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**From:** [DALE COTTER](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 9:49:00 AM

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I am deeply concerned about the gun ranging plan at Camp Edwards. This base created a toxic plume effecting ground water in the cape. I am not sure that has been cleaned and now a new risk for the environment. In addition cutting trees when we need them to protect the environment is outrageous. Being a resource for all of the people of this state to come to the cape for training brings more cars adding more pollution.

This is a scary proposition.

Dale Ann Cotter

Yarmouth Ma

Sent from my iPhone



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*House of Representatives*  
*State House, Boston, MA 02133-1054*

**Commenter**  
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**William L. Crocker, Jr.**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

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BARNSTABLE • YARMOUTH  
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*William.Crocker@MAHouse.gov*

Keith J. Driscoll, MAARNG  
2 Randolph Road  
Hanscom Air Force Base, MA 01731

August 27, 2020

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I write today in regard to the proposed machine gun range at Camp Edwards at Joint Base Cape Cod.

Within hours of this announcement being made public, my office received a number of phone calls and emails from concerned constituents. Several constituents cited issue with the location of the range and its proximity to the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, specifically the noise that this caliber of training exercise would bring to an area where people go to be with lost loved ones. Other constituents have expressed serious concern with the environmental impact of clearcutting 170 acres of forest.

It would be in the best interest of all involved for a public hearing take place on Cape Cod, so those who will be directly impacted have the opportunity to make their voices heard. I respectfully ask the Massachusetts Army National Guard to schedule a public hearing as soon as possible on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Crocker", written over a light blue horizontal line.

**WILL CROCKER**  
*State Representative*  
Second Barnstable District

**From:** [alycia davis](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Cc:** [clegere@capecodonline.com](mailto:clegere@capecodonline.com)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Cape Machine Gun Range  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 11:32:59 AM

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I am very concerned about the expansion for machine gun use for a number of reasons:  
>due to Cape Cod traffic and already over-whelmed bridge use, especially on weekends. I've been in long lines of previous National Guard trucks, equipment heading to weekend trainings. More congestion is not needed and especially with pending construction of new bridges that will be disrupting traffic greatly.

>we've already seen great environmental hazards through previous training situations that have affected many: people, wildlife, and water supply that still hold unknowns. I moved to Cape and drank tap water often on daily basis. Had been in great health, very active, had walked across the country, good diet, non-smoker, still was walking 5-10 miles, 3x week after move to Cape, and then kidney cancer was found, both kidneys. I had parts of both kidneys removed, then lung cancer and liver cancer found. I am now off-Cape, living near family for help, on hospice, facing death at 71. Do I owe this to the years of Otis Air Force Base/National Guard polluting the water?

>Weather is increasingly getting warmer annually. This year, 2020, we are in drought condition, far below water average received and needed. The range will increase risk of having wildfires, to an area that is dry and susceptible to wildfire. This is disaster waiting to happen.

>National Guard is used overseas, but there is no use, need of machine gun training for 'Homeland Stateside' need. Last thing needed in the homeland is military on streets with machine guns. This is death, tragedy waiting to happen, needlessly. This is not Russia or North Korea.

>Cape Cod is a limited land area, actually an island without the two bridges, with finite environmental resources. Reutilizing 5000 acres on base to accomodate needs further depletes environment. Plans to set-aside other lands for conservation that are already in natural state does not offset anything. Cutting down more trees to clear 170 acres, adding more traffic, adding more use of resources by increased personnel coming, will only bring more harm to resources, when there is no great need for this training change.

>Report says this is the 'first' planned within State, indicating others to be used. Why start on the most fragile land area in the State? Start elsewhere if you must, where harm would be far less to people and environment.

Alycia Davis

**From:** [felinefine650](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] No on machine gun range  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 9:33:19 AM

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Mr Driscoll,

I would like to express my displeasure with the idea of clear-cutting 170 acres of forest land for the machine gun range. In the article I read on WCAI, the only reason given for building the range on the Cape was because soldiers currently have to travel 270 miles to Vermont. This seems like a poor reason to me. With all the travel soldiers do all over the world, it seems that 270 miles is not far at all.

Mainly, though, we need to address deforestation. This is something people don't want done in the Amazon, so we need to address it in our own backyard. All kinds of habitat for all kinds of animals is disappearing quickly, and we should preserve what we have, especially here on the Cape where over-development is a continual problem.

