



DOE Land Use Planning

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has initiated in Oak Ridge a land use planning process that involves extensive public participation on the future use of several thousand acres of land. This land is part of the 34,242 acres Oak Ridge Reservation and is considered by DOE to be surplus or underutilized. DOE also is reviewing current and future needs of other reservation land areas.

Public participation is needed in this process. DOE is currently seeking participation from stakeholders in these ways:

- Land Use Planning Focus Group (monthly meetings open to the public)
- Town Hall meetings and workshops (winter, spring, and summer meetings)
- Comments on draft planning documents (will be available at DOE public reading rooms at 105 Broadway Avenue and 230 Warehouse Road in Oak Ridge)
- Correspondence via telephone, letters, or email. A website is also under construction.

Possible Resolutions to the Process

The Land Use Planning Process will involve the analysis of various scenarios of how the land can be used. Site specific and reservation-wide consequences will be considered for both individual and cumulative effects. The results will be incorporated into the Oak Ridge Reservation Comprehensive Integrated Plan and will be described in the drafts that precede it.

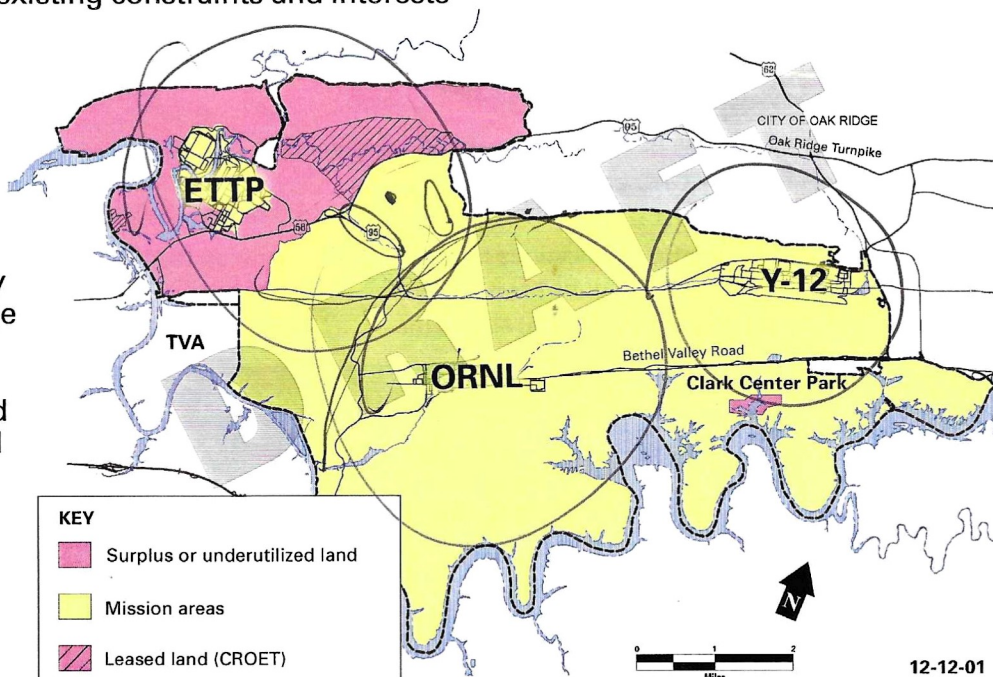
Some of the potential land use scenarios are

- No change
- Primarily a mix of environmental uses, little development
- Mix of environmentally protected areas with development
- Primarily mix of development uses, some environmentally protected areas
- Total development.

Land Use Planning Focus Group

The Land Use Planning Focus Group first met in September 2001 to discuss their interests in how DOE's surplus land should be used and to hear the constraints set by DOE's programmatic needs. The map below was provided at the meeting to illustrate the proposed land use planning area. This map will be continually refined to reflect changes in current data. Any alternative use recommendations will take into consideration such existing constraints and interests as historic and preservation considerations, wetlands and other sensitive habitats, and ongoing environmental remediation.

The focus group, currently made up of 20 members of the public, represents a broad variety of interests, including a wide range of business, conservancy, environmental, and historical preservation interests. The Land Use Focus Group was requested by DOE to provide recommendations for compatible alternative uses for parcels of land that are currently or potentially surplus to DOE's missions.



Land Use Planning Focus Group Mission is —

To provide DOE with recommendations in developing a comprehensive plan for the future use of the land resources of the Oak Ridge Reservation that are currently or potentially surplus to DOE's mission for the next 20 years. Special emphasis will be on a planning strategy for the next 5 years.

Focus Group Members

Steven Alexander – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Paul Boyer – City Manager, City of Oak Ridge

Pete Craven – Oak Ridge Businessman

Scott Davis – Executive Director, Tennessee Chapter, The Nature Conservancy

Ray N. Evans, Jr. – Oak Ridge City Council

Tony Grande/Beth Phillips – Deputy Commissioner, Tennessee Economic and Community Development

Steve Griffith – Mideast Regional Manager, Tennessee Valley Authority

Parker Hardy – President, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce

Dev Joslin – Chair, Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation

Robert Kennedy – Friends of Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

Ralph Lillard – Businessman, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce

Marty Marina – Executive Director, Tennessee Conservation League

Dave McKinney – Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

David Mosby – Oak Ridge City Council

Bill Pardue – Member, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce

Lorene Sigal – Oak Ridge Citizen

Lloyd Stokes – Oak Ridge Heritage Association

Joe Valentino – Executive Director, Oak Ridge Convention and Visitors Bureau

Marshall Whisnant – Businessman

Lawrence Young – President, Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee



Public participation is an important component in the land use planning process.

Facilitation Group Members

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Your questions and comments are important to DOE and will be considered in the decision-making process. Please contact:

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