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**Construction of a New Security**  
**Forces Operations Facility**  
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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO  
CONSTRUCT A SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONAL FACILITY  
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS**

**Agency: United States Air Force, Headquarters, Air Mobility Command**

**Background:** Pursuant to the President's CEQ regulations, {Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508}, the NEPA of 1969 {42 U.S.C. §4321, et seq.}, Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7061, and the Environmental Impact Analysis Process, as promulgated at 32 CFR Part 989, the U.S. Air Force conducted an EA of the potential consequences associated with the construction of a new Security Forces Operation Facility at Scott AFB, IL. The EA considered all potential natural resources, environmental, and cultural impacts of the construction of the Security Forces Facility (hereinafter, "Proposed Action") and listed alternatives, both as solitary actions and in conjunction with other proposed activities. This FONSI summarizes the results of this EA and provides the U.S. Air Force's rationale for the Proposed Action and alternatives.

**PROPOSED ACTION:** The Proposed Action includes constructing a 34,000 square feet building at Washington and South Drive. The new construction would be located in an area that is currently mowed turf grass. The existing Security Forces Squadron's administrative building and warehouse facility will be demolished once the new SFOF has been constructed.

**Alternatives:** Alternatives to the Proposed Action are the No-Action Alternative and Alternative A. Implementation of the No-Action Alternative does not alleviate the spatial problems at the administrative facility nor does it alleviate the equipment storage and maintenance problems at the Security Forces Squadron Warehouse. Implementation of Alternative A places the Security Forces Squadron in a remote portion of the base and would decrease the response time of the Squadron's personnel.

**Cultural and Historical Resources:** The Proposed Action site is located in an area where there are no existing facilities or structures. Historically, the site has been highly disturbed. No artifacts or historical objects are expected to be excavated during construction. In the unlikely event artifacts or historical objects are discovered, construction activities would cease until the Cultural Resources Specialist and Base Historian are notified and the appropriate action is accomplished.

**Air Quality:** Fugitive dust and construction vehicle exhaust would be generated during construction of the Proposed Action. However, these emissions would not constitute a major source of air pollutants based on quantitative analyses of particulate matter and vehicle emissions generated by projects of similar size and scope. The estimated values of direct and indirect emissions are below the *de minimus* thresholds specified at 40 CFR 93.153(b)(1). Therefore, the Proposed Action would not increase emissions over baseline emission levels. The Proposed Action would be in compliance with all relevant requirements and milestones contained in the Illinois State Implementation Plan; therefore, a conformity determination would not be necessary.

**Hazardous Materials and Waste:** The use of hazardous materials during construction activities would be limited and generation of hazardous waste would not be anticipated from the Proposed

**Action.** There would be no anticipated impact to human health or the environment during construction activities or from activities carried out at the SFOF.

**Noise:** Some noise impacts would occur during the construction of the Proposed Action. The amount of noise generated from operational activities would be temporary and negligible.

**Geology and Soils:** The surface area would be considerably disturbed by construction activities at the Proposed Action; however, construction would not negatively affect surface or geological resources. Necessary measures and best management practices would be utilized to prevent soil erosion during and after construction activities.

**Water Resources:** There would be no significant impacts to surface or ground water quality during construction of the Proposed Action.

**Occupational Safety and Health:** If the Proposed Action is implemented, no unfavorable impacts to occupational health and safety are projected. A positive impact to Security Forces personnel is expected.

**Biological Resources:** No biological resources, including endangered or threatened species, or rare fauna and flora inhabit the Proposed Action area. As such, no impacts are probable.

**Ordnance:** There are no issues regarding the storage or use of ordnance at or near the Proposed Action; therefore, no impact is anticipated.

**Environmental Justice:** There would be no disproportionately high or adverse impact on minority or low-income populations as a result of the Proposed Action.

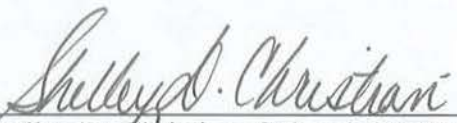
**Indirect and Cumulative Impacts:** No impacts are anticipated from site-specific, direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts associated with the Proposed Action.

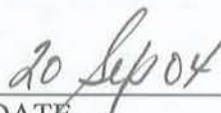
**Relationship Between Short-term Uses and Enhancement of Long-Term Productivity:** Implementation of the Proposed Action could have a positive effect on long-term productivity by providing Security Forces personnel with a comfortable and efficient work environment.

**Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources:** There would be minor irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources if the Proposed Action were selected. Military funds would be permanently expended, building materials would be permanently committed for construction, and the area proposed for new construction would be a long-term commitment of resources. However, the overall impact would be considered inconsequential.

**Unavoidable Adverse Impacts:** There would be no major unavoidable adverse impacts associated with the Proposed Action.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:** Based upon my review of the facts and analyses contained in the attached Environmental Assessment for the Construction of a new SFOF dated July 14, 2004, I conclude that implementation of the Proposed Action would not have a considerable impact, either by itself or cumulatively with other projects at Scott AFB. Accordingly, the requirements of NEPA, the CEQ regulations, and 32 CFR 989 are fulfilled and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The signing of this Finding of No Significant Impact completes the environmental impact analysis process under Air Force Regulations.

  
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Shelley D. Christian, Colonel, USAF  
Acting EPC Chairperson

  
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ACM	asbestos-containing materials
AFB	Air Force Base
AFI	Air Force Instruction
AFMAN	Air Force Manuals
AICUZ	Air Installation Compatible Use Zone
AMC	Air Mobility Command
AOC	areas of concern
BGP	Base General Plan
BMP	best management practices
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CES/CEV	Civil Engineering Squadron/Civil Environmental Flight
CFR	Code of Federal Regulation
dB	decibels
DESC	Defense Energy Support Center
DoDI	Department of Defense Instruction
EA	Environmental Assessment
EM	Engineer Manual
EMF	Environmental Management Flight
EO	Executive Order
EPC	Environmental Protection Committee
EPCRA	<i>Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act</i>
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIP	Federal Implementation Plan
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
gpm	gallons per minute
IEPA	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
IESPB	Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board
IRP	Installation Restoration Program
LBP	lead-based paint
MGD	million gallons per day
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standard
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
P2	pollution prevention
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
ROI	Region of Influence

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS (Cont'd)**

SFOF	Security Forces Operations Facility
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SMSA	Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
TO	Technical Orders
UFC	Unified Facilities Criteria
USAF	United States Air Force
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 375<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois proposes to construct a new Security Forces Operations Facility (SFOF) located at South Drive and Washington Street, at Scott Air Force Base (AFB) in Illinois. The SFOF is undergoing a Proposed Action to construct a facility capable of consolidating and supporting the Security Forces mission and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations.

This Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared in accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969* (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations [40 Code of Federal Regulations, sections 1500-1508], and Air Force Instruction 32-7061, the Environmental Impact Analysis Process, as promulgated at 32 CFR 989. This EA focuses on specific issues and concerns of the Proposed Action and the alternatives that could affect the environment of Scott AFB and the surrounding properties. The range of alternatives includes taking No Action, implementing the Proposed Action, or implementing Alternative A.

The footprint of the new facility would be approximately 34,000 square feet of property that is currently serving as a mowed turf grass area. Situated in southwestern Illinois, Scott AFB is located approximately 20 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri.

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION**

### **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

The Proposed Action and Alternative A are located at Scott Air Force Base (AFB) in St. Clair County, Illinois which is approximately 20 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri. The base comprises approximately 2,500 acres and is located in a predominantly agricultural area. The base is immediately south of Interstate Highway 64, near the cities of O'Fallon and Belleville (Figure 1-1).

Base security is provided by the Security Forces Squadron, whose mission is to provide combat capable forces, trained and equipped to defend Air Force assets, at home and deployed locations, against all enemies, and to maintain community-based law and order and quality of life issues through continuous process improvement and proactive actions.

The 375<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron operates at two segregated locations on the installation. Readiness equipment to support nine unit type code requirements and mission support supplies are stored in a 1941 warehouse facility. The mechanical systems (e.g. air conditioning) at this facility cannot provide a suitable environment for the upkeep and storage of the equipment. Workers at the facility are forced to adjust their work schedule to compensate for the lack of environmental control, sometimes working from 0400 to 1200 to avoid heat during the summer.

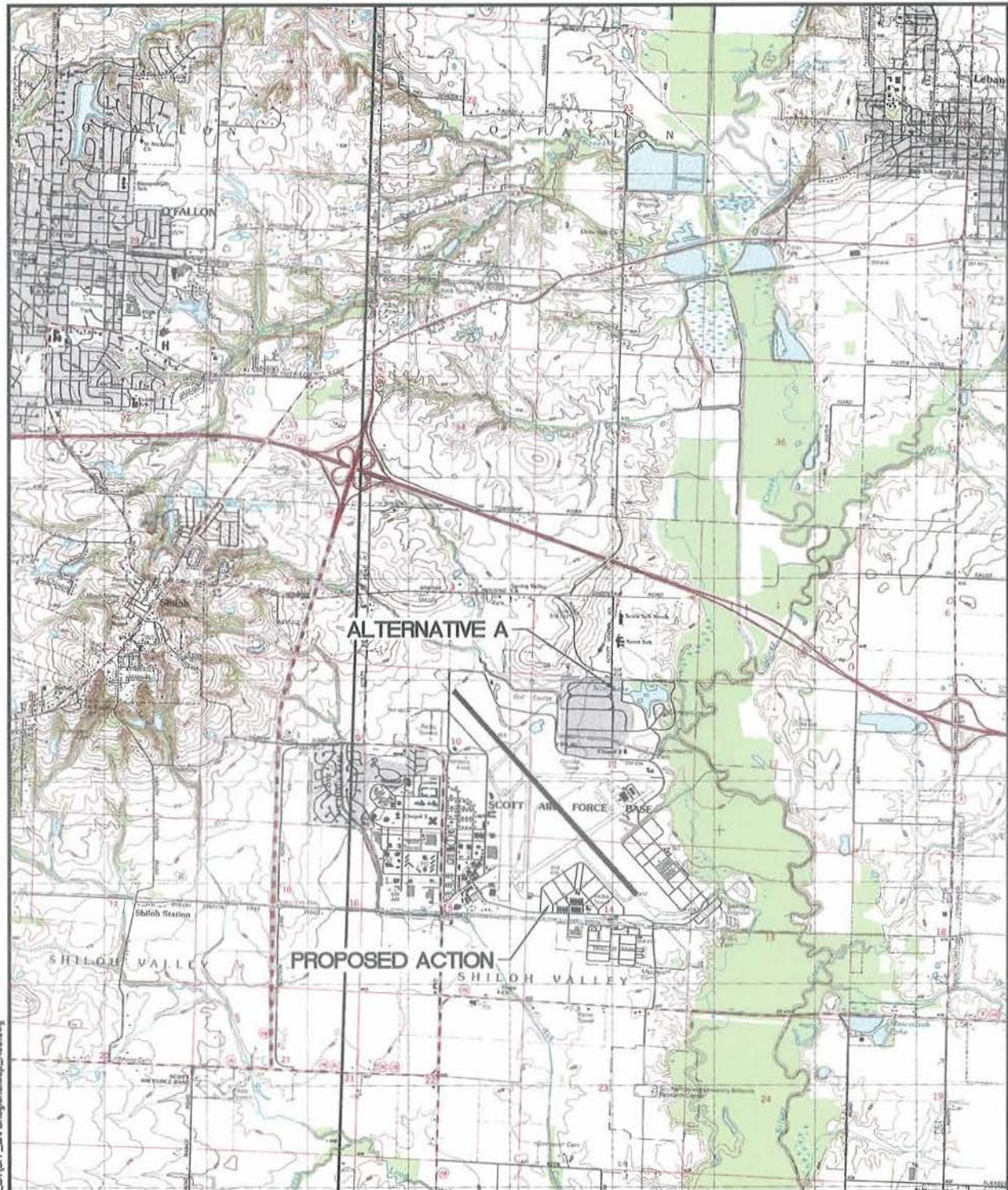
The main administrative facility for the 375<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron was constructed in 1953 and does not meet the current needs of the Squadron. Security Force personnel must escort prisoners to the base gym for exercise because the confinement area does not have the required space. This draws manpower away from the prisoner unit. The existing interview room doubles as a detention cell and is often damaged by the prisoners. The confinement cells are located such that prisoners must be led through the administrative and customer service areas of the building and directly across from the office of investigations, allowing potential encounters between prisoners and their victims and/or witnesses. Overall, the poor state of both facilities and the lack of necessary spatial requirements have forced the personnel to develop workarounds, decreasing the effectiveness of operations.