Additionally, because of COVID people want to move out of urban areas to places like the Cape. This is already increasing the pressure on the natural environment here, as seen by the increase in real estate prices.

Please don't clear cut the forest to build the machine gun range.

Thank you for accepting my comments.

Sincerely,

Paula Eissmann

**From:** [Jan Hively](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Capecodwilpf@googlegroups.com](mailto:Capecodwilpf@googlegroups.com)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] WILPF Statement re: Camp Edwards Machine Gun Range  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 8:33:03 AM  
**Attachments:** [WILPF Statement Machine Gun Range.docx](#)

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Re: EnvironmentalAssessment for Construction and Operation of a Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range at Camp Edwards, Joint Base Cape Cod, Massachusetts

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Cape Cod Branch, is contributing the following comments regarding the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Machine Gun Range at Camp Edwards:

1. We urge you to schedule at least one public hearing on Cape Cod regarding the Environmental Assessment. The residents of Cape Cod are the ones who will be affected. At the very least, the group making the decisions about impact should decide to listen to the residents of Cape Cod in a public hearing. This should be an important part of the public review process.
2. Military vehicles coming to and leaving from the Machine Gun Range will be adding to the traffic on the bridges during the years while new bridges are being constructed. Additional traffic related to use of the Machine Gun Range will be added to the additional traffic generated by bridge construction over bridges which are already over-congested.
3. In the Environmental Assessment, the justification for not going to the nearest similar range in Vermont is its "distance away of 270 miles." From what point are they making the measurement? Is the Vermont location really farther away from Springfield than Cape Cod is? If so, is the difference in mileage really worth all the taxpayers' dollars that would be spent for building the new range on Cape Cod?

WILPF agrees with the concerns made by others about the impact of removing 171 acres of trees on carbon sequestration. And we hope that the Environmental Assessment (EA) took into account the impact of the full range of construction and use on the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve. And please don't discount the impacts on endangered species mentioned in the EA -- butterflies and turtles are significant!

Let's face it. The whole idea of creating a giant machine gun (and rifle) range on Cape Cod is abhorrent for those of us who are working for peace and against violence.

Please keep us informed about the proceedings of MAARNG on this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Members of the CapeCod Branch (Who met and agreed to send this document to you on August 24,2020.)

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

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(This text is also attached, for your file.)

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Jan (Janet M.) Hively, PhD

Co-Founder and U.S. Liaison

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**From:** [aphoulihan@gmail.com](mailto:aphoulihan@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 10:28:02 AM

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Mr. Driscoll: As a resident of East Sandwich I strongly object to the proposed machine gun range at Camp Edwards. As you know, the Cape's environment is fragile to say the least. On the Cape the proposed removal of one or a few trees is always a major concern to local residents and local governments. The idea of destroying over 175 acres of trees is unconscionable, given the environmental impacts over many years.

In addition, while the proposal indicates that noise levels should "not peak much above 130 decibels" (140 decibels will break eardrums, as you know), it must be noted that this is the equivalent of a military jet aircraft take-off from an aircraft carrier with afterburner at 50 ft (130 dB). Even if the majority of this sound "is contained within the base" it will definitely be heard in the surrounding neighborhoods, including mine.

Please register my strong opposition to this proposed machine gun range. Thank you.

Paul Houlihan  
East Sandwich MA 02537

**From:** [Peter](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Proposed machine gun range at Camp Edwards  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 1:24:32 PM

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Dear Keith J. Driscoll:

As a lifelong resident of Cape Cod, I strongly oppose the creation of the proposed machine gun range at Camp Edwards. Firstly, it would seem to make no sense from a logistical viewpoint to located a facility of this kind to which hundreds of National Guard troops will be attending at the furthestmost eastern end of the state. If in fact it critical that the Massachusetts Army National Guard have its own machine gun range, then surely there must be some state or federally owned land where this proposed facility could be located that is more centrally located then Camp Edwards. Furthermore and so critically, Cape Cod is an environmentally fragile island on an environmental fragile ocean coastline. The Cape environment has been under continuous assault from residential and commercial development my entire lifetime and the proposed firing range with its attendant loss of 170 acres of forest land is just totally unacceptable. Compound this with the fact that the proposed facility will result in the driving of heavy military equipment over congested highways and bridges most particularly in the warm weather months of the year. This situation which will bad for the environment, residents and visitor will be exacerbated by the fact that the bridges are often partially closed for repair and are very likely going to be replaced in the next few years creating what will be years of traffic congestion and delays. If your proposed facility is truly needed, then you truly need to find a location other than Cape Cod.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Peter W. Hutton  
Yarmouth Port, Cape Cod

