



# State Initiatives in Support of Compatible Use

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# Overview

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- State Encroachment Initiatives
  - Kansas Land Trust
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  - State Legislation
- Lessons Learned



# Governance - JLUS

- Conducted in 2003 (Before BRAC)
- Regional Approach
  - Local Elected Leaders and the Fort on “Steering Committee”
  - No State Involvement
  - Began to Understand That Compatible Use Issues are Part of a Bigger Picture
- Implementation Challenges
  - Left to Each Participating Unit of Government
  - No True Enforcement Mechanism

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# Governance – Accommodation Task Force

- State/Community Driven
- Chaired by Governor’s Military Council (GMC) Chair – Lt. Governor
- Participants – Local GMC Members, CASA, Delegation Staffers, State Agencies and Secretaries, Local & Regional Elected Officials & Administrators, Ft. Riley Command Group, Other
- Results
  - Key Community/Regional Growth Challenges Addressed
    - No Regional Growth Management Plan in Place
    - Issues Inside the Fence Line Not Addressed
  - Each Action Item had a “Tail Number” Assigned
  - Increased Understanding That Compatible Land Use Issues are Part of a Larger Picture

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# Governance – Community Partnership Conferences

- Fort Riley Driven
  - Family & Community Covenants a Factor in the Transition from the Accommodation Task Force
  - Meet Every Other Month
- Chaired by Commanding General
- Similar Attendees as Accommodation Task Force
  - Greatly Enhanced Fort Participation
  - Reduced State Agency Participation
  - Region Expanded Due to Housing of Soldiers
  - Army/National/State Experts Attend Depending on the Issue(s) Discussed
- Results
  - Key Fort Growth Related Concerns Addressed
    - Regional Growth Management Plan in Place
  - Action Plans Driven by Installation Staff
  - Has become a Forum to Identify Regional Community Development & Economic Development Growth Challenges, to Include Compatible Use Issues

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# Governance – Flint Hills Regional Council

- 14 Communities, 5 Counties (and Growing)
- Initial Funding – OEA Grant Due to BRAC Growth + Member Fees
- Hosted on Fort Riley
- Governor’s Military Council, Kansas State University and Fort Riley are Ex Officio, Non-Voting Members of the Board of Directors
- Future of Regional Council Discussions
  - Regional Council is the Most Likely Implementation Organization/Steering Committee for “JLUS Round 2”
  - Land Use Modeling for the Fort and Surrounding Region Underway by the Regional Council
  - May Become Coordinating Body for Community Partnership Conferences
  - Being Looked to as “The Place” to Discuss Regional Issues in Depth
    - Land Use
    - Transportation
    - Housing
    - Etc.

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# State Encroachment Initiatives

- Kansas Land Trust/Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB)
  - Partner with Fort Riley to offer land owners conservation easements purchase opportunities
  - 11 Completed ACUB Agreements Covering 10,085 Acres (Out of 50,000 acres)
  - Major Challenges:
    - Marketing – Understanding of Program by Many Small Land Owners
    - Time it Takes to Negotiate the “Deal”
- Kansas Army Ammunition Plant “Land Exchange”
  - BRAC 2005 Closure
  - Proceeds of Sale to Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for Conservation Easements Around Fort Riley
- State Legislation

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# State Legislation

- Concerns Land Use Surrounding Military Installations
- Promotes Communication, Cooperation, Collaboration Among Municipalities, Counties and Military Installations
- “Declares” Areas of the State that are Wholly or in Part Within Jointly Developed Community-Military JLUS Areas, an ACUB, an AICUZ Study Area, an ENMP Noise Zone as a State Area of Interest Vital to National Security and the Economic Well-Being of the State
- Bottom Line: Requires Everyone to Play Well Together in the Sand Box [And It Works!]

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# Lessons Learned

## (A Blinding Flash of the Obvious)

- No One Solution to Compatible Use Challenges
- Flexibility in Approach and Governance is Key
  - Compatible Use is Part of an Overall Approach, Not Mutually Exclusive of Other Community Development or Economic Development Efforts
- Senior Leadership Participation Essential – State, Region, Community, Installation
- Communication Mandatory for Success – “Can’t Fix an Unknown Problem”



# Questions?