



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Office of Construction & Facilities Management**  
**Washington DC 20420**

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*Sent via email*

**SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Phase 3 Gravesite Development and Cemetery Improvements Project at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Oakland County, Michigan [VA ID# EAXX-029-40-NCA-1725450941]**

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with an approximate 30-acre expansion of the Great Lakes National Cemetery (the Proposed Action) located at 4200 Belford Road, Oakland County, Michigan (Figures 1 and 2). The Proposed Action would provide approximately 36,200 gravesites, including both casket and cremation sites, in new burial sections. In addition, the Proposed Action would include development and improvements at the National Cemetery such as access roads and parking lots, columbarium structures, cold storage building, fueling station, and an irrigation pump house.

VA prepared the Draft EA according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S. Code § 4321-4370), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and VA Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26). The Draft EA examines the potential environmental effects from implementing the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative.

The purpose and need for the Proposed Action is to provide fifteen years of additional interment capacity to serve the projected burial needs of Veterans in the Great Lakes region. The Proposed Action is needed to further the National Cemetery Administration's mission in honoring Veterans and their eligible family members with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service and sacrifice to our nation.

Concurrent with this mailing, a Notice of Availability will be published in the *Tri-County Times Newspaper* to inform and solicit input from the public. The Draft EA is available on the VA website at <https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental> and a hard copy of the Draft EA is also available for public review at the Holly Township Library and at the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

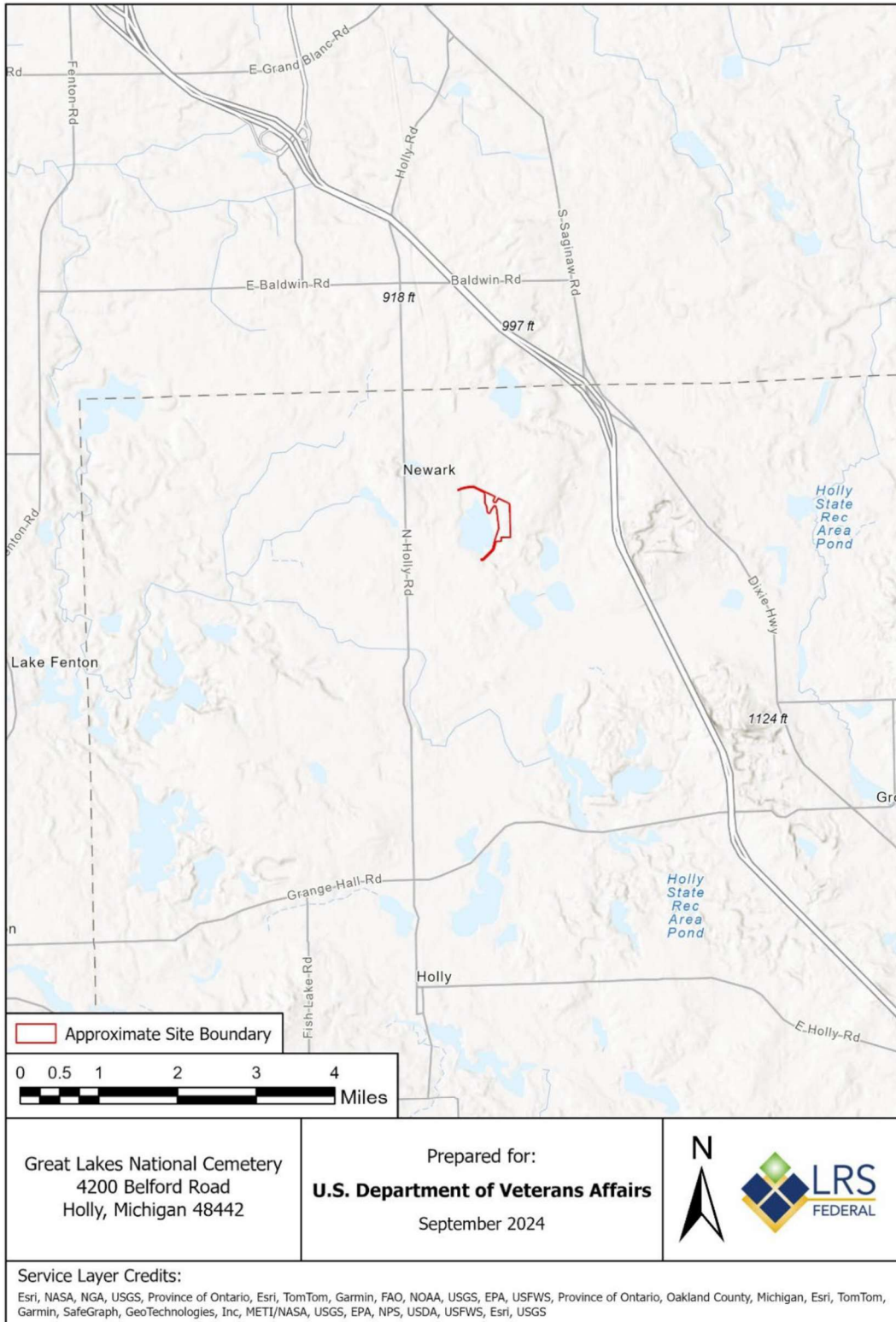
VA recognizes that you, as an identified stakeholder, may have comments on the content of the Draft EA. Please submit your comments/information via email within 30 days following receipt of this NOA to [vacoenvironment@va.gov](mailto:vacoenvironment@va.gov) with the subject line, "Great Lakes National Cemetery Draft EA."

Respectfully,

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**Figure 1. Site Vicinity Map**



**Figure 2. Project Location Aerial Map**