### **1.2 NEED FOR ACTION**

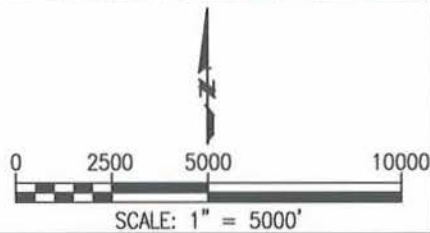
Without the Proposed Action, daily operations of the 375<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron will continue to be hindered by the segregation of Security Forces and the inefficiencies of the administrative building. The unit's ability to rapidly support Aerospace Expeditionary Force requirements with properly equipped unit type codes will deteriorate as equipment continues to be exposed to the elements.

### **1.3 OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Environmental Assessment (EA) is to evaluate the potential impacts associated with the implementation of the Proposed Action, Alternative A, and the No-Action Alternative and to determine the significance of those impacts. If the potential impacts are not considered significant, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be prepared.



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**Regional Map**  
 Scott Air Force Base  
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Figure 1-1. Regional Map

## 1.4 SCOPE OF THE EA

This EA identifies, describes, and evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the Proposed Action, Alternative A, and the No-Action Alternative. Furthermore, this document includes an analysis of the impacts of the Proposed Action, Alternative A, and the No-Action Alternative as they relate to the following environmental and socioeconomic programs:

- Air Quality
- Noise
- Wastes, Hazardous Materials/Stored Fuel
- Land Use
- Safety and Occupational Health
- Water Resources
- Floodplains and Wetlands
- Biological Resources
- Environmental Management
- Geology and Soils
- Socioeconomics
- Cultural Resources
- Transportation
- Airspace/Airfield Operations
- Pollution Prevention
- Environmental Justice

## 1.5 DECISION(S) THAT MUST BE MADE

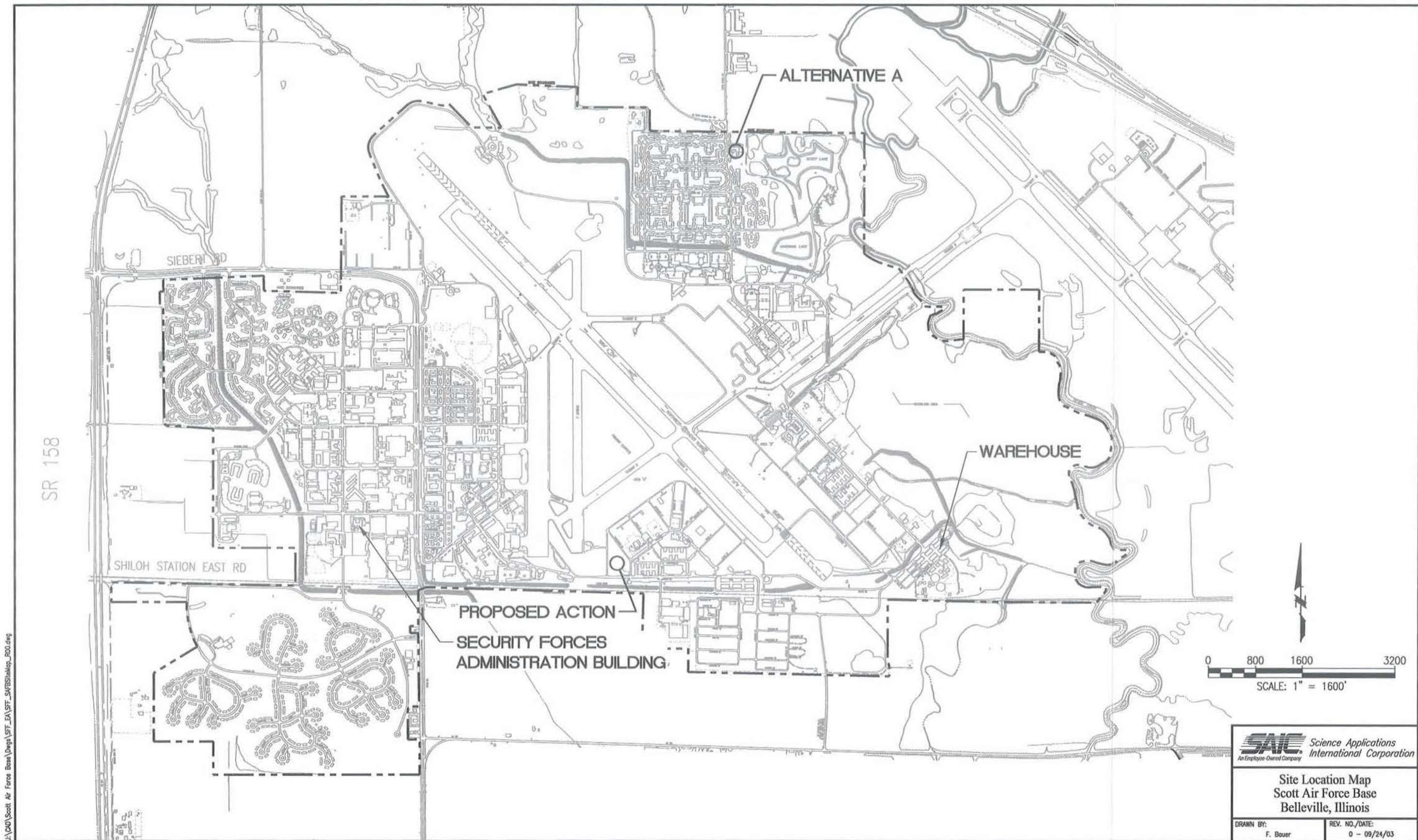
The decision to be made will include selecting one of the alternatives described as follows:

**Proposed Action:** This alternative consists of the construction of a new 34,000-square-foot Security Forces Operations Facility (SFOF) located at Washington and South Drive (Figure 1-2). The addition will consolidate existing Security Forces operations into a single facility in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations.

**Alternative A:** This alternative consists of the construction of a new 34,000-square-foot SFOF located near the Cardinal Creek Gate and adjacent to Pryor Drive (Figure 1-2). The addition will consolidate existing Security Forces operations into a single facility in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations.

**No-Action Alternative:** The SFOF would remain status quo with this alternative. The No-Action Alternative would not meet the needs of the current Security Forces Squadron and would not allow the squadron to operate in an efficient and safe manner.

Upon review of this document, the 375<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Environmental Protection Committee (EPC) Chairperson at Scott AFB will decide which alternative to implement.



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**Site Location Map**  
 Scott Air Force Base  
 Belleville, Illinois

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Figure 1-2. Site Location Map

## 1.6 APPLICABLE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIRED COORDINATION

Following is a list of Air Force Instructions (AFI), Executive Orders (EO), Acts, Air Force Manuals (AFMAN), Engineer Manual (EM), Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Department of Defense Instructions (DoDI), and Technical Orders (TO) that are applicable to the Proposed Action.

- *National Environmental Policy Act*, Public Law 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, January 1, 1970;
- Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1505;
- EO 11988 and 11990, Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands;
- EO 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations;
- *Clean Air Act* (1970, Amended 1990);
- Corps of Engineers Manual, EM 385-1-1, General Safety Requirements;
- 32 CFR, Part 989, Environmental Impact Analysis Process;
- AFI 32-7062, Air Force Comprehensive Planning;
- AFI 32-7064, Natural Resources Management;
- AFI 32-7065, Cultural Resources Management;
- DoDI 4165.57 and AFI 32-7063, AICUZ Programs;
- 29 CFR, Occupational Safety and Health Standards;
- AFMAN 32-1123, Unified Facilities Guide;
- AFH 32-1084 Civil Engineer Facility Requirements;
- 40 CFR 93.153, Air Conformity Determination;
- *Resource Conservation Recovery Act* (RCRA) 1970.

In addition to this list, coordination with regulatory agencies is discussed below.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is not typically notified of new construction, unless the project involves the demolition or alteration of a historical building or structure.

Based upon the information contained in the *Archeological Assessment of Scott Air Force Base* report and the Thomason and Associates *Inventory and Evaluation of Historic Buildings* conducted in 1992, the Proposed Action would not affect historical or cultural resources; therefore, SHPO approval would not be required prior to construction.

If one of the construction alternatives is implemented, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) would determine the permit requirements that are pursuant to the Illinois Pollution Control Board Rules and Regulations. Additional permits may be required for activities such as construction or extensions of sanitary/storm sewers and water mains, and other related activities. In addition to the aforementioned requirements and prior to construction, a Digging Permit, AF Form 103, (Base Civil Engineering Work Clearance Request) is required under AFI 32-1031 and Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act, Public Act 86-0674, amended 88-0681 and AFI 32-1031. This section is not all-inclusive, as environmental regulations and standards are frequently modified.

During implementation of one of the construction alternatives, the 375<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron/Civil Environmental Flight (CES/CEV) (Environmental Management Flight [EMF]) would be notified immediately if an action or activity were observed that could adversely affect human health and/or the environment. This organization would take immediate action to correct the condition or contact IEPA for further guidance, if necessary. Best management practices are encouraged throughout the construction process.

## **2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION**

### **2.1 INTRODUCTION**

This section describes the selection criteria for alternative sites, details of the Proposed Action, Alternative A, and the No-Action Alternative, and past and reasonably foreseeable future actions relevant to cumulative impacts.

