

**NOTICE FOR EARLY PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY WITHIN THE 100-YEAR
FLOODPLAIN AT THE WISCONSIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S HARDWOOD AIR-TO-
GROUND GUNNERY RANGE**

The Wisconsin Air National Guard (WIANG) at Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) seeks input on any practicable alternatives for proposed activity within the Cranberry Creek 100-year Floodplain at Hardwood Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range (Hardwood Range).

The Proposed Action includes construction of two monitoring towers, associated equipment, and connecting access roads. The new structures would include an 80' tower and associated camera and radio equipment, solar panels, equipment shed, concrete pad, and fence at each tower location, in addition to gravel roadways/work areas for site access. Concrete pads would be approximately 20' x 20' and be used as an equipment pad for the shed (approximately 8'x10') and solar panels at each site. The fences would be installed only around the towers and equipment pads and would be offset at least 3'-5' from the structures. The fences would each be roughly a 30'x50' rectangle, or 160 linear feet.

Due to the ubiquitous presence of the Cranberry Creek Watershed Floodplain throughout Hardwood Range, avoidance of actions within the 100-year floodplain are impractical to sustain mission requirements, therefore only the no action alternative is being considered in addition to the proposed action.

The proposed action is subject to the requirements of Executive Order (EO) 11988 *Floodplain Management* because it will occur within the 100-year floodplain. This notice has been prepared and made available to the public by the Wisconsin Air National Guard in accordance with EO 11988 and Air Force Manual 32-7003 *Environmental Conservation*. The Wisconsin Air National Guard invites the public to provide comments on the proposal, including any practicable alternatives to constructing in the floodplain.

The public comment period ends 30 days after the publication date of this notice.

Comments may be submitted via email to the following email address:

NGB.CCA4F.NEPACOMMENTSOrg@us.af.mil, or by phone at 240-612-8522, or by mail to NEPA Program Manager, 3501 Fletchet Avenue. Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762. All mailed comments are requested to be post marked by the 30th day after the publication date of this notice.