JOINING FORCES
ALIGNING COMMUNITY & MILITARY MISSIONS

NAS Fort Worth JRB and Communities
Westworth Village
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STUDY PURPOSE

- *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.
**STUDY PROCESS**

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

- Ancillary Sites
  - Eagle Mountain Lake Facility
  - Colonel Stone Army Reserve Center
  - Military Operating Areas (training airspace)
STUDY AREA

[Map showing various locations and counties in a region.]
STUDY AREA
Representatives from:

- Benbrook
- Fort Worth
- Lake Worth
- River Oaks
- Sansom Park
- Westworth Village
- White Settlement
- Tarrant County
- NAS Fort Worth JRB
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
An analysis was completed identifying compatibility progress made since the 2008 JLUS for NAS Fort Worth JRB:

- Much of the development predates 1970s military guidance on compatible growth in noise and safety areas
- Cities of Fort Worth and Benbrook created overlay zoning
- City of Fort Worth Building Code requires sound attenuation
- Percentage of residential land area decreases as sound and safety risk levels increase
- New development and redevelopment show a mix of increasing and decreasing compatibility in noise contours
- Safety zones showed a greater shift towards compatible land uses
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 NAS Fort Worth JRB:
  - Identify specific off-installation areas as “no fly zones” for drones
  - Identify improvements to the RCC Development Review Web Tool
  - Support implementation of new state property disclosure law by making compatibility-related studies available to the public
  - Prepare and distribute a “welcome packet” with information on base background, mission, and operations for incoming residents
  - Coordinate on the siting of energy infrastructure to reduce safety threats to aviation activity and radar
  - Explore conservation partnerships in areas around the main base or/and near off-base training areas
COMPATIBILITY ACTIONS

- High priority and short-term actions at NAS Fort Worth JRB:
  - Explore adoption of a land use/development zoning overlay in additional communities to promote compatibility
  - Adopt sound attenuation building standards and/or energy efficiency practices to reduce indoor noise
  - Promote integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM™) strategies and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques to reduce flooding risks across the watershed
  - Increase capacity and function of existing stormwater infrastructure
  - Continue implementing priority transportation and mobility projects to enhance access around base and surrounding communities
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