



**FACT SHEET**  
**BUFFALO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FACILITY PROJECT**  
**BUFFALO, NY**

**Location:** 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207

**Project Description:** The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District has a requirement to design and construct a new District Headquarters building at 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207. This project includes design and construction of the new District Headquarters office building and any necessary demolition, renovation, new facility construction, site work and infrastructure improvements within the District Reservation property.

- Demolish approximately 48,000 square feet (SF) of obsolete office and warehouse space
- Design and renovate approximately 10,000 – 20,000 SF of existing office and warehouse space
- Design and construct approximately 68,000 SF of new office, office support, technical and warehouse space
- Design and construct all utility improvements, security systems, pavements, grounds and additional site work across the Buffalo District reservation

The project is authorized under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016. Included in this legislation is the authority for the USACE Buffalo District to construct a new HQ building and demolish, renovate, and construct new related facilities and infrastructure.

**Importance:** This project is required to replace aging facilities (dating to the 1920s) and failing mechanical, electrical, plumbing and building envelope systems which pose significant adverse risks to health, safety, quality of life and operating costs. Replacing these facilities with right-sized facilities configured for current staffing and missions will greatly improve the effectiveness and efficiency of 300 employees and eliminate costly facility repairs.

**Consequences:** Without the proposed new construction facilities and working conditions will continue to degrade while maintenance and repair costs will continue to grow. Numerous long standing health and safety deficiencies will continue to put the workforce at risk and adversely affect district operations.

**Assumptions**

- Facilities will be renovated or constructed to US Army space use requirements and Department of Defense antiterrorism standards
- The reservation must remain operational during demolition and construction
- The project will be executed through several phases with relocation of staff into new facilities occurring approximately mid-way through the project
- The total project lifecycle is anticipated at five years (2017-2022)

## **Risks**

- Temporary loss of employee parking and access with the reservation are expected during construction
- Required temporary off-site employee parking and vessel & equipment storage solutions
- The availability of contractor work space within the active reservation will be constrained and may require work outside of district office hours

## **Congressional Interests**

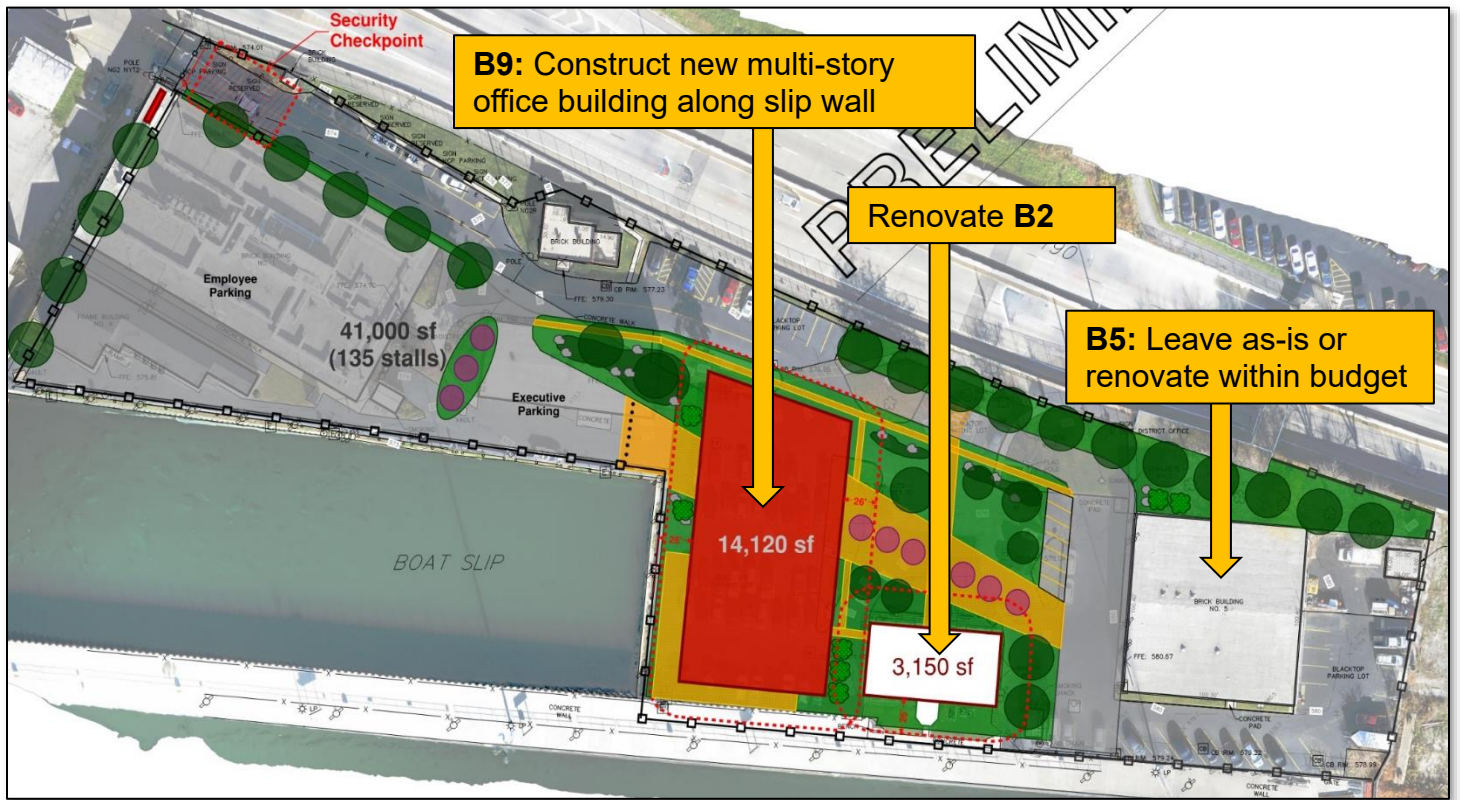
- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

## **Current Status**

- **Completed Work:**
  - Facility Studies (Phase-I FEB 2010, Phase-II MAY 2010, Phase-III SEP 2010, and Phase-III Amendment NOV 2013)
  - Acquisition Strategy
  - Design charrette & value engineering workshop
  - Project Initiation & Regional Team Building
  - Asbestos & Hazardous Material Survey of District Reservation
  - Geophysical Survey of District Reservation
  - Geotechnical Borings of District Reservation
- **Planned Work (FY 2018):**
  - Develop request for proposal and conceptual design for Design-Build contract
  - Phase-1: Solicit & select pool of qualified D-B contractors to submit proposals for Phase-2
  - Phase-2: Complete RFP package for technical proposals
- **Planned Work (FY 2019):**
  - Issue Phase-2 solicitation, evaluate proposals, and award Design-Build Contract
  - Initiate design & mobilization
- **Planned Work (FY 2020-2022)**
  - Complete design, construction, renovation, demolition and relocation into new facilities

## **Issues**

- The constrained footprint of the district reservation limits the lateral extent of the new building and requires a building of three to four stories and deep pile foundations of greater complexity and cost than a traditional shallow foundation.
- The Buffalo District continues to work with the New York State Historic Preservation Office to address concerns regarding the potential for buried archeological artifacts which may be impacted during construction.



Conceptual Layout of Project At Completion

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