Peter W. Hutton  
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508-737-5153 (cell)  
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**From:** [Haley Jenkinson](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range would be an environmental loss for Cape!  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 9:43:17 AM

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I completely agree with the “your view” article in the cape cod times, from Roseanne Shapiro.  
This is an outrage.... having just read the article of the New Zealand mosque shooter and turning the page to see this.  
Yesterday’s paper I read the proposal for this range and am so glad Rosanne spoke up.  
This is a clear No in my book.

Haley Goldman, Dennis

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michae](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Proposed machine gun range  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 11:35:11 AM

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Mr. Driscoll:

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed machine gun range at Camp Edwards. As a Forestdale resident whose property borders Weeks Pond, we are already subject, year round, to noise pollution from planes, helicopters and the EXISTING firing range on the base, as well as traffic issues to and from the base. This noise and traffic increases during the summer with the National Guard doing their 2-week sessions. This added range, with larger caliber weapons, machine guns and grenade launchers, will only increase that noise pollution. And, the added traffic to and from the base on Snake Pond Rd. would also cause additional issues, especially during the summer season. This range would not only be used by Mass National Guard for their training, but also for law enforcement training and firearm certification by numerous departments around this state and, perhaps, other states as well. Not to mention the environmental impact caused by deforestation of +/- 190 acres and committing up to 5,000 acres for buffer zones around the range. To quote Ms. Shapiro's opinion in today's Cape Cod Time,..." this proposed construction IS short-sighted and unconscionable". If a Ropes/Obstacle course IN THE WOODS at Heritage Gardens can be squashed because of traffic, noise and perceived resulting property value decreases, by the neighbors around Heritage Gardens, how on earth can a large caliber/machine gun range be acceptable? Look forward to your reply. Enjoy the weekend.

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Michael Katz  
508.208.5204 (cell)  
mnk26@comcast.net

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**From:** [Charles Annett](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Cc:** [clegere@capecodonline.com](mailto:clegere@capecodonline.com)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Proposed Machine Gun Range on Cape Cod  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 6:21:34 PM

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I am a Vietnam Combat Veteran. I do believe the Massachusetts Army National Guard needs training facilities for those combatants to be deployed in times of U. S. National Military requirements overseas and not for domestic requirements which the National Guard also may be empowered to serve. 50 caliber machine guns, grenade launchers and tracer ammunition are serious weapons versus pistols and shotguns. The more serious weapons would be included in pre-deployment training as entry into combat need not be far removed from actual combat.

This was the protocol sequence in which I was trained.

Cape Cod has provided land and beach areas for military training both in peace time and wartime for all military services for several hundred years. Annually discarded munitions and aircraft have been found in the waters and on beaches.

I believe there are current active and abandon military bases located off Cape that would have the land areas required to accommodate the specified training. In mid state and western portions of Massachusetts there are ample virgin land areas that would not impact local inhabitants where a facility as proposed on Cape Cod could be implemented. To my current knowledge there has been no indication of other potential sites investigated in the 100 page consultant study during the last 3 years.

I oppose the "Construction and Operation of a Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range at Camp Edwards, Joint Base, Cape Cod."

Charles E. Annett  
skipannett@att.net

**From:** [Kat Brennan](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine guns  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 9:21:48 AM

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Dear Keith,  
Unless you plan to reenact WW11 I can not imagine why the National Guard Troops would train with a machine gun. Unless of course you plan to go to more U. S. Cities & shoot us.  
Please do not destroy 5,396 acres of this fragile island we live on.  
Thank you  
Kat Brennan  
PS: I would rather have a bike path in my back yard instead of a trash & tank rail.

Kat Brennan  
45 oak Ave  
Cataumet, MA 02534

**From:** [Andrea Dawes](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 11:26:32 PM

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I would like to register my opposition to the machine gun range. It is impossible  
Andrea Dawes

Sent from Andrea's i-pad

**From:** [sdgannon@comcast.net](mailto:sdgannon@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 3:02:17 PM

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After reading the article in the Cape Cod Times about the machine gun range at Camp Edwards, Joint Base Cape Cod I am astounded that this has even been discussed in this area. There must be many other venues that are much better suited to this type of military training. As a native and life long resident of Cape Cod, I have seen so much development and deforestation that it is amazing that all residents have drinking water, never mind the quality of the water in the past. To even consider the cutting of 170 acres of trees is beyond the pale. There must be many other environmental issues that have not even been considered. Why has it not been proposed that this be turned into a wildlife refuge so this land could never be used for such purposes? This issue should be put to some kind of referendum vote by all residents of the Cape. At the very least some kind of hearing should be initiated so that all voices could be heard.