### **2.2 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ALTERNATIVES**

- 1) Minimum impact to the environment
- 2) Facility must be capable of supporting the consolidated Security Forces Personnel
- 3) Facility must meet requirements for equipment maintenance and storage
- 4) Facility must meet long-term development plans
- 5) Facility must meet the Base General Plan (BGP) provisions
- 6) Facility must meet spatial requirements and enhance safety
- 7) Facility should be located on the base in an area that allows the facilitation of the mission of the Security Forces Squadron

Alternatives considered for this EA include the Proposed Action, Alternative A, and No Action.

The Proposed Action was selected based upon the ability to meet the selection criteria listed above. The action is compatible with the May 2002 BGP (Woolpert, 2002). The BGP illustrates Scott AFB's present and future capability to support its mission. The BGP is a stand-alone document responding to the Air Force's commitments to planning for future development and protecting the environment, as prescribed in the AFI 32-7062, Air Force Comprehensive Planning.

### **2.3 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES**

#### **No-Action Alternative**

The current Security Operations buildings (Building 1970, Building 3276) would remain status quo with the No-Action Alternative.

#### **Alternative A**

Alternative A includes constructing a 34,000-square-foot, one-story masonry facility built on a reinforced concrete slab with brick veneer exterior treatment, sloped, raised-seam metal roof system, mechanical equipment room, storage area, lighted parking, landscaping, and all utilities

and necessary support associated with the project. Included are security and fire detection/suppression systems. Construction would occur at a mowed turf grass area located near Scott Pryor Drive and Gray Plaza Road. Alternative A would also include the demolition of the existing Security Forces administration and warehouse facilities.

#### **2.4 DESCRIPTION OF PAST AND REASONABLY FORESEEABLE FUTURE ACTIONS RELEVANT TO CUMULATIVE IMPACTS**

There are no known actions, either in the past or in the reasonably foreseeable future, that would be relevant to cumulative impacts.

#### **2.5 IDENTIFICATION OF PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

The preferred alternative, referred to as the Proposed Action, includes constructing a 34,000-square-foot, one-story masonry facility built on a reinforced concrete slab with brick veneer exterior treatment, sloped, raised-seam metal roof system, mechanical equipment room, storage area, lighted parking, landscaping, and all utilities and necessary support associated with the project. Included are security and fire detection/suppression systems. Construction would occur at a mowed turf grass area located at Washington and South Drive. The Proposed Action also includes the demolition of the existing Security Forces administration and warehouse facilities.

### 3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

#### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

This section describes the environmental components that could be affected by the construction and operation of the Proposed Action, Alternative A, and the No-Action Alternative. Section 3.0 serves as a baseline for evaluating the environmental status of the Proposed Action, Alternative A, and the No-Action Alternative. Additionally, this EA addresses the following environmental issues:

- Air Quality;
- Noise;
- Wastes, Hazardous Materials, and Stored Fuels;
- Water Resources, to include Floodplains and Wetlands;
- Biological Resources;
- Socioeconomic Resources;
- Cultural Resources;
- Land Use;
- Transportation Systems;
- Airspace/Airfield Operations;
- Safety and Occupational Health;
- Environmental Management, Pollution Prevention, and Geology and Soils;
- Environmental Justice;
- Indirect and Cumulative Impacts.

The aforementioned issues are not listed in order of significance.

#### 3.2 AIR QUALITY

Scott AFB is in the St. Louis Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA). Although the East St. Louis ozone monitoring station reflects compliance with the standard, the St. Louis SMSA has been designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as a non-attainment area for ozone.

The *Clean Air Act* (CAA) (42 USC 7401 et seq., as amended) established a number of programs and permitting processes designed to protect and improve air quality. Section 176(c) of the *Clean Air Act Amendment* (CAAA) of 1990, 42 USC, Section 7506(c), establishes a conformity requirement for federal agencies which has been implemented by regulation, 40 CFR Part 93, Subpart B. There are no air quality issues associated with the areas selected for the Proposed Action or Alternative A.

The construction dates for the existing Security Forces administrative building (1953) and the existing Security Forces warehouse (1941) were before the use of lead-based paints (LBP) and before asbestos-containing materials (ACM) were restricted for construction uses. It is likely that one or both buildings contain ACM or LBP and it is recommended that a survey for these materials be conducted before either structure is demolished.

### 3.3 NOISE

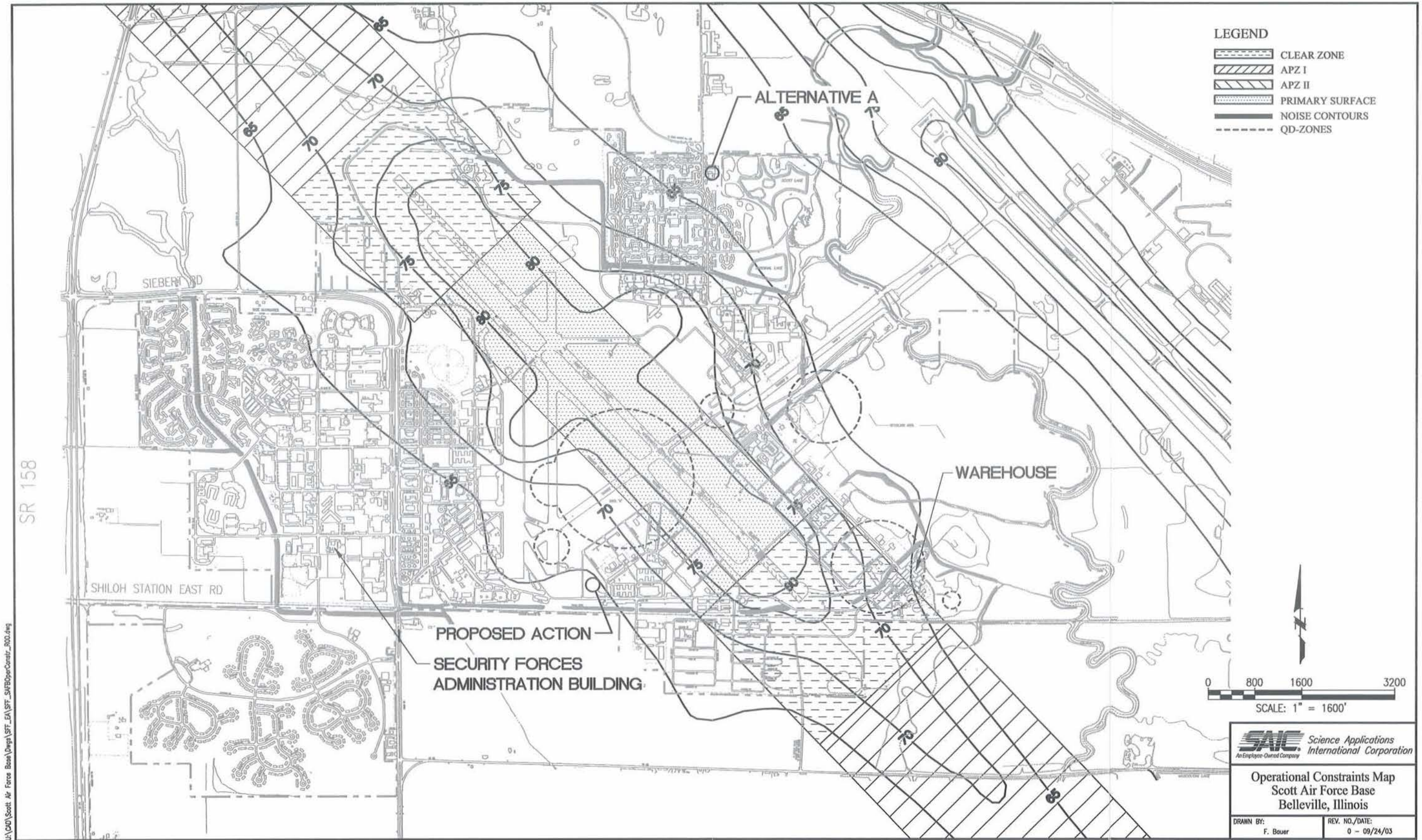
DoDI 4165 establishes and requires military departments to develop, implement, and maintain an Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) program for installations with flying operations. AFI 32-7063, AICUZ Program sets forth the policy, responsibilities, and requirements of the program. Topics covered include program objectives, responsibilities, land use compatibility guidelines, and AICUZ studies and updating. This program is designed to provide information on flight operations and compatibility guidelines to local planners to help them mitigate the noise impacts of military aircraft operations. The AICUZ program uses information on aircraft types, flight patterns, power settings, numbers of operations, and time of day or night to estimate average busy-day noise levels. This estimation is accomplished by using the NOISEMAP computer model and the results are expressed in terms of the day-night average sound level. Noise level contours based on the computer noise model NOISEMAP indicate the noise levels at the location of the proposed SFOF to be 65 to 70 decibels (dB) (Figure 3-1). According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), no restrictions apply to office buildings in areas with noise levels below 70 dB (14 CFR 150). Noise level contours at the location of Alternative A are below 65 dB. According to the FAA, no restrictions apply to areas with noise levels below 65dB (14 CFR 150). The FAA also requires analysis of noise impacts for certain projects involving civil airports expressed in the same terms (FAA Order 5050.4A). Noise standards are also addressed in Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and implemented by regulation 29 CFR 1910.95. The Department of Labor administers these regulations, which are applicable at construction sites and buildings at Scott AFB.

Ambient noise sources in the vicinity of the location of the Proposed Action include aircraft from the flightline, noise from the engine testing facility (Building 742), trains passing on the railroad track located to the south, and normal vehicular traffic on the streets surrounding the proposed SFOF.

Ambient noise sources in the vicinity of the location of Alternative A include normal vehicular traffic on the streets surrounding the site and noise from the nearby kennels.

### 3.4 WASTES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND STORED FUELS

The *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act* (RCRA) established statutory requirements that serve as the basis of the hazardous waste regulations. These regulations are found at 40 CFR 260-279. Corresponding state regulations identifying and listing hazardous wastes and standards applicable to generators of hazardous wastes are found at 35 IAC 721-722. Hazardous chemicals and materials are defined in 29 CFR 1900.1200. Legal requirements regarding emergency planning and reporting of hazardous and toxic chemicals are noted in the *Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act* (EPCRA). Scott AFB has an active Installation Restoration Program (IRP). A review of IRP records indicated that no IRP sites or Areas of Concern (AOC) are known to exist at or near the locations of the Proposed Action or Alternative A.



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Figure 3-1. Operational Constraints Map

### 3.5 WATER RESOURCES - FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS

The *Clean Water Act* regulates water quality. These regulations are found at 40 CFR, Subchapter D. Scott AFB is situated in an area of southwestern Illinois that lacks aquifers of regional significance. Precipitation is the primary source of groundwater recharge in the project area. Most communities in St. Clair County, including Scott AFB and several communities in the Granite City area in Madison County, obtain their water from the Mississippi River through the Illinois-American Water Company.

