

PORTSMOUTH AND CHESAPEAKE JOINT LAND USE STUDY FACT SHEET #1



Who is part of the JLUS?

The Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is a cooperative process among the Cities of Portsmouth and Chesapeake, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and several Navy installations in South Hampton Roads: Naval Support Activity (NSA) Hampton Roads – Portsmouth Annex; Navy Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk (FLCN), Craney Island Fuel Depot; Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) and NNSY associated properties including St. Julien’s Creek Annex, South Gate Annex, Scott Center Annex, the Village at New Gosport, and Stanley Court. The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is the primary project sponsor.

The JLUS is funded by a grant from the Department of Defense (DOD), Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) and from local match contributions of participating jurisdictions. OEA provides grant assistance to state and local governments to mitigate or prevent incompatible activities that are likely to impair the long-term sustainability and operational utility of the military installation complex.

What is a Joint Land Use Study?

The JLUS seeks to create a long-term planning partnership that protects the quality of life in the local communities and enhances the military missions associated with each installation. Navy facilities in Portsmouth and Chesapeake can face several impacts from the surrounding communities including transportation impacts (such as congestion, existing and planned capital improvements, facility access, gate security, parking, and rail operations), stormwater management, waterway management, land use conflicts, and residential, commercial, and industrial encroachment impacts. Nuisance and storm surge flooding can have major impacts on Navy operations by obstructing access and damaging local infrastructure on which military facilities rely. This JLUS will help identify specific conditions and develop mutually beneficial recommendations to address these issues.

Why is the JLUS important?

A major goal of the JLUS is to protect our investment in national defense, as well as the positive economic impacts created by the DOD, and the Navy specifically, to the region

and the localities. The Navy’s direct economic impact on the Hampton Roads area in 2017 was approximately \$13.4 billion¹ and the DOD is the largest employer in the City of Portsmouth.²

What is the outcome of the JLUS?

The goal of JLUS is to identify and implement measures that prevent the introduction of incompatible civilian development, or other related impacts, that may limit the ability of the Navy to conduct operations. The plan focuses mostly on preventing future land use conflicts, but also encourages investment in the community, especially in areas that will not interfere with military activities. The JLUS is an advisory document.

How can I participate or obtain more information?

The JLUS process was initiated in May 2019 and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2021. Please visit the project website for information about the process, schedule, and methods for input. The planning process includes three series of public meetings with the first meeting series scheduled as follows:

November 13, 2019 // 6-8 PM // LOCATION TBD
November 14, 2019 // 10 AM-12 PM // LOCATION TBD
November 14, 2019 // 6-8 PM // LOCATION TBD

<https://www.hrpdcva.gov/departments/joint-land-use-studies/portsmouth-chesapeake-joint-land-use-study/>

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¹ Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Hampton Roads Area FY 2017 Economic Impact Report https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/news/economic_impact.html

² Virginia Employment Commission, Virginia Community Profile, Portsmouth City, November 4, 2017

<https://www.portsmouthva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3556/Virginia-Community-Profile?bidId=>