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**From:** [Cilla Greenman](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 3:31:11 PM

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Please save this forest and use the gun range in Vermont. It's selfish to take this away after so much of Cape Cod has been destroyed to accommodate people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cilla Greenman

**From:** [Janet Husband](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Re: Firing Range  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 10:29:48 AM

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To: Keith Driscoll, Camp Edwards,  
From: Janet Husband, Cape Cod

I am writing to protest the creation of a Massachusetts National Guard machine gun firing range at Camp Edwards. There are many other places in Massachusetts where that facility would not be within earshot of residential neighborhoods. And proposing to cut down forest for such a purpose is sinful.



Commenter

#118

**From:** [Kathy Joffe](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range on JBCC  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 1:56:33 PM

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Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I would like to express my disapproval of a machine gun range being built on JBCC. Cape Cod is a very fragile environment and more so during these times of climate change. This proposed range would require deforestation of 170.5 additional acres of forested land! Residents are further concerned about fired bullets contaminating our water sources. Lead contamination of water up there has been an ongoing issue for years.

Mr. Driscoll, please help preserve the environment of Cape Cod during these ecological tenuous times!

Thank you.  
Kathleen M. Joffe  
64 Randolph Street  
Falmouth, MA 02536

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Kristen Lans](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Opposition to proposed MULTI-PURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 5:59:45 PM

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Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I am writing to comment on and respectfully register my opposition to the proposed machine gun range at Camp Edwards on Joint Base Cape Cod. Specifically, I disagree with the finding of "no significant impact" as described in the environmental impact documents posted on the Mass National Guard's Environmental and Readiness Center.

I do not feel confident in the study's findings that these impacts will not be a nuisance that would degrade our communities' quality of life and negatively impact our tourist economy. Considering that "Peak usage would occur from May through June, during the main annual training cycle from March through November. Night training would occur approximately 1 to 2 days per week, from sundown to 2:00 AM, for a total of 37 to 74 days during the annual training cycle." (Line 39, main document) and "Potential noise impacts on the surrounding communities and property owners can vary based on weather conditions due to differences in sound propagation. Citizens within these areas may find the activity noticeable and distinct, and there is a moderate risk of the MAARNG receiving noise-related complaints." (Line 1656, main document), these findings do not sound insignificant for the surrounding communities.

I am concerned that the method of consultation with stakeholders as listed in Appendix A occurred by mail and with a 30-day comment period during a pandemic that has shut down or reduced capacity of many of the offices and groups consulted. Considering these circumstances, and actual business days for comment, I find this consultation method and period to be problematic and am concerned that this proposal did not receive the input of critical local agencies, regulatory bodies, and tribal governments.

Finally, I am concerned with the lack of detail about impacts to our sole source aquifer. I live on a property with a decommissioned well that was shut down as a result of the plume contamination from the base. With the plume contamination still very top of mind for many Cape Codders, and as yet inconclusive links to high incidences of cancer on the Cape, we can not risk any more contamination of our groundwater or ecosystem impacts. Even with various forms of green bullets, we can not know the long-term impacts of this type of sustained activity on our environment and ultimately human health. We simply can't continue this track record of impact on Cape Codders health and environment.

Thank you for your time and attention, and I hope you are remaining safe and healthy in these difficult times.

Best wishes,

Kristen Lans  
133 Atamansit Rd.  
East Falmouth, Ma  
02536

Commenter  
#120

**From:** [Vida Lashgari](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Please don't!  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 5:54:28 PM

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Do not allow the machine guns on Cape Cod. It's such a bad example for our children. I am 100% opposed!  
Vida Lashgari mi

**From:** [Phil Lund](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Firing Range  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 3:35:58 PM

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Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I find it rather ironic that a few pages apart in this week's Friday edition of the Falmouth Enterprise we read an article concerning the proposed new machine gun range on JBCC which will involve the clear cutting of over 170 acres of beneficial trees. Five pages later we read an article about trees being part of the solution to climate change. One tree can remove one half a ton of carbon per year from the atmosphere. In this case over 85 tons of carbon, that would have been removed by trees on the base, now if removed, will only add to the devastating effects of climate change.

