



# Norfolk and Virginia Beach 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 Norfolk and Virginia Beach, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the following four (4) Navy installations: Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story; Naval Air Station Oceana (including Dam Neck Annex and excluding Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress); Naval Station Norfolk, and Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads. The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is serving as 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 and the HRPDC. 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 local communities and enhances the military missions associated with the four military installations. The JLUS will look at various compatibility factors associated with interagency coordination and communication, land use, water quality and quantity, land, air, and sea space and capacity, transportation capacity, community infrastructure, recurrent flooding, coastal storms, and other factors that have the potential to create vulnerabilities to military readiness. Overall, the JLUS seeks to strengthen the relationships among civilian and military interests.

## Why is the JLUS important?

A major goal of the JLUS is to protect our investment in national defense, as well as to expand the jobs and positive economic impacts created by the DOD and the Navy specifically. The DOD is the largest component of the Hampton Roads economy. The Navy's direct economic impact on the Hampton Roads area in 2015 was approximately \$10.57 billion.<sup>1</sup>

## What is the outcome of the JLUS?

The JLUS is an advisory document. The goal of the 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.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE JLUS

- Sustain the military mission
- Economic viability
- Collaboration

## How can I participate or obtain information?

The JLUS process was initiated in February 2017 and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2018. Please visit the project website at [www.hamptonroadsjlus.com](http://www.hamptonroadsjlus.com) for updated information about the process, schedule, and methods for input. The planning process will include Technical and Policy Committee meetings along with three public meetings. *The first public meeting is being scheduled for September 2017.*

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<sup>1</sup> Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Hampton Roads Area FY 2015 Economic Impact Report