



Dear Editor,

The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) continues to push the General Services Administration (GSA) for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC). A Full EIS is critical on a project of this scale to understand all possible impacts of the proposed center. ESLC has been involved in the FASTC process since it became public, has submitted two sets of scoping comments to the United States Department of State and the GSA and has pushed for expanding analysis and public participation since the project's introduction.

The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy holds a conservation easement on the adjacent property to the FASTC site. We are very concerned about the potential impacts to our conservation easement site and to the surrounding lands and waterways throughout the region. ESLC has preserved nearly 50,000 acres of beautiful Eastern Shore farmland and habitat using conservation easements and other means and we fully intend to defend these lands from impacts and encroachments.

ESLC will continue to engage in the FASTC process and looks forward to working with residents, the FASTC leadership, and our local, state and federal elected officials to ensure all questions are answered prior to any decisions moving forward. Please visit www.eslc.org to keep abreast of ESLC's activities on FASTC.

Morgan Ellis,
Regional Land Use Planner,
Queenstown