

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 Hampton Roads – Portsmouth Annex; Naval Station Norfolk – Navy Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk, Craney Island Fuel Depot; Norfolk Naval Shipyard and Norfolk Naval Shipyard associated properties including St. Juliens 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.

Why is the JLUS important?

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.

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

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=>

What is the purpose of the JLUS?

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.

How can I obtain more information?

The JLUS process was initiated in May 2019 and is expected to be completed by the spring of 2021. The planning process includes three series of public meetings with the first meeting series scheduled as follows:

Nov. 13, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 PM	Nov. 14, 2019 1:30 - 3:30 PM	Nov. 14, 2019 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Bide-A-Wee Golf Course Pavilion	Churchland Library	Major Hillard Library
1 Bide-A-Wee Drive Portsmouth, VA	4934 High St. West Portsmouth, VA	824 Old George Washington Hwy N. Chesapeake, VA

Visit the project website below for more information about the process, schedule, and methods for input or contact **Mr. Ben McFarlane**, Senior Regional Planner, at the HRPDC.

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What is the focus of the JLUS?

The JLUS will explore a range of topics listed below as part of the planning process. It will help define problems and concerns and develop mutually beneficial recommendations to address these issues.



Transportation & Access

Several roadways provide critical access to the installations. Congestion and flooding can affect the ability of military personnel to get to work or get home.



Stormwater Management

Both the cities and Navy maintain stormwater management systems that connect in some areas. Undersized and/or inadequately maintained stormwater infrastructure can cause or exacerbate flooding issues on roadways and adjacent properties.



Transit

Alternative transit options are limited near the installations and are not currently a preferred option for getting to work.



Flooding & Sea Level Rise

Impacts from tidal flooding, increased rainfall amounts, and long-term sea level rise could affect access to military installations and other important community facilities that Navy personnel rely upon.



Parking

Parking in and around the Norfolk Naval Shipyard overflows into the community and is an enforcement challenge for the City of Portsmouth.



Land Use & Development

Land use and development activities (noise, dust, radio interference, etc.) in the community can sometimes affect operations on base. Likewise, military operations can create impacts on the surrounding community.



Waterway Management

The Elizabeth River channel supports many activities that require coordination to deconflict traffic and minimize impacts on Navy operations.



Coordination & Communication

The cities and Navy have some formal coordination mechanisms already in place. The partners will explore options to enhance coordination and communication between the Navy and the surrounding communities.