

2.1 Planning Area

The Flint Hill JLUS focuses primarily on Fort Riley, a 100,656-acre installation, and the cities and counties of the Flint Hills region. The post is surrounded by the city of Manhattan and the city of Ogden to the east; unincorporated Riley County and the city of Riley to the north; the city of Milford, Milford Lake, the city of Wakefield, and unincorporated Geary County to the west; and to the south the city of Junction City and the city of Grandview Plaza (see Figure 2 – Regional Context).

The JLUS boundary includes a broad area around the post to ensure that the study team collected sufficient data for the analysis of compatibility issues on all lands that could either affect or be affected by installation activities. The JLUS also examined air safety and access issues related to two civilian airports operating within the region:

- Freeman Field in Junction City, south of the post; and
- Manhattan Regional Airport, three miles west of Manhattan on Highway K-18.

2.2 Participating Stakeholders

One of the most critical goals of the JLUS process is to create a community-based plan that builds consensus from varied interests, including residents and property owners, local elected officials, business interests, and military representatives. The following organizational committees participated throughout plan development to ensure that the JLUS document incorporated a cross-section of opinions and reflected feasible, practical solutions.

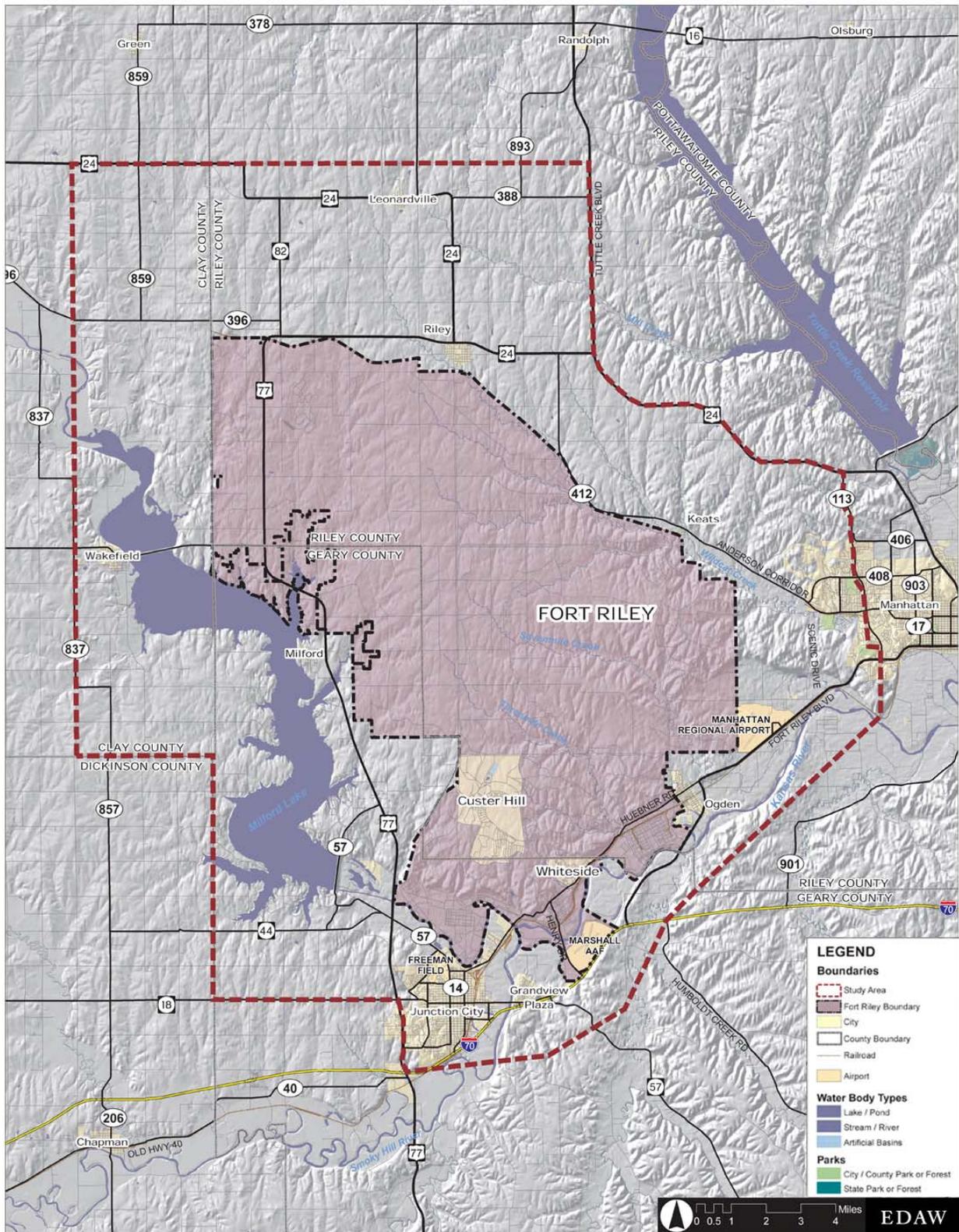
The Policy Committee

This committee consisted of local elected officials from participating cities and counties, military leaders, and an at-large resident representative. The committee gave overall direction to the process and assumed responsibility for receiving the report.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee consisted of community residents and local property owners, who assisted with developing public outreach strategies and worked in tandem with Technical Committee members to evaluate possible compatibility options.

Figure 2 Regional Context



Technical Committee

The Technical Committee consisted of city and county staff, as well as military planners and information specialists. This committee reviewed technical issues, gave feedback on report development, and evaluated implementation options for the Policy Committee.

Table 1 outlines the general roles and responsibilities of the committees throughout the planning process, as recommended by the DoD Program Guidance Manual.

Table 1. Flint Hills JLUS Committee Structure

Committee	Members	Responsibilities
