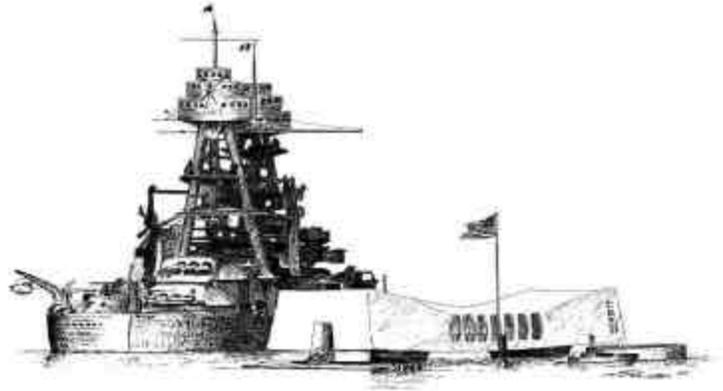


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## **Navy seeks public input on Ford Island development plan**

The Navy seeks the public's input regarding the Navy's intended development of Ford Island and will hold two meetings, known as scoping, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The first public meeting will be held on May 2, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Middle School cafeteria, 1633 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. The second meeting will be held on May 4, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Makalapa Elementary School cafeteria, 4435 Salt Lake Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Brief presentations will be provided that describe the Navy's proposed action, historic resources related to the Pearl Harbor National Historic Landmark, and the NEPA and NHPA processes. Following the presentations, the Navy will provide the opportunity for the public to make comments and identify issues which should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and in the historic preservation consultation process. Public input received during these scoping meetings will be taken into consideration as the Navy develops its plans and alternatives, as well as being reflected in the Navy's EIS.

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The EIS will provide an analysis of the affected environment, the existing historic resources and potential impacts of reasonably foreseeable development of Ford Island. It will address potential impacts of redevelopment on these historical and natural resources, adequacy of infrastructure and public services, socioeconomic impacts, and cumulative impacts of the redevelopment. It will also address the potential impacts of the sale or lease of Navy property on Oahu in support of the development effort.

Ford Island is a central feature in the Pearl Harbor National Historic Landmark. The Navy intends to develop and execute a phased development program for Ford Island to improve the quality of life for Sailors and their families as well as meeting facility requirements. The development of Ford Island also supports the Navy's long-range objectives to centralize operations in the Pearl Harbor area for overall efficiency, modernize facilities and reduce maintenance costs and congestion on the Pearl Harbor base.

On April 14, the Navy published in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the preparation of an EIS for the development of Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The Navy invites the public to make comments pertaining to the development of Ford Island. To be considered as part of the scoping process, the public may present oral or written comments at the scoping meetings. Written comments may also be mailed to the Navy and will be considered for EIS scoping if they are postmarked no later than May 15, 2000. Written comments may be mailed to:

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