

What is Maryland's Statewide Compatible Use Project?

Phase 1 concluded in 2019 with the publication of the [Maryland Statewide Joint Land Use Study Response Implementation Strategy \(SJRIS\)](#), a strategic approach to address compatibility issues at the state level. The SJRIS identified opportunities for the state to take actions and assist local governments with **compatibility planning to support continued military operations**.

Phase 2 consists of a Renewable Energy Siting Compatibility Project, led by the Department of Commerce, and the development of a **compatible use website and handbook**, led by the Department of Planning. Both projects are being supported by grant funding from the [Office of Local Defense Community Coordination](#).

The compatible use website and handbook will include:

- **Technical assistance resources** for state and local planners, military representatives, and community organizations.
- **Guidance** for increased communication and coordination.
- **Best practices** and information to help develop [compatible use studies](#).

What are you asking me to do?

We ask that you (or your representative) attend **three (3) virtual listening and feedback sessions at key checkpoints in the website development process** in the **fall, winter, and spring**.

We anticipate each session to be **no more than 90 minutes**. The **second and third sessions will be shorter, targeted check-ins**.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating, and we will follow up with next steps.

To learn more, please visit the [Maryland Military & Civilian Compatible Use Project Website](#).



How will I benefit from this project?

Communication and collaboration are essential to the success of this effort. The project team's goal is to construct a path toward **mutually beneficial** and compatible community development through input from stakeholders across the state of Maryland, including **military, industry, and local community representatives**.

Military installations benefit when neighboring communities promote **compatible development** near critical mission support areas, and those same communities prosper when the installation considers the impact of military operations on the surrounding area.

Communities and industries also benefit from the **economic contributions** of military installations and expanded access to Department of Defense funding if interests are pursued in collaboration.

The compatible use website and handbook will illustrate positive impacts of compatible use, compiling a variety of **tools, maps, and other resources** to guide decision making for both civilian and military stakeholders.

Please **share any resources** that you believe are beneficial to this effort so the project team can include them.

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