Ash Creek and Silver Creek are drainage points at Scott AFB. Ash Creek originates approximately one mile northwest of the base near Shiloh, Illinois. From its origin, Ash Creek flows through the base and abuts the rear of the existing commissary before discharging into Silver Creek. The creek typically has steep mud banks, low stream gradient, and turbid water. The watershed comprises primarily farmland. Scott AFB is also drained by overland flow to diversion structures, field tiles, storm sewers, drainage ditches, and culverts. About 60 percent of the base is drained by Silver Creek and the remaining area is drained by Ash Creek (Woolpert, 2002).

An on-site sewage treatment plant serves Scott AFB with a capacity of two million gallons per day (mgd). The sewage flow averages about 1.45 mgd. The plant provides tertiary treatment, and the effluent is discharged to a tributary of Silver Creek at the southeast part of the base (Woolpert, 2002). Construction of the new SFOF is not expected to increase input into the sewage treatment system, as there will not be an increase in jobs or personnel at the new facility. The new SFOF will be staffed with existing Security Forces personnel.

The *Clean Water Act*, noted earlier in this section, sets the basic structure that regulates discharges and dredged materials that could enter wetlands. There are many other laws and regulations, such as the *Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act*, the *North American Wetlands Conservation Act*, and the *Endangered Species Act*, that are applicable to wetlands protection. By definition, wetlands are transitional lands between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at the surface or the land is covered by shallow water. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas. Per the Federal Interagency Committee on Wetland Delineation (1989), jurisdictional wetlands are those that are found to contain:

- 1) Hydrophytes (plants that grow in water or on soils periodically deficient in oxygen due to inundation by water);
- 2) Hydric soils (soils that are saturated, ponded, or flooded long enough to produce anaerobic conditions);
- 3) Wetland hydrologic conditions (permanent or periodic inundation or soil saturation to the surface).

Executive Order 11988 of May 24, 1977, entitled "Floodplain Management" defines a floodplain and establishes a policy of avoiding impacts to floodplains when practicable. Facility design and construction, real property acquisition, maintenance activities, real property disposal, and natural resource program implementation actions must comply with EO 11988. The basis for this guidance includes the *Clean Water Act* of 1977, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, (NEPA), 42 USC 4321. et. seq., the *National Flood Insurance Act of 1968*, 42 USC 4001, et seq., the *Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973*, and Public Law 93-235, 87 Statute 975. Based upon a review of the 1985 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 100-year floodplain map, neither the site of the Proposed Action nor the site of Alternative A was found to be located within a floodplain (Figure 3-2). A site visit and a review of the BGP's natural resource areas confirmed that neither the Proposed Action nor the Alternative A site included any wetlands (Woolpert, 2002).

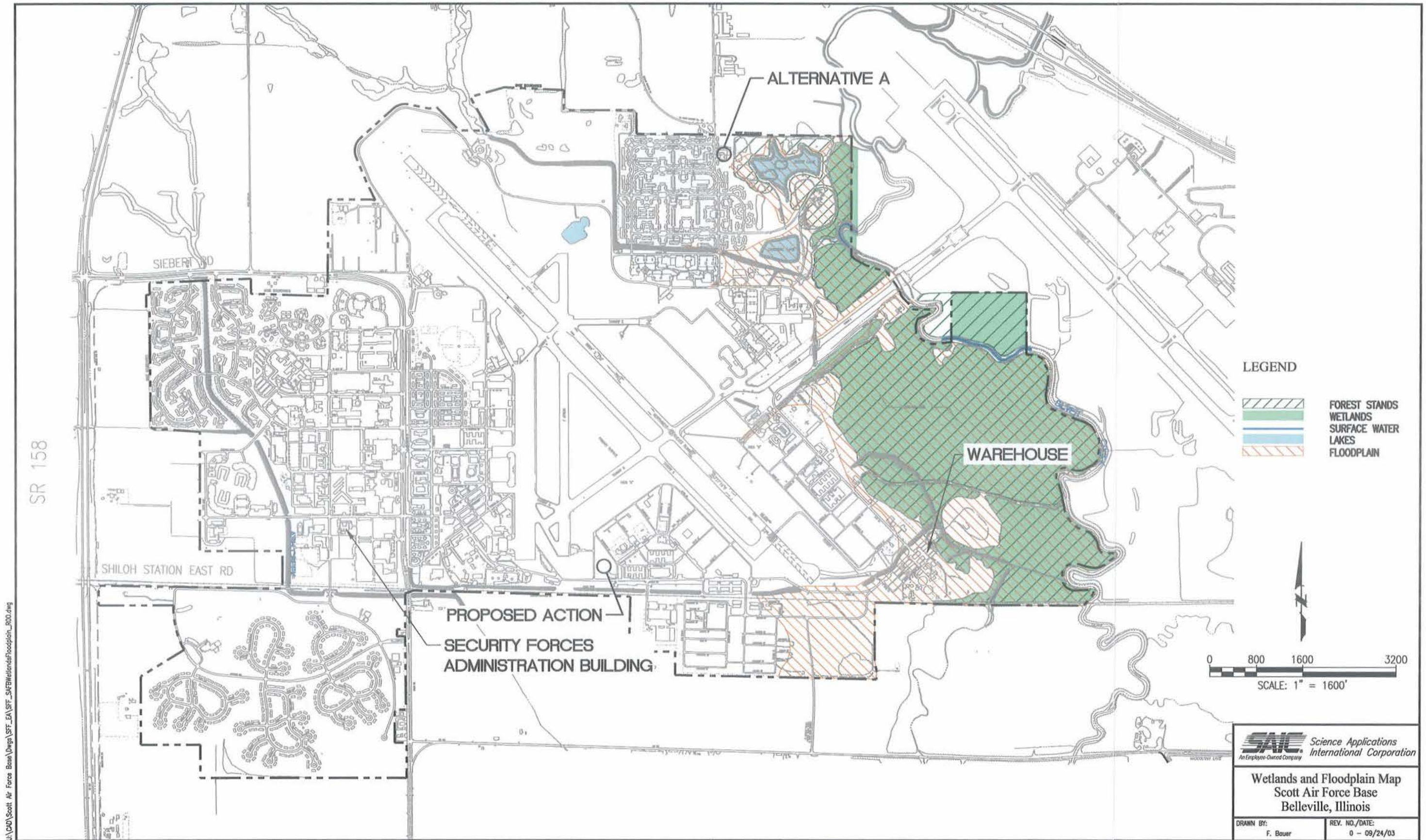
Pennsylvanian bedrock underlies Scott AFB at a depth of approximately 85 feet. Underlying the Pennsylvanian bedrock is the Chesterian Series sandstone. Wells in this sandstone yield 20 to 50 gallons per minute (gpm). Other aquifers in the vicinity of the base include alluvial aquifers located along Silver Creek. Yields from these aquifers are too low for use as potable water or for irrigation (Woolpert, 2002).

### 3.6 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Air Force Instruction 32-7064, Integrated Natural Resources Management, and the *Endangered Species Act* address biological resources. No plants listed as endangered by the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board (IESPB) were found within the study site during botanical surveys conducted on September 19, 2001. Although no botanical endangered species were discovered, suitable habitat does exist for both state and federally listed species within the Scott AFB boundaries.

A single federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sadalis*) was captured during a study conducted by personnel from the U.S. Engineer Research and Development Center in July 2001. The Indiana bat was identified along Silver Creek near the confluence of Carolina Creek (USAERDC, 2002). Although suitable habitat for the Indiana bat is found at Scott AFB, none exists in the vicinity of the Proposed Action or Alternative A.

State threatened or endangered animal species identified at Scott AFB include the brown creeper, red-shouldered hawk, and little blue heron. Due to low numbers of brown creepers and significant loss of floodplain forest habitat, the state of Illinois (State of Illinois, 2001) considers the brown creeper a threatened species. The state threatened red-shouldered hawk was detected within the boundaries of Scott AFB during the 2001 bird survey (State of Illinois, 2001). The red-shouldered hawk is typically found in riparian floodplain forests with mature hardwood trees. The presence of a little blue heron (state endangered) was also incidentally noted during the 2001 bird survey. The endangered and threatened species specified in this document are not present at the sites of the Proposed Action or Alternative A, nor does any suitable habitat for these species exist at either site.



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Figure 3-2. Wetlands and Floodplain Map

### 3.7 SOCIOECONOMIC RESOURCES

Socioeconomic resources are described in this section using demographic and employment measures, which are key factors influencing housing demand, education needs, and infrastructure requirements. Implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A would affect a relatively small number of personnel, and the socioeconomic impacts of the action would be confined primarily to the employment and income generated from construction activities.

The Location and Region of Influence (ROI) for the Proposed Action and Alternative A is Scott AFB, located in St. Clair County, Illinois, approximately 20 miles east of the City of St. Louis, Missouri. The base covers approximately 2,500 acres and is located in a predominantly agricultural area. The base is immediately south of Interstate Highway 64, near the cities of O'Fallon and Belleville (Figure 1-1). The socioeconomic ROI for an analysis of this type is generally defined by the residence patterns of current installation personnel, the number of personnel associated with the action under consideration, and the value of any construction associated with the action. The cost of the Proposed Action or Alternative A is projected at approximately \$7.7 million. Construction firms and workers are expected to originate from O'Fallon, Illinois or other regions surrounding Scott AFB.

The population of St. Clair County in 2000 was 256,599 (US Census Bureau). There are approximately 11,000 persons employed by Scott AFB (8,100 military, 2,800 civilians) and an estimated 8,500 military retirees in the area who use Scott AFB services (Woolpert, 2002). The total Scott AFB community, on- and off-base, comprises approximately 30,900 military and civilian personnel and their families (Woolpert, 2002).

### 3.8 CULTURAL RESOURCES

Historical and cultural resources are protected under the *National Historic Preservation Act* (16 USC 470a-470w), Executive Order 11593, *Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment*, the *Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act* (16 USC 469-469c), the *Historic Sites Act* (16 USC 461-467), and the *Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act*. Federal agencies must provide an opportunity for comment and consultation with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation when an action has the potential to affect historic or cultural sites. AFI 32-7065, Cultural Resources Management, must be complied with as well.

The National Park Service conducted an archeological assessment of Scott AFB in 1992. Archeological potentials for the site of the Proposed Action and Alternative A are identified as being "highly disturbed" (Figure 3-3) and as having "an extremely low potential for the identification of additional cultural resources."

Based upon an archival search for the sites of the Proposed Action and Alternative A, no historical resources, e.g., historical buildings, archeological sites, or monuments, were identified (Figure 3-4).