In case you are not aware, the entire Cape is on the endangered list because of climate change. We should be eliminating dangers that contribute to climate change, not add to change by promoting moronic actions that will only create a faster demise. These actions will obviously have a detrimental effect on not only the environment, but how about the thousands of Cape Cod citizens, their families and future descendants. I have been a resident of Falmouth for over 35 years. Through the years I have watched how the irresponsible actions of military personnel at the base have ruined our drinking water as a result of caustic plumes caused by jet fuel spills. The same threat came from lead bullets....bottled water and or expensive home water filtration systems have been the norm for years in order to enjoy a basic necessity. This action to remove 170 acres of trees is not only irresponsible, but very short sighted. This firing range does not belong on Cape Cod..the Cape's environment is too fragile to accommodate something that impactful. If you must have your machine gun firing range, locate it in the desert, far from the fragile environment of Cape Cod...we can't afford any more military mistakes.

Sincerely,  
Philip Lund  
North Falmouth, Ma 02556

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mary Mann](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] MPMG range  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 5:38:59 PM

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Dear Mr.Driscoll,

I am writing in opposition to the multi-purpose machine gun range proposed for Joint Base Cape Cod.

As we are still facing clean-up of previous JBCC contamination, I am particularly concerned about our sole source aquifer. It is outrageous that the range would be positioned in the Upper Cape Water Supply Reserve. Our aquifer is already increasingly challenged by sea level rise due to climate change, not to mention more regular periods of drought.

The plan requires clearcutting almost 200 acres of forested land, habitat of many native plants and animals, including the threatened eastern box turtle. There will be no offsetting the climate effects of destroying the forest, not to mention paving and construction in the middle of the largest contiguous undeveloped area on Cape Cod, that is, a Cape Cod treasure to be protected and cherished, not ravaged.

But the biggest question is, "Why Here?".

The largest and widest air base in the US is conveniently located mid- state, and is currently being used for maintenance and storage. On Westover Air Base, extensive areas are already cleared and paved.

This is but one of 6 bases in Massachusetts. What makes JBCC the best choice, located mid-forest on a heavily populated island, on a sole source aquifer?

Please oppose this project, and let me know if any actions are planned.

Thank you for your good work,

Mary Anne Mann  
54 Peterson Rd  
Falmouth, MA

**From:** [Bill OLeary](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range  
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Removing 170 acres seems foolish especially in a residential environment . So the National Guard has to travel to Vermont to practice . Save the money ,save the trees , save the environment , save Cape Cod find a better use for the land . Bill OLeary Mashpee MA  
Sent from Mail < Caution-<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=550986> > for Windows 10

Commenter

#124

**From:** [Stephen Roehm](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] No Machine-gun Range  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 11:05:09 AM

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The military + Cape Cod do not need a machine-gun range. Saying there is no environmental impact to creating a new machine-gun range is NOT believable.  
Stop the madness !!

Sent from my iPhone  
Steve Roehm  
[sii.llc22@gmail.com](mailto:sii.llc22@gmail.com)

**From:** [rhsands@comcast.net](mailto:rhsands@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] MPMG RANGE  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 8:43:13 AM

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Commenter  
#125

Dear Mr. Driscoll

As a resident of Sandwich for 35 years, I oppose the construction of a multi-purpose machine gun range on Camp Edward, located on Joint Base Cape Cod.

That the deforestation of nearly 200 acres will have no environmental impact, as the National Guard claims, makes no logical sense. The ammunition, the additional human activity, the noise and the traffic will affect our area.

The machine gun range will be located on our sole source aquifer which provides drinking water to Cape Cod. Please remember that in the 1980's 42 places on the Base were declared Super Fund Sites of Critical Concern, and that clean-up is still on-going.

Although I can understand the need for training required by the National Guard, to put a multi-purpose gun range on such an ecological sensitive area is not a credible decision. Please rethink this project and locate it in area where it will have less environmental impact on its region and its citizens.

Renate Sands  
10 Cardinal Rd.  
Sandwich, MA 02563

PS I will be sending you a hard copy of this e-mail.



