safety of navigation. Groundbreaking for the new facility took place in September 2007. NGA plans to begin moving its workforce during 2010.



Rendering of the new NGA facility.  
Courtesy of Fort Belvoir Public Affairs

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## Armed Services Committees



Congressman Wittman

Virginia's 1st District Representative Rob Wittman has joined the House Armed Services Committee, following the lead of both his predecessor, the late Jo Ann Davis, and her predecessor, Herb Bateman.

Representatives Thelma Drake (2nd District) and Randy Forbes (4th District) are also on the 64-member committee.

Wittman's 1st District stretches from Fauquier County south to include part of Hampton Roads, an area that includes several military installations and a population estimated at 20 percent active or retired military.

Both Virginia Senators John Warner and Jim Webb serve on the Senate Committee on Armed Services.

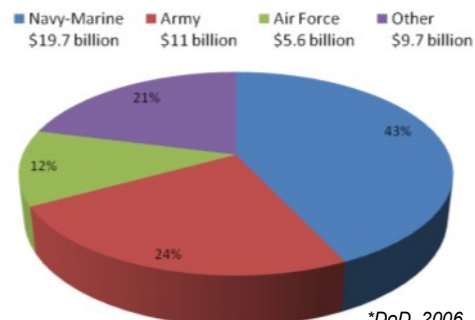
The Department of Defense spends more than \$46 billion each year in Virginia, through:

- Contracts \$29.2 billion
- Payroll \$16.7 billion
- Grants \$85 million

Virginia has the highest DoD payroll in the nation, and only California, a state five times as large, receives more total DoD dollars annually.

## The DoD in VA

DoD Expenditure in Virginia  
\$46 billion\*



\*DoD, 2006