Policy Committee	City Officials County Officials Post Leadership	Policy Direction Study Oversight Budget Approval Monitoring Receive Report
Steering Committee	Local Residents Property Owners	Public Involvement Tool Evaluation Report Development
Technical Committee	Post Planners City Staff County Staff	Technical Issues Tool Evaluation Report Development

Table 2 shows the dates on which the Policy, Steering, and Technical Committee members met during the JLUS planning study.

Table 2. JLUS Committee Meeting Dates

Policy Committee	Steering Committee	Technical Committee
June 9	June 9	June 9
August 25	July 21	July 21
September 29	August 25	August 25
October 27	September 29	September 29
November 18	October 27	October 27
January 27	November 17	November 17
March 1	January 27	

2.3 Public Participation Opportunities

In addition to the Policy, Steering and Technical Committee meetings, the JLUS process conducted a series of public involvement events in jurisdictions around the post. These meetings gave residents an opportunity to understand the existing issues, review draft tools, and provide input on implementation strategies.

Public workshops were held on:

June 8, 2004 – city of Riley - An overview of the JLUS purpose and goals and a brief summary of existing conditions.

June 9 – city of Ogden - An overview of the JLUS purpose and goals and a brief summary of existing conditions.

August 25 – city of Wakefield – An overview of current compatibility issues.

August 26 – city of Manhattan – An overview of current compatibility issues.

September 29 – Junction City – An overview of community growth trends, foreseeable military operations, and future compatibility issues.

September 30 – city of Ogden – An overview of community growth trends, foreseeable military operations, and future compatibility issues.

December 8 – city of Riley – Open House to review maps and draft compatibility tools.

December 9 – city of Manhattan – Open House to review maps and draft compatibility tools.

January 27, 2005 – city of Junction City – Presentation of draft findings and public comment.

March 1, 2005 – city of Junction City – delivery of the Pre-Final Draft Report.

2005 – Policy Committee accepts report.

In addition to public forums, the JLUS team met with residents and property owners from the Keats community on July 22, and conducted stakeholder interviews with garrison staff, planning staff, and local business and development interests. The team also established a project web site (www.flinthillsjlus.com) which featured draft materials and maps for public review, links to participating entities, technical background on the issues being studied, and an electronic comment form.