Commenter  
#126

**From:** [Susan Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun training  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 9:22:17 AM

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Dear Officer Driscoll,

I live very close to Camp Edwards. I would very much prefer that there not be a machine gun training center. The water is precious and even if the environmental impact appears small, I do not feel it is right to contribute to any further problems. I also feel that machine guns are dangerous and would prefer the training be in someone else's backyard as it were. Please feel free to have peace and diplomacy training on the Joint Base, but not something that adds more weapons. Whatever training has been there recently is enough to disrupt people with sensory problems and pets. The cancer rate near Joint Base is much higher than the rest of the area and that is a consideration to keep our aquifer cleaner.

Thank you,  
Susan Schmidt

**From:** [Patricia Short](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Training Range, Camp Edwards, Cape Cod  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 3:24:13 PM

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Commenter  
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Please do not designate and clear more acres for machine gun training at Camp Edwards. The Cape has lost too many acres of habitat for wildlife over the years. We cannot afford to lose more. Ocean waters bound this spit of sand on all sides. There is no room for wildlife to go. In an age where we are learning more about pollution (I remember the mess at Otis and the toxics in the soil and in the water), we know we are a fragile environment for humans and animals. The Cape is a Sole Source Aquifer and too many pollution issues already endanger the water table.

I lived on the north side of Dennis for most of my life and could hear the howitzers going off at the base. I am mentioning this because sound travels like crazy over water. We don't need the weaponry's brought to the Cape or more people traveling over the two Cape Cod Bridges. Have you experienced the massive traffic jams at the bridges? Replacing them will be a nightmare in traffic logistics. It can take hours just to get here!

We are a small, tight land mass with too many people (pop. 215,888 yr round and over 500,000 seasonal) and too little wildlife/fauna/bird habitat already. Designating approximately 5,400 acres to noise and danger would be a huge detriment to Cape Cod and a real danger to kids and animals who are bound to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. We need every acre of woodland preserved and peace to stay.

With all the woods in New England, there has to be a less populated, less trafficked area than Camp Edwards area for training machine gun weaponry. Personally, machine guns and any AK type weapons scare the living daylights out of me. I lived in Bourne for a few years and left due to the horrendous traffic situation. There has to be a better place. The Cape has a lot of retirees. Would you want to listen to machine guns going off in your backyard when you retire? The military base has always been famous for wildlife. Please don't kill it off.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad

**From:** [NANCY SYVERSON](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun area at Joint Base Cape Cod  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 5:19:38 PM

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Dear Mr. Driscoll,

We would like to voice our objection to removing 175 acres of trees to construct this proposed machine gun range. At a time when we are in the midst of a climate change which is increasing the worlds temperatures to such a degree that we are experiencing dramatic hurricanes, tornados and forest fires in our country and around the world, it would seem like a very wrong thing to remove all of those trees which help to sequester carbon.

Climate change and the warming that is accompanying it is very real! We need to all be doing as much as we can to slow the pace of it, we are already far behind in our efforts. Temperatures are rising, droughts are getting more common all over our country.

We would like to suggest that the National Guard Troops travel to an already built site. We understand that it would use more of their time but you can't put the carbon back once you remove the trees. Transport the troops in electric busses and you could help save our world! You can see even on Cape Cod how the temperatures are rising every year. Think of your children and grandchildren and what kind of world will you choose to leave them!

Sincerely,  
Nancy M. Syverson and  
Charles F. Syverson

**From:** [michael thomas](#)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range  
**Date:** Friday, August 28, 2020 2:53:55 PM

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Commenter  
#129

Hi,

As an abutter to JBCC, I am very concerned with the noise that this range will emit. I would like to know the location of this range & if there will be any sound barriers or other type of noise protection used for this project. Also what is the estimated decibel level when in use, & will this range be used a night?

Thank you,  
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Sent from my iPhone,

Commenter

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**From:** [byates@verizon.net](mailto:byates@verizon.net)  
**To:** [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] Opposition to Machine Gun Range at Joint Base CC  
**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020 9:13:43 AM

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I would like to register my opposition to a Machine Gun Range at Cape Edwards/Joint Base.

Here are my reasons.

Clear cutting 200 acres is dangerous in that our need for green spaces is ongoing in time of drought especially.

Our drinking water on Cape Cod does not to be endangered by a shooting range on our aquifer.

In addition, wild life is endangered by clearing and gun activity.

While these reasons are often repeated, they are very important to preserve what is Cape Cod's natural beauty and shelter.

Thank you

Margaret A. Yates