



Joint Land Use Study Fact Sheet

*One of the recommendations of the Maryland SJRIS was to develop a series of fact sheets that address compatibility planning factors and associated tools. The fact sheets are intended to improve outreach and awareness of military and community compatibility planning to help mitigate existing encroachment issues and prevent future incompatibility issues. This fact sheet addresses the Office of Economic Adjustment's (OEA) **Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)** that supports community / military compatible planning. The fact sheet provides an overview of what a JLUS is, why it is important, and how local / regional communities in Maryland that have not yet completed a JLUS can engage the OEA to obtain funding and support to complete a study and document the outcomes in a report. The Maryland SJRIS recommended that all active duty installations in Maryland should complete a JLUS to ensure a statewide baseline of community / military compatibility planning and assist the State in supporting strategy actions that have statewide applicability.*

What is a JLUS?

A JLUS is a planning process accomplished through the collaborative efforts of a comprehensive list of stakeholders in a defined study area. Collaboration and joint planning among military installations, local communities, and agencies should occur to protect the long-term viability of existing and future military missions. Working together also enhances the health of economies and industries of the communities before incompatibility becomes an issue. Recognizing the close relationship that should exist between installations and adjacent communities, the Department of Defense (DOD), Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) implemented the Compatible Use program to help mitigate existing and future conflicts and to enhance coordination/communication among all stakeholders. This grant program enables local jurisdictions to complete Joint Land Use Studies that aim to:

- protect property rights and control within the JLUS Study Area;
- protect current and future operational and training missions at military installations; and
- create a locally relevant document that builds consensus and obtains support from the various stakeholders involved, including local community, state, and federal officials, residents, and the military.

The primary goal of any JLUS is to protect the viability of current and future training operations at a military installation, while simultaneously guiding community growth, sustaining the environmental and economic vitality of the region, and protecting public health, safety, and welfare. To help meet this goal, there are three overarching JLUS objectives:

- **Understanding.** Convene community and military representatives to identify, confirm, and understand the compatibility issues in an open forum, taking into consideration both community and military perspectives and needs. This includes public awareness, education, and input as part of a cohesive outreach program.
- **Collaboration.** Encourage cooperative land use and resource planning by military installations and surrounding communities so that future community growth and development are compatible with the training and operational missions and military operational impacts on adjacent and nearby lands in the JLUS Study Area.
- **Actions.** Provide a set of mutually supported tools, activities, and strategies that local jurisdictions, agencies, and installations can implement to avoid or minimize compatibility issues. The actions proposed include both civic measures to reduce community impacts on military operations as well as operational measures to mitigate installation impacts on surrounding communities.

There are twelve active duty military installations in the State of Maryland of which five have completed a JLUS. The following table provides a summary of the installations and JLUS status.

Installation / Service	Location (County / City / Jurisdiction)	Primary Mission	JLUS Complete
Aberdeen Proving Ground / USA	Harford County	Army Test & Evaluation (T&E)	Yes
Blossom Point Research Facility / USA	Charles County	Ordnance & Electronic Research	Yes
Fort Detrick / USA	City of Frederick	Biomedical Research & Development (R&D)	No
Fort George G Meade / USA	Anne Arundel County	Information, Intelligence & Cyber Ops	No
Joint Base Andrews / USAF	Prince Georges County	Worldwide Airlift	Yes
Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River / USN	St. Mary's County	Aircraft Research Development, Test & Evaluation (RDT&E)	Yes
Naval Research Lab (NRL) Chesapeake Bay / USN	Calvert County	Electronics / Materials R&D	No
Walter Reed / National Naval Medical Center / USN	City of Bethesda	Medical Support	No
Naval Support Activity (NSA) Annapolis / USN	Anne Arundel County	Base Operating Support	No
Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Carderock / USN	City of Bethesda	Naval Weapons RDT&E	No
Naval Support Center (NSF) Indian Head / USN	Charles County	Naval Weapons RDT&E	Yes
US Naval Academy / USN	City of Annapolis	US Naval Academy	No

OEA's Compatible Use Programs

The state, regional and local governments can support effective collaboration, early engagement, and dialogue between DOD and energy developers to ensure proposed energy projects may proceed without compromising the DOD missions. OEA's Compatible Use and Joint Land Use Studies Program provides technical and financial assistance to state and local governments to plan and carry out community adjustments required to mitigate or prevent incompatible civilian development and activities that are likely to impair the continued operational utility of a DOD installation. The objectives of OEA's Compatible Use and Joint Land Use Studies Program are to assist states and local governments to plan and carry out community adjustments to promote compatible civilian development and activities in support of continued operational utility of the installation; and preserve and protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.