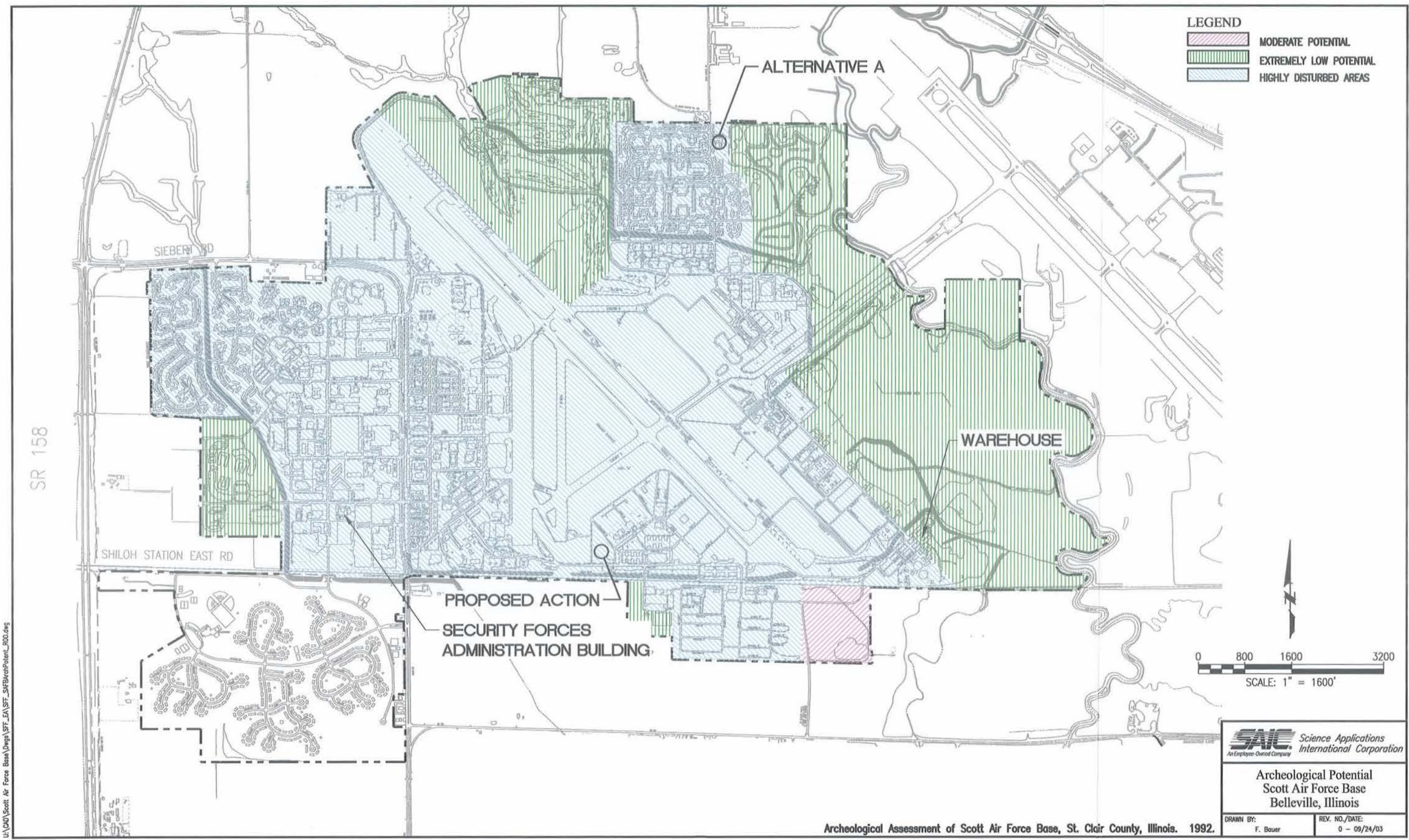
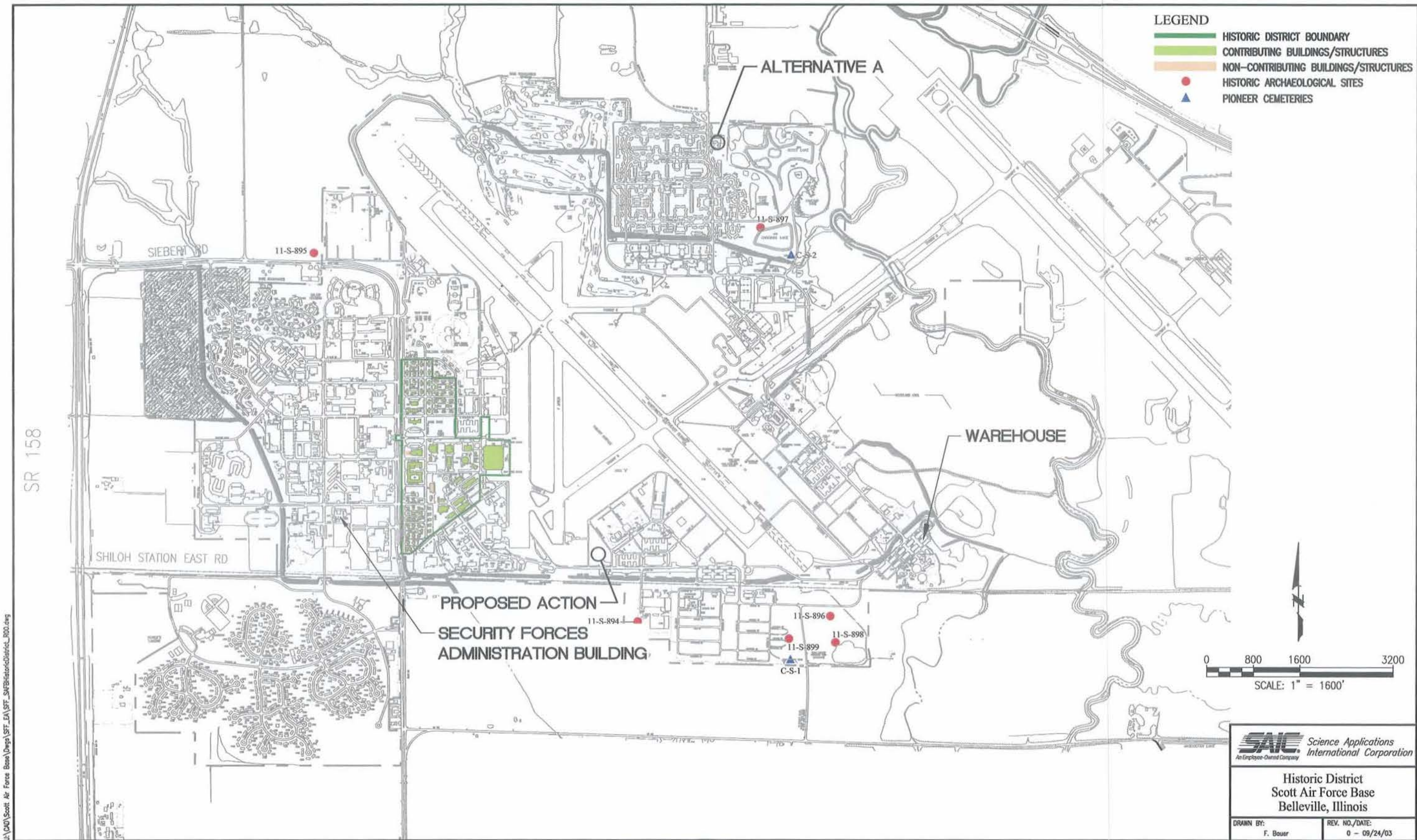


Figure 3-3. Archeological Potential at Scott Air Force Base



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Figure 3-4. Historic District

Building 1907 serves as the main administrative building for the Security Forces Squadron. This building was constructed in 1953 and is scheduled for demolition as part of the Proposed Action and Alternative A. A review of the Thomason and Associates' *Inventory and Evaluation of Historic Buildings* indicated that Building 1907 does not meet the requirements for a historic building.

Building 3276 currently serves as the main warehouse facility for the Security Forces Squadron. The building was constructed in 1941 and is scheduled for demolition as part of the Proposed Action and Alternative A. A review of the Thomason and Associates' *Inventory and Evaluation of Historic Buildings* indicated that Building 3276 does not meet the requirements for a historic building.

### 3.9 LAND USE

Originally, the land in the vicinity of Scott AFB was vegetated by tall grass prairie and mixed hardwood forest. Before it was acquired by the government, the primary land use was agriculture. Since that time, land management has included construction sites, residential and commercial use and permanent mowed turf grass (INRMP, 2002). Land use at the sites of the Proposed Action and Alternative A consists of mowed turf grass. Land use in the immediate vicinity of Alternative A also includes an existing asphalt parking area. The BGP classifies buildings in the vicinity of the Proposed Action as administrative (Woolpert 2002). Land use immediately adjacent to the Proposed Action includes the following:

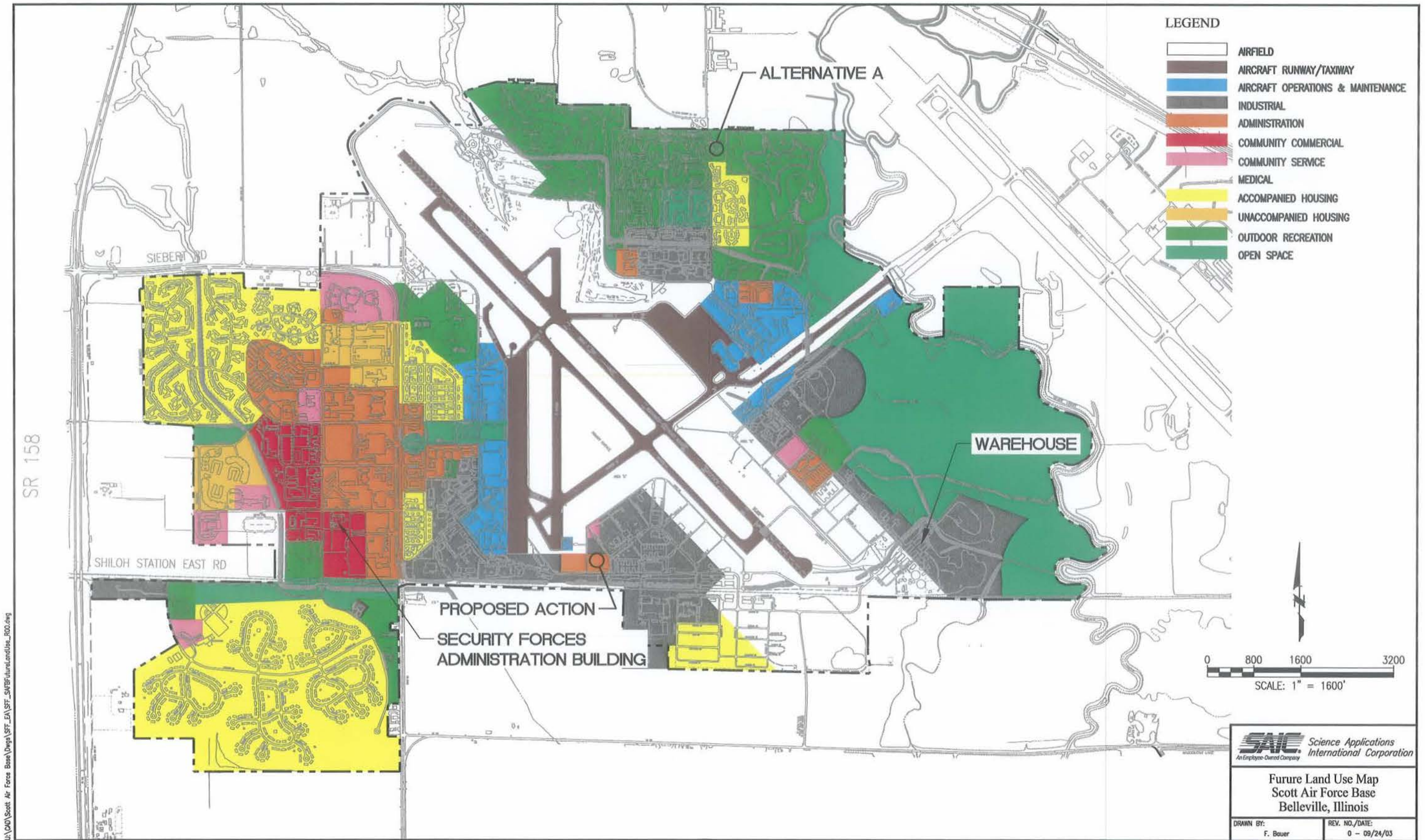
North - Building 751, (Communication Station), Taxiway G  
East - Building 741, (Education Facility)  
South - South Drive, (Veterans Clinic)  
West - Building 742, (Fuels Facility)

