

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Draft Environmental Assessment for
New Federal Courthouse in Chattanooga, Tennessee

Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the United States General Services Administration (GSA) Southeast Sunbelt Region (Region 4) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction and operation of a new federal courthouse (Courthouse) located in Chattanooga, Tennessee and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public review.

The Draft EA evaluates a range of alternatives for this Courthouse including:

1. Taking no action.
2. Construction of the Courthouse at the Stadium Site – A portion of (specific size and location to be determined) 201, 203, 205, and 301 Power Alley.
3. Construction of the Courthouse at the 8th Street Site – The property bounded by Lindsay St on the west, E. 8th St on the north, Houston St on the east, and extending south to (and including) 814 Lindsay St.
4. Construction of the Courthouse at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Site – A portion of (specific size and location to be determined) the property bounded by W. 11th St on the north, Market St on the east, W. 12th St on the south, and Chestnut St on the west.

Under the Proposed Action, GSA would acquire one of the three sites within the City of Chattanooga and construct a new Courthouse encompassing approximately 190,478 gross square feet and accommodating 40 secured parking spaces, 7 courtrooms, and 9 chambers. The Draft EA also considers a No Action Alternative, which provides a baseline for comparison with impacts from the Proposed Action and to satisfy federal requirements for analyzing “no action” under NEPA (40 CFR 1502.14(d)). Under the No Action Alternative, GSA would not acquire new property in Chattanooga and would not construct a new Courthouse.

The Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available online through GSA’s project website: <https://www.gsa.gov/chattanoogacourthouse>. A hardcopy is available for review at the Chattanooga Public Library Downtown Branch, located at 1001 Broad Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402. Any substantive comments received will be addressed in the Final EA. Comments must be received by email at ashish.desai@gsa.gov or postmarked by December 31, 2023 and sent to the following mailing address:

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