

established, to 1964, when the arsenal was closed. Thomas A. Edison Park was developed in the mid-1970s and has no association with the historic district, other than being located within its boundaries; therefore, it is not considered to be historically significant. It is a modern park and does not contain any potentially significant historic buildings or structures. One element 50 years or older was identified in the proposed area of action: a series of simple, concrete culverts that date from the mid-20th century. These culverts probably date from U.S. Army occupation of the site and would have been part of the Army's general improvement of the stormwater drainage of Rantau Arsenal. The culverts are standard mid-20th century culverts and lack distinguishing characteristics, such as inscribed dates or markings of any sort. As a result, they are not considered contributing elements to the Edison Facility Historic District. Potential stormwater management concerns would be addressed through stormwater management measures. Stormwater management measures would be designed to provide erosion control, groundwater recharge, stormwater runoff quantity control, and stormwater runoff quality treatment.

Although the Project is located within the boundaries of the NRHP-eligible Edison Facility Historic District, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has confirmed that the Project only has a low potential to affect historic and archaeological remains. Consequently, SHPO does not recommend further consideration prior to permit issuance. As a result, no adverse impacts to archaeological resources are anticipated as a result of the Project.

Please provide documentation from the SHPO that that Section 106 Compliance has been completed for this project per federal requirements.

A. IMPACTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES	None/NA	Negligible	Minor	Moderate EA/EIS required	Major EA/EIS required	More Data Needed to Determine
19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure	X					

Explain: According to the Middlesex County Open Space Report, sports events and picnics generated the greatest number of visitors to County parks in 2019. Through permitting fees, events generate revenue that help maintain park facilities. The introduction of thirteen multi-sport synthetic fields, sixteen hard surface tennis courts, a championship synthetic field and track with grandstand seating, and a 500-foot diameter natural grass cricket field is expected to result in an increase in revenue generated for the County through events permitting fees to help maintain the expanded park facilities.

The Project is expected to be a local and regional sports destination and, in addition to the direct impact to the County through revenue generation, the Project has the potential to positively impact local businesses and restaurants by bringing new clientele to the area. The sports complex would accommodate parking for 1,350 vehicles, indicating a considerable volume of visitors are expected to visit the Athletic Fields and Buildings in Thomas Edison Park. Two microbreweries are located within the 500-foot study area, and over a dozen restaurants can be found within 3 miles from the Proposed Project, particularly along U.S. Route 1. An increase in visitors to Thomas A. Edison Park can be expected to positively impact these food and beverage service establishments. Therefore, it was determined that the Project would not result in adverse impacts, as beneficial impacts to the region's economy are anticipated.

Please provide information on how the athletic complex revenue will be collected and managed by the County and will comply with FLP restrictions on revenue and the use of concession agreements for use of any commercial businesses.

Please refer to restrictions in the deed regarding the " lease, assign or otherwise dispose of the premises" and the FLP revenue policy and provide information regarding the collection and use of revenues planned for this property.

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20. Minority and low-income populations	X					

Explain: An environmental justice analysis consistent with Federal guidance was conducted to determine whether disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations would result from implementation of the Project. For the purposes of this analysis, the study area is defined as those census blocks that are located within the study area used to determine impacts associated with air quality, noise, and traffic. All group blocks within the study area met the criteria designations for both the 1997 CEQ guidelines, as three census blocks contained populations in which minority populations exceed 50 percent of the population, and one census block contained over 50 percent of families who identify themselves as living below the poverty line.

Analysis of the long-term impacts associated with traffic and air quality indicate that roadway changes associated with the Project would improve traffic congestion conditions within the project area, resulting in an anticipated reduction of vehicle operational emissions and a resulting improvement in both localized and regional air quality conditions. Additionally, roadway improvements associated with the Project will take place within the Middlesex College campus and therefore away from residential properties. As a result, existing and future noise impacts are not expected to impact Project area residential communities; therefore, impacts on minority and low-income and minority populations associated with Project are not expected.

Please provide information from the analysis referenced above.