



Munitions Response Site UXO 021 is located in the western quadrant of the Main side section of MCBQ and encompasses approximately 285 acres. The area is moderately to heavily forested, rugged, and has uneven terrain. A stream is located in the northern portion of the site between the two gravel roads, and another stream is located in the southern portion of the site.

For investigation and remediation purposes UXO 021 has been divided into individual Areas as follows:

Area 1 – consists of 8.5 acres located in the northwest corner of UXO 021, in the area of Liberty Military Housing and the new Quantico Middle School-High School.

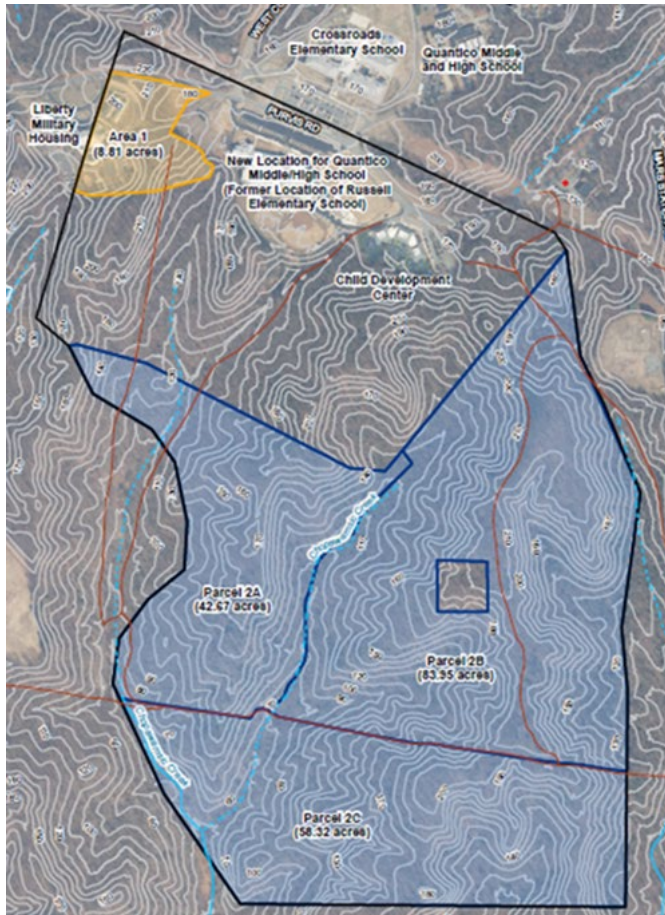
Area 2 – consists of 185 acres in the southern area of UXO 021 outside the “Suspect MEC Area” and the “75-mm Shipping Container Area.”

Fact Sheet

Marine Corps Base Quantico Munitions Response Site UXO 021- Combat Area C – Field Firing Range

What’s going on?

Department of the Navy (Navy) is addressing cleanup at Munitions Response Site UXO 021 Combat Area C - Field Firing Range (UXO 21) at Marine Corp Base Quantico (MCBQ) as part of the MCBQ Munitions Response Program (MRP). MCBQ is working with Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Washington, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to effectively clean up the area and reduce potential explosive hazard related to people encountering unexploded munitions, explosives of concern, and material potentially presenting an explosive hazard at the surface or in the subsurface at UXO 021.



The Remedial Action is in the planning stage and is scheduled to be performed in June 2026 and will continue through December 2026.

During the fieldwork portion of this Remedial Action, you will see contracted staff in the area operating various pieces of equipment. **Do not be alarmed** as this is part of the process and completely normal for this type of project. There will be times when areas shown in yellow and blue in the figure to the left **will be restricted** or **closed** for **your safety**. All closures will be communicated through the installation and will be necessary **to protect everyone** from potential explosive hazards. For **your safety**, it **will be important** for residents to **follow the directions and instructions** provided and **remain out** of these areas until further notice. Always remember the 3Rs of Explosive Safety: **Recognize, Report and Retreat**.

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Community Outreach

Community meetings will be scheduled prior to field operations and will be conducted every 3 months as activities progress to provide information and updates. After the Remedial Action is complete, the Remedial Action Completion Report will document the findings from the field effort.

Site History and Previous Investigations

UXO 021 was used for field training and as an artillery range from 1935 to 1943. The northern one third is identified as the “Suspect Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) Area” used for artillery, mortar, and grenade firing based on the 1937 aerial image that shows an area where vegetation was cleared, and ground scarring was evident. In 2009, 75 mm projectile shipping containers were observed on the ground surface in the east-central portion of UXO 021, prompting speculation that the location may have been used as a potential firing point for 75 mm artillery. This area was identified as the “75 mm Shipping Container Area.”

Since 2001, MRP Investigations into UXO 021 have found munitions throughout multiple phases, including the demolition of Russell Elementary School and the construction of Quantico Middle /High School. A Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) also assisted in removal of munitions in 2015 and 2016. With the investigations completed in 2023, a Proposed Plan was presented to the public detailing the agreed upon approach to remediating that area. A Record of Decision was acknowledged and signed by all involved stakeholders bringing forward the Remedial Action phase currently underway.



Additional Information!

The Administrative Record, Community Involvement Plan, and final technical reports regarding UXO 021 can be accessed online at the MCBQ ERP website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xSpNF>. Internet access is available to the public at the following locations:

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13065 Chinn Park Drive
Woodbridge, Virginia 22192
(703) 792-4800

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