Land use surrounding the Alternative A site was previously part of the Cardinal Creek Housing area. The current land use is classified as open space (Figure 3-5). A recently constructed dog kennel is adjacent to the Alternative A site. Land use immediately adjacent to the Alternative A location includes the following:

North - Agricultural  
East - Scott Lake  
South - Vacant Land, (Former Housing)  
West - Vacant Land, (Former Housing)

### 3.10 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Vehicular traffic in the vicinity of the Proposed Action is generated from all types of activities conducted at Scott AFB. Semi-trailer trucks, construction vehicles, buses, and government and privately owned vehicles pass by the area on an intermittent/daily basis. Although traffic passes by this site daily, traffic congestion is not anticipated to be a problem with the implementation of the Proposed Action. Due to the open space, land use, and the general lack of traffic in the vicinity of Alternative A, traffic congestion at Alternative A is limited.



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Figure 3-5. Future Land Use Map

### 3.11 AIRSPACE/AIRFIELD OPERATIONS

Based upon the Operational Constraints map included in the BGP (Figure 3-1), the construction areas involved with the Proposed Action and Alternative A are not located in an airspace or an airfield operations area. Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 3-260-01 (formerly AFI 32-1123) states that to meet specific airspace/airfield operations criteria, construction must be more than 1,000 feet from the runway centerline, and constructed structures should be under a 7:1 ratio from the 1,000-foot line. The UFC also states that new facilities must be constructed at least 125 feet from the edge of all existing aircraft parking aprons to meet the apron clearance criteria specified in UFC 3-260-01. The sites for both the Proposed Action and Alternative A comply with these standards.

The Security Forces warehouse (Building 3276) is located within the southern clear zone for airfield operations. The clear zone, which is located closest to the runway ends, has a high potential for aircraft accidents. The construction and use of Building 3276 pre-dates the Air Force clear zone criteria. Buildings located within the clear zone require a waiver for continued use. The construction of the SFOF would allow for the transfer of the Security Forces Squadron's equipment to the new facility and the demolition of Building 3276.

### 3.12 SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Factors involving primary occupational safety and health issues are addressed in 29 CFR Occupational Safety and Health Standards. The Department of Labor administers these regulations, which are applicable at construction sites and buildings at Scott AFB. If either the Proposed Action or Alternative A are implemented, all applicable provisions of the Corps of Engineers Manual EM 385-1-1, "General Safety Requirements," must be followed. Additionally, OSHA's final steel erection standard went into effect January 18, 2002 (*Federal Register*, July 17, 2001).

There are no safety and occupational health issues related to the Proposed Action or Alternative A.

### 3.13 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, POLLUTION PREVENTION

The United States Air Force (USAF) recognizes the importance of pollution prevention (P2) in protecting the environment, achieving compliance objectives, and reducing waste disposal costs. Such successful P2 programs as recycling, waste minimization, product substitution, and process changes, among others, are planned or underway at Air Force installations worldwide. The Air Force's environmental programs must do more today than ever before, and with increased cost-effectiveness.

Most tenant activities at Scott AFB participate in the recycling program. If the Proposed Action or Alternative A were implemented, the selected contractor would participate as well. All ferrous and non-ferrous metals from the project must be recycled. The contractor would also recycle general administrative refuse associated with this project. This refuse may include cardboard, mark 1 and 2 plastic bottles, metals, glass, aluminum and steel cans, and mixed paper.

All recyclable material must be turned into the Base Recycling Center located at Building 3286. Hours of operation are 0730 to 1500 Monday through Friday and 0730 to 1100 on Saturdays.

### **3.14 GEOLOGY AND SOILS**

Pennsylvanian bedrock underlies Scott AFB at a depth of approximately 85 feet. Underlying the Pennsylvanian bedrock is the Chesterian Series sandstone. There are no geologic outcrops at Scott AFB. Soils in the vicinity of the Proposed Action are described as Virden silt loam with a 0-3 percent slope. Soils in the vicinity of Alternative A are described as Bethalto silt loam with 0-2 percent slope. Soils at the sites of the Proposed Action and Alternative A have been highly disturbed by previous development.

### **3.15 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

St. Clair County is a large, demographically diverse county, with communities ranging from urban areas of East St. Louis and Belleville to small rural towns east and west of Scott AFB. The year 2000 population of St. Clair County was approximately 67.9 percent Caucasian and 34.3 percent minorities, with the predominant minority described as African-American; 2.2 percent of the county's population is considered Hispanic. There are no low-income or minority disadvantaged populations in the area of the Proposed Action or Alternative A.

### **3.16 INDIRECT AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS**

The portion of Scott AFB in which the Proposed Action and Alternative A are located is considered to be an improved area that is highly disturbed. There are no known indirect or cumulative impacts associated with the Proposed Action or Alternative A.

## 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

Environmental consequences of the Proposed Action, Alternative A, and the No-Action Alternative are addressed in this section. The Proposed Action would include new construction located near South Drive and Washington Street. Alternative A would include new construction at the Cardinal Creek Gate, adjacent to Pryor Drive. The No-Action Alternative includes taking no action to improve the existing Security Forces Facilities, thereby remaining status quo.

The analysis process determines the consequences of each action and the anticipated impact(s) that the action could have, if implemented. The Proposed Action, Alternative A, and the No-Action Alternative could generate no impact to environmental issues, or encompass environmental consequences that may fall into the categories described in Table 4-1.

**Table 4-1 Description of Environmental Consequences**

Short-term	effects caused during the construction and/or initial operation of the action
Long-term	effects caused after the action has been completed and/or the action is in full and complete operation or effects of the action if not approved
Irreversible	those effects caused by the proposal that cannot be reversed
Irretrievable	effects caused by an alternative that change outputs or commodities (e.g. trees, cattle, hiking, fishing) of land's use <i>and</i> must be reversible
Positive	constructive, progressive effects
Negative	harmful, destructive, unsafe, risky
Minor	trivial, irrelevant, inconsequential
Major	vital, primary, important
Adverse	unfavorable, undesirable, harsh
Direct	caused by the action and occur at the same time and place
Indirect	caused by the action and effects occur later in time or farther removed in distance, but reasonably foreseeable
Cumulative	nonrelated actions that have, are, or probably would occur in the same locality

A **significant** impact, as it applies to NEPA, requires considerations of both context and intensity. The following descriptions are brief and do not cover all aspects of the terminology. Context means that the significance of an action must be analyzed in several arenas, such as society as a whole (human, national), the affected region, the affected interests, and the locality. Significance varies with the setting of the Proposed Action. Intensity refers to the severity of impact. Responsible officials must bear in mind that more than one agency may make decisions about partial aspects of a major action. Impacts may be both beneficial and adverse. Intensity also includes the degree to which the Proposed Action and alternatives affect public health or safety. A summary table of the environmental resources that are determined to be impacted by the Proposed Action, Alternative A, and the No-Action Alternative is provided in Section 4.18.

## 4.2 AIR QUALITY

### 4.2.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

A conformity determination would not be required, as the total of direct and indirect emissions from construction activities at the site of the Proposed Action or Alternative A are below *de minimus* thresholds specified at 40 CFR 93.153(b)(1). Specifically stated, implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A would not increase emissions over baseline emission levels. The statutory requirements of conformity are included in the CAA, section 176(c) and require the EPA to publish regulations requiring federal actions to conform to applicable state or federal implementation plans (SIPs or FIPs) to ensure that the actions do not interfere with strategies employed to attain National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The EPA proposed conformity regulations entitled *Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans*. These were brought into effect on January 31, 1994. The intent of the conformity ruling is to ensure that federal actions do not adversely affect the timely attainment and maintenance of air quality standards. Air Force personnel and installation planners will need to analyze each Air Force action, in accordance with EPA regulation 40 CFR 93, to ensure conformity with the applicable SIP or FIP. The conformity analysis examines the impacts of the direct and indirect air emissions from a proposed Air Force action and determines whether the action conforms to the applicable SIP or FIP. The U.S. Air Force Conformity Guide will assist installation personnel in determining when and why Air Force actions must be analyzed for conformity with SIPs, who to consult, and how long the conformity process will take. Moreover, the Proposed Action or Alternative A would be in compliance with, or consistent with, all relevant requirements and milestones contained in the Illinois State Implementation Plan (SIP). Contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) of this project must comply with these regulations, including 42 USC 7418(a) (state and local requirements).

A **short-term minor adverse** increase in emissions from equipment and vehicles would occur during the construction phase of the Proposed Action or Alternative A, from transportation of refuse in open vehicles. Fugitive dust and particulate matter would be emitted into the air from access roads, stockpiles, embankments, and/or other work areas. Water sprinkling would be the preferred method of controlling fugitive dust, especially if a nuisance or road hazard due to fugitive dust particulate arises, or is anticipated due to windy or dry weather conditions.

### 4.2.2 No-Action Alternative

There would be **no impact** to air quality issues if this alternative were selected.

## 4.3 NOISE

### 4.3.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

Implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A would generate **short-term, minor adverse impacts** throughout the construction phase of the project. The amount of noise generated from construction and operational activities would be negligible and temporary. Allowing construction only during the hours of 0800-1700 could mitigate impacts due to

construction noise. Post-construction noise levels surrounding the SFOF would remain at pre-construction levels.

#### 4.3.2 No-Action Alternative

There would be **no impact** from noise-related issues if this alternative were selected.

### 4.4 WASTES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND STORED FUELS

#### 4.4.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

The existing Security Forces buildings are expected to contain lead-based paint (LBP) and asbestos-containing materials (ACM). No impacts related to LBP or ACM are expected as long as building demolition incorporates proper safety precautions. Such precautions might include water spraying to reduce fugitive dust. Although no impacts associated with wastes, hazardous materials, or stored fuels are anticipated from the implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A, appropriate health and safety measures will be practiced to ensure that no impacts occur.

