



Fort Monroe Federal Area Development Authority ('FMFADA')

Planning a future for freedom's legacy

- ❖ A political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, charged with reuse planning and management of Fort Monroe and Old Point Comfort
- ❖ Created by Act of the Virginia General Assembly in 2007
- ❖ Led by an 18-member appointed Board of Commissioners
- ❖ Operations are funded from federal and state sources
- ❖ Less than 900 days remaining prior before Army closure on September 14, 2011
- ❖ On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, FMFADA will manage the property, which includes the 1819 fortress, over 170 historic buildings on Old Point Comfort and the:
 - Barrier spit of land with water on three sides, totaling 570 acres
 - 3.2 miles of waterfront on the Chesapeake Bay and a 332 slip marina
 - Shallow water inlet suitable for small watercraft
 - 110 acres of submerged lands and 85 acres of wetlands
 - National Historic Landmark District since 1960
 - Central stone fort: the largest ever built in the United States
 - Numerous recreational facilities: fitness center, community activity center, bowling center, tennis and basketball courts, gymnasium, theater, former officer's club, and numerous outdoor fields for organized sports
- ❖ Five key essentials for reuse:
 1. Respect the site's historic assets
 2. Open the site to the public
 3. Achieve economic sustainability
 4. Create an open space park
 5. Allow new development under strict limits
- ❖ Implemented by a small permanent staff, supplemented by professional consultants
- ❖ Compliance agency for BRAC law; activities include:
 - Overall BRAC compliance
 - Community planning
 - Environmental engineering
 - Civil engineering
 - Historic preservation planning
 - Commercial and retail economics
 - Tourism and public relations/marketing
 - Interpretive and educational programs for the public
 - Organizational governance and management
- ❖ Party to the US Army's Programmatic Agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) – to be implemented in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and designated Fort Monroe Historic Preservation Officer
- ❖ Promoting Fort Monroe and planning the responsible stewardship of the land and landmarks through a management structure unique in Virginia