JOINING FORCES
ALIGNING COMMUNITY & MILITARY MISSIONS

RTAHP and Communities
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Joining Forces is a collaborative effort among local governments, military installations, citizens and other stakeholders.

It identifies encroachment issues affecting both surrounding communities and current and future military missions; and

Recommends strategies to promote compatibility through communication, education and the local planning process.
STUDY PURPOSE

- *Joining Forces* is an advisory document and a framework to support local actions and regional partnerships
- It is not a “no growth” plan but an opportunity to encourage compatible development patterns
Joining Forces has been part of a year-long effort that has included:

- Policy Committee meetings
- Stakeholder interviews
- Public meetings (July/August of 2016)
- Web site
- Technical analysis of existing conditions and issues
- Development of draft recommendations
STUDY AREA

- Major Installations
  - Redmond Taylor Army Heliport
  - Fort Wolters Training Center
  - Camp Maxey Training Center
  - Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base

- Ancillary Sites
  - Eagle Mountain Lake Facility
  - Colonel Stone Army Reserve Center
  - Military Operating Areas (training airspace)
Representatives from:

- City of Grand Prairie
- City of Dallas
- Redmond Taylor Army Heliport
- Texas Military Department – TX Army National Guard
The purpose of the JLUS is to reduce or prevent encroachment.

Encroachment arises when conditions:

- Limit the ability of the military to perform its mission safely and effectively
- Create potential safety issues or affect quality of life in the surrounding community
The JLUS analyzed compatibility in the following areas:

- Air Quality
- Aviation and Airspace Safety
- Communication and Coordination
- Economic Development
- Energy Infrastructure
- Environmental/Cultural Resources
- Land Use
- Local Government Plans
- Military Plans/Operations
- Noise Management/Avoidance
- Outdoor Lighting/Signs
- Physical Security
- Statewide Policy/Legislative Actions
- Stormwater Management
- Transportation
- Water
- Wildfire
- *Joining Forces* identifies 152 compatibility strategies for the North Texas region and each set of installations and adjacent communities.

- Strategies are part of a menu that partners - including military installations and local governments - can adopt to reflect their resources, needs, and interests.
COMPATIBILITY ACTIONS

- High priority and short-term actions at RTAHP:
  - Identify specific off-installation areas as “no fly zones” for drones
  - Continue briefings with regional partners to build support and strengthen engagement in ongoing Joining Forces compatibility implementation activities
  - RTAHP to enhance its participation in established channels of communication for major community actions, such as proposed zoning changes, that have potential compatibility impacts
  - Support implementation of new state property disclosure law by making compatibility-related studies available to the public
  - Develop outreach materials to include information on mission, general operational impacts, economic impact, and clear points of contact at RTAHP
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- High priority and short-term actions at RTAHP:
  - RTAHP to continue communications through contact established in its lease agreement
  - Coordinate on the siting of energy infrastructure to reduce safety threats to aviation activity
  - Use aircraft noise attenuation requirements in the existing building code to promote compatible development within noise contours established for Hensley Field
  - Consider sound attenuation building standards and/or energy efficiency practices to achieve indoor noise reduction in the construction of noise sensitive uses
  - Initiate outreach to neighborhoods experiencing noise impacts from RTAHP operations
NEXT STEPS

- Look for the full *Joining Forces* document and technical resources at:
  
  www.JoiningForcesNTX.org

- Briefings for local governments

- Seek grant funding to assist with implementation