Asbestos Containing Materials, LBP, paints containing chromate, and/or transformers containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) fluid are prohibited from use during implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A. Noncompliance could generate Notices of Violation for Scott AFB and legal action could be implemented against the accountable contractor.

The Contracting Officer, through the EMF, must approve all pesticide/insecticide applications at the proposed facility. A label and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) of the pesticide/insecticide must be available for review. After treatment (if approved), the amount (meaning insecticide + water), percentage used (0.05%, 1.0%, etc.) of the pesticide/insecticide, and total square footage of treatment must be submitted to the EMF.

Hazardous materials such as petroleum products used during construction activities would be restricted and the generation of hazardous waste is not anticipated. If a contractor cannot avoid generating hazardous waste, the waste must be disposed of according to contract specifications and environmental laws. Improper usage of hazardous materials or disposal of hazardous wastes during construction activities could result in Notices of Violation from the IEPA, leading to possible fines and litigation.

#### 4.4.2 No-Action Alternative

There would be **no impact** to the environment from wastes or hazardous materials, if the No-Action Alternative were selected.

### 4.5 WATER RESOURCES

#### 4.5.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

**No short-term adverse impacts** to surface water or groundwater quality are anticipated from the implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A. Review of FEMA flood maps, base

wetland maps, and an on-site preliminary survey indicated that no floodplains or wetlands were present at the sites of the Proposed Action or Alternative A. As a result, both alternatives would have **no impact** to existing wetlands or floodplains. All appropriate measures and best management practices (BMP) would be taken during construction activities to minimize erosion and control sedimentation.

#### 4.5.2 No-Action Alternative

There would be **no impact** to surface water, groundwater, wetlands, or floodplains if this alternative were selected.

### 4.6 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

#### 4.6.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

**No adverse impacts** to biological resources are anticipated from implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A.

#### 4.6.2 No-Action Alternative

**No impact** to biological resources would result from the implementation of this alternative.

### 4.7 SOCIOECONOMICS

#### 4.7.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

**Short-term positive impacts** for the construction industry and local economy are anticipated from implementation the Proposed Action or Alternative A. Construction of a new facility in which the Security Forces Squadron can store equipment protected from the elements will have a **long-term positive impact** on the cost of replacing equipment. The construction of the new SFOF is not intended to create additional long-term employment at the base and as such there would be **no impact** to housing demands, populations, or educational needs, if the Proposed Action or Alternative A were implemented.

#### 4.7.2 No-Action Alternative

There would be an unavoidable **short-term, negative impact** associated with the loss of man-hours that have been applied for design and preparation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A. Monetary resources (Defense Energy Support Center [DESC] funds) could be reallocated for other DESC projects.

There would be a **long-term negative impact** to socioeconomics if the No-Action Alternative were implemented. The existing conditions of the Security Forces Squadron administration and warehouse facilities are below the standard required for the Squadron to efficiently carry out its required mission. The inefficiencies create workarounds that lower the overall productivity of Security Forces personnel and increase the overall costs of accomplishing daily tasks. In addition, the existing warehouse does not have adequate spacing to accommodate the Squadron's

required equipment. This lack of space results in the equipment being exposed to the elements, there by reducing the useful life of the equipment.

## 4.8 CULTURAL RESOURCES

### 4.8.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

**No impacts** are anticipated from implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A; **however**, the discovery of an artifact or historical object would require all construction activities to cease until the Cultural Resource Specialist and/or the Base Historian is notified. Construction activities must not proceed until the aforementioned personnel provide approval. Archeological resources on either public or Native American lands cannot be excavated, removed, damaged, or otherwise altered without a permit (32 CFR 229.4(a)(5)(b)) and approval from the Cultural Resources Specialist at Scott AFB.

### 4.8.2 No-Action Alternative

There would be **no impact** to cultural and/or historical resources if the No-Action Alternative were selected. If construction does not occur, there would be no possibility of excavating any type of cultural resource, i.e. artifact, as part of this project.

## 4.9 LAND USE

### 4.9.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

Construction of the new facility would involve the conversion of the current land use from a mowed turf grass area to a developed lot. This conversion would cause long and short term **minor impacts** to land use as both the Proposed Action and Alternative A sites were previously developed. The current and future land use, as described in the BGP for both alternatives, is compatible with the construction of a new facility.

### 4.9.2 No-Action Alternative

There would be **no impacts** to land use if this alternative were selected.

## 4.10 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

### 4.10.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

**Short-term minor** increases in traffic are anticipated from construction vehicles, and could increase road hazards to the public during the construction phases of the Proposed Action or Alternative A. Construction traffic is anticipated to have a **short-term minor adverse impact** to the public, pending completion of the facility. Increases in traffic flow from daily activities at the sites of the Proposed Action or Alternative A would be negligible; **no long-term impacts** are anticipated.

#### 4.10.2 No-Action Alternative

**No impacts** to transportation systems are anticipated if the No-Action Alternative were selected.

### 4.11 AIRSPACE/AIRFIELD OPERATIONS

#### 4.11.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

The Proposed Action and Alternative A are located outside of any airspace or airfield operations areas, and therefore **no impacts** to airspace or airfield operations are anticipated. However, **long-term positive impacts** would be realized with the implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A due to the removal of the non-compliance of the building within the clear zone.

#### 4.11.2 No-Action Alternative

As was described in Section 3.11 the existing Security Forces warehouse (Building 3276) is located within the southern clear zone of the airfield. The presence of these buildings in the clear zone presents an ongoing non-compliance with clear zone regulations. The building currently remains in place due to a waiver that exempts the structures from clear zone regulations. Implementation of the No-Action Alternative would leave this structure in place and would result in **minor long and short-term negative impacts**.

### 4.12 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

#### 4.12.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

Construction of the Proposed Action or Alternative A would result in a long-term improvement in safety. Construction of the expanded facility would provide an environmentally controlled space that would allow workers to maintain reasonable working hours and reduce the risk of heat-related injuries. Construction of a new integrated SFOF would allow the existing warehouse facility to be demolished. The demolition of the existing warehouse would remove a facility that is located in the clear zone of the airfield, thereby eliminating the risk of an aircraft accident occurring at the warehouse. These two factors would result in an overall **long-term positive impact** to Occupational Health and Safety as a result of the Proposed Action or Alternative A.

**No impacts** to occupational and construction workers are anticipated to occur with implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A, provided they comply with OSHA regulations and standards during construction activities.

#### 4.12.2 No-Action Alternative

Remaining status quo is anticipated to have both **long and short-term negative impacts** to the safety of personnel using the existing Security Forces warehouse facility. The impact is caused by the continuing lack of environmental controls and the risks associated with heat-related injuries.

## 4.13 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT – POLLUTION PREVENTION

### 4.13.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

In support of national environmental efforts, the contractor would recycle all ferrous and non-ferrous metals from the project. The contractor would also recycle general administrative refuse associated with this project. This refuse includes cardboard, mark 1 and 2 plastic bottles, glass, aluminum and steel cans, and mixed paper. The Base Recycling Center, Building 3286, on South Drive will accept these items Monday through Friday between 0730 and 1500 and Saturdays between 0730 and 1100. The use of 'green' products, reuse/recycling, and minimization of solid or hazardous waste would be encouraged during new construction activities at the sites of the Proposed Action or Alternative A as part of the newly enacted Affirmative Procurement Plan.

Implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A would have **no impacts** to pollution prevention or environmental management programs, provided the above guidelines are followed.

### 4.13.2 No-Action Alternative

If the No-Action Alternative were implemented, no construction activities would occur on site and **no impacts** to environmental management or pollution prevention programs would be anticipated.

## 4.14 GEOLOGY AND SOILS

### 4.14.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

Construction contractors will use erosion control measures consistent with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Illinois Urban Manual. Necessary measures and best management practices will be implemented to reduce soil erosion and siltation during construction. Interim measures to prevent erosion during construction would be implemented and could include the installation of staked straw bales, sedimentation basins, and temporary mulching. Proper grading would be accomplished to allow water to flow from the roadway and into the drainage system, rather than standing and eroding the shoulder or pavement edge. All construction areas will be mulched and seeded immediately upon completion of construction.

Phase I of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water program presently covers discharges from large construction activities disturbing five acres or more of land. Phase II of NPDES storm water program covers small construction activities disturbing between one and five acres. Phase II became final on December 8, 1999, with small construction permit applications due by March 10, 2003. "Disturbance" refers to exposed soil resulting from activities such as clearing, grading, and excavating. Construction activities can include road building, construction of residential houses, office buildings, and industrial sites, and demolition. Implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A would disturb more than two acres of land and would therefore require a Phase II permit.

Implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative have would have **no impact** to soils or geological resources, provided all of the aforementioned recommendations are applied.

#### 4.14.2 No-Action Alternative

There would be **no impact** to geological resources or soils if the No-Action Alternative were selected since the proposed construction sites would remain undisturbed.

### 4.15 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

#### 4.15.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

There are no minority or low-income populations in the areas of the Proposed Action and Alternative A; therefore, Executive Order 12898, *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*, is not applicable.

Implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A would have **no impact** to minority or low-income populations.

#### 4.15.2 No-Action Alternative

The No-Action Alternative would have **no impact** to minority or low-income populations.

### 4.16 INDIRECT AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

#### 4.16.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

There are no known indirect or cumulative impacts related to implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative A.

#### 4.16.2 No-Action Alternative

An indirect and cumulative impact is not anticipated under the No-Action Alternative.

### 4.17 UNAVOIDABLE ADVERSE IMPACTS

#### 4.17.1 Proposed Action and Alternative A

There are several short-term unavoidable minor adverse impacts summarized in Table 4-2 on the following page; however, there would be **no unavoidable long-term major adverse impacts** if the Proposed Action or Alternative A were implemented.

#### 4.17.2 No-Action Alternative

There are several short-term unavoidable minor adverse impacts summarized in Table 4-2; however, there would be **no unavoidable long-term major adverse impacts** if the No-Action Alternative were selected.

#### 4.18 SUMMARY TABLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

Table 4-2 provides a summary of the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and Alternatives.

**Table 4-2 Comparison of Environmental Consequences**

Environmental Resources	Proposed Action	Alternative A	No-Action Alternative
Air Quality	Short-term – <b>Minor Adverse Impact</b> Long-term – No Impact	Short-term – <b>Minor Adverse Impact</b> Long-term – No Impact	Short-term – No Impact Long-term – No Impact
Noise	Short-term – <b>Minor Adverse Impact</b> Long-term – No Impact	Short-term – <b>Minor Adverse Impact</b> Long-term – No Impact	Short-term – No Impact Long-term – No Impact
Socioeconomics	Short-term – <b>Positive Impact</b> Long-term – <b>Positive Impact</b>	Short-term – <b>Positive Impact</b> Long-term – <b>Positive Impact</b>	Short-term – <b>Negative Impact</b> Long-term – <b>Negative Impact</b>
Land Use	Short-term – <b>Minor Impact</b> Long-term – <b>Minor Impact</b>	Short-term – <b>Minor Impact</b> Long-term – <b>Minor Impact</b>	Short-term – No Impact Long-term – No Impact
Transportation Systems	Short-term – <b>Minor Adverse Impact</b> Long-term – No Impact	Short-term – <b>Minor Adverse Impact</b> Long-term – No Impact	Short-term – No Impact Long-term – No Impact
Airspace/Airfield Operations	Short-term – No impact Long-term – <b>Positive Impact</b>	Short-term – No Impact Long-term – <b>Positive Impact</b>	Short-term – <b>Negative Impact</b> Long-term – <b>Negative Impact</b>
Occupation Safety and Health	Short-term – No impact Long-term – <b>Positive Impact</b>	Short-term – No Impact Long-term – <b>Positive Impact</b>	Short-term – <b>Negative Impact</b> Long-term – <b>Negative Impact</b>
Unavoidable Adverse Impacts	Short-term – <b>Minor Adverse Impact</b> Long-term – No Impact	Short-term – <b>Minor Adverse Impact</b> Long-term – No Impact	Short-term – <b>Minor Adverse Impact</b> Long-term – No Impact

\*Environmental resources having no impact have been excluded from this matrix.

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**APPENDIX A  
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1. COMPONENT AIR FORCE	FY 2003 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DATA (computer generated)			2. DATE
3. INSTALLATION AND LOCATION SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS		4. PROJECT TITLE SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY		
5. PROGRAM ELEMENT 28047	6. CATEGORY CODE 730-835	7. PROJECT NUMBER VDYD063001	8. PROJECT COST (\$000) 7,700	
9. COST ESTIMATES				
ITEM	U/M	QUANTITY	UNIT	COST
SECURITY POLICE OPERATIONS	LS			5,440
(2)SECURITY POLICE OPERATIONS	SM	3,150	1,703	( 5,364 )
AT/FP PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES	SM	3,150	24	( 76 )
SUPPORTING FACILITIES				1,525
UTILITIES	LS			( 433 )
PAVEMENTS	LS			( 532 )
SITE IMPROVEMENTS	LS			( 343 )
DEMOLITION	SM	1,110	60	( 67 )
COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT	LS			( 150 )
SUBTOTAL				6,965
CONTINGENCY ( 5.0 %)				348
TOTAL CONTRACT COST				7,313
SUPERVISION, INSPECTION AND OVERHEAD ( 5.7 %)				417
TOTAL REQUEST				7,730
TOTAL REQUEST (ROUNDED)				7,700
EQUIPMENT FROM OTHER APPROPRIATIONS (NON-ADD)				( 582.0 )
<p>10. Description of Proposed Construction: A one story masonry facility built on reinforced concrete slab with brick veneer exterior treatment, sloped raised seam metal roof system, mechanical equipment room, storage area, lighted parking, landscaping, and all utilities and necessary support associated with project. Included is security and Fire detection/ suppression systems. AT/FP physical security IAW DOD minimum standards.</p> <p>Air Conditioning: 200 KW.</p>				
<p>11. REQUIREMENT: 3,150 SM      ADEQUATE: 0 SM      SUBSTANDARD: 2,329 SM</p> <p><u>PROJECT:</u> Construct a security forces operations facility. (Current Mission)</p> <p><u>REQUIREMENT:</u> Provide a facility capable of consolidating and supporting the Security Forces mission to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations.</p> <p><u>CURRENT SITUATION:</u> The 375 Security Forces Squadron operates at two segregated locations on the installation. Readiness equipment to support nine unit type code requirements and mission support supplies are stored in a 1941 WWII facility that lacks the necessary mechanical systems. Workers are forced to adjust their work schedule to compensate for the lack of environmental control, sometimes working from 0400 to 1200 to avoid the heat. This facility needs to be demolished. The main administrative facility constructed in 1953, does not meet the needs of the squadron. Security Forces Personnel must escort prisoners to the base gym for exercise because the confinement area does not have the required area. This draws manpower away from the prisoners unit. The existing interview room currently doubles as a detention cell for prisoners, who often cause damage to the room. The confinement cells are located such that prisoners must be led through the administrative and customer service areas of the building and directly</p>				

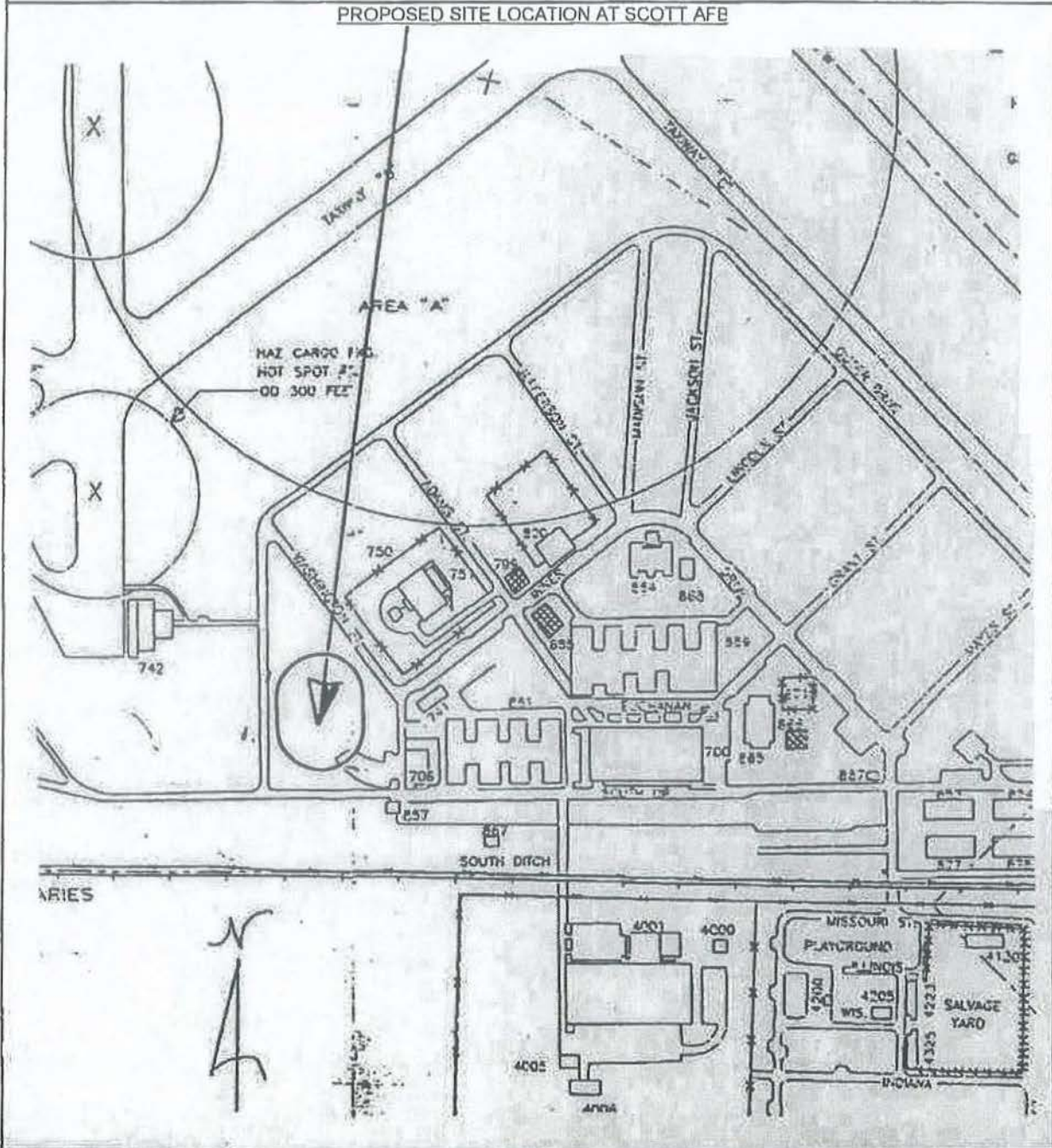
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<p>across from the office of investigations, causing potential encounters between prisoners and their victims and/or witnesses. The poor state of facilities and lack of requirements for the Security Forces Squadron has forced the personnel to develop many work-arounds and has decreased the effectiveness of operations.</p> <p><u>IMPACT IF NOT PROVIDED:</u> Daily operations of the 375th Security Forces Squadron will continue to be hindered, and costly work-arounds will continue, due to the effects of inadequate facilities. The unit's ability to rapidly support Aerospace Expeditionary Force Requirements with properly equipped unit type codes will deteriorate as equipment continues to be exposed to the elements. The health and welfare of the military working dogs will continue to be at risk.</p> <p><u>ADDITIONAL:</u> An economic analysis has been prepared comparing alternatives of new construction, revitalization, and status quo. Based on the present value and benefits of the respective alternatives, new construction was found to be the most cost-effective over the life of the project. This project meets the criteria/scope specified in Air Force Handbook AFI 32-1084 "Facility Requirements". Cost calculations for this project were accomplished using the Air Force Pricing Guide. Mission requirements, operational considerations, and location are incompatible with use by other components. BCE: Lt Col Cawthorn (618)256-2701.</p>			

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12. SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:					
a. Estimated Design Data:					
(1) Status:					
(a) Date Design Started					
(b) Parametric Cost Estimates used to develop costs					
* (c) Percent Complete as of 01 JAN 2002					
* (d) Date 35% Designed					
(e) Date Design Complete					
(f) Energy Study/Life-Cycle analysis was/will be performed					
(2) Basis:					
(a) Standard or Definitive Design -					
(b) Where Design Was Most Recently Used -					
(3) Total Cost (c) = (a) + (b) or (d) + (e):					
(a) Production of Plans and Specifications					
(b) All Other Design Costs					
(c) Total					
(d) Contract					
(e) In-house					
(4) Construction Contract Award					
(5) Construction Start					
(6) Construction Completion					
* Indicates completion of Project Definition with Parametric Cost Estimate which is comparable to traditional 35% design to ensure valid scope, cost and executability.					
b. Equipment associated with this project provided from other appropriations:					
EQUIPMENT NOMENCLATURE		PROCURING APPROPRIATION	FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATED OR REQUESTED	COST (\$000)	
FURNITURE		3080	2006	582	

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**APPENDIX B  
SITE PHOTOGRAPHS**

## Proposed Action



View looking south along Washington Road. The Proposed Action site is located to the right.



View looking northwest at the site of the Proposed Action. Building 742 is in the background.



View from the north end of the Proposed Action site looking southeast.



View looking north along the Outer Road.

## Alternative A



Existing dog kennel and adjacent property. The photograph was taken looking northeast.



West side of the existing dog kennel. Mascoutah Gate is in the background.



Parking lot near the location of Alternative A facing north.



View from existing parking lot looking west.