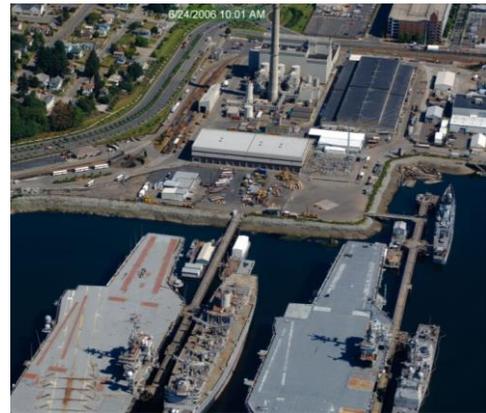
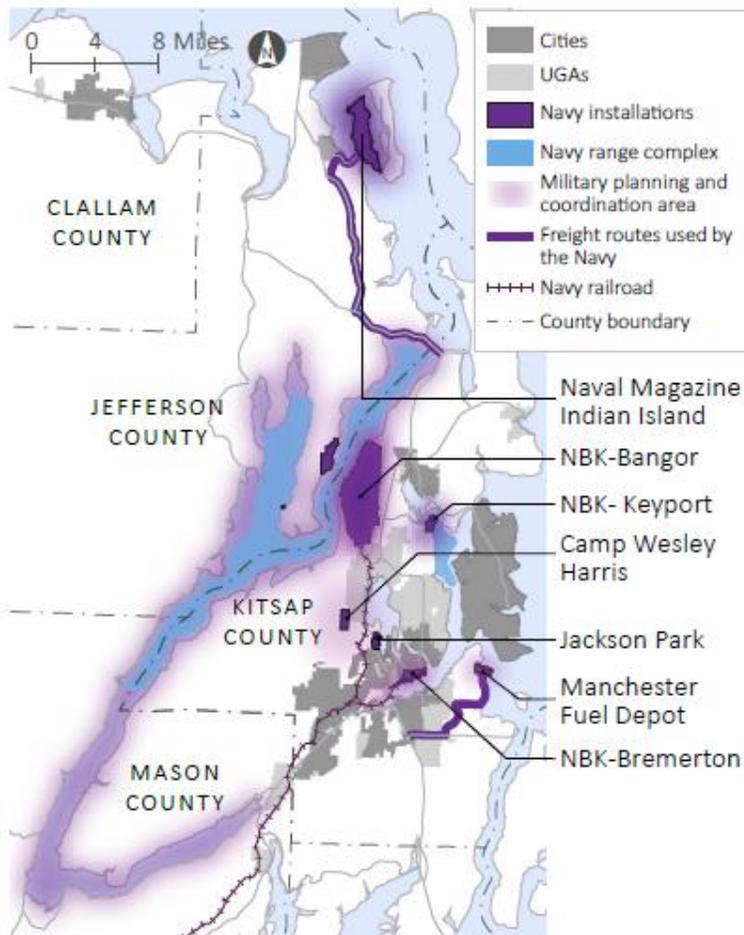


Naval Base Kitsap and Naval Magazine Indian Island 2015 Joint Land Use Study Project Overview

Military Mission

Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) and Naval Magazine Indian Island (NAVMAGII) are perhaps the most complex bases in the U.S. inventory, serving a variety of strategically important missions and commands with a combination of infrastructure, ranges, and services not found anywhere else. Naval Base Kitsap is situated approximately 20 miles west of Seattle, and is comprised of multiple facilities and locations, including NBK-Bangor, NBK-Bremerton, NBK-Keyport, the Dabob Bay Range Complex, Jackson Park, Manchester Fuel Depot, and the Navy Railroad. Naval Base Kitsap is located predominantly within Kitsap County with Military Operating Areas in Puget Sound, as well as in Kitsap, Jefferson, and Mason Counties. Naval Magazine Indian Island, located on a 2,700-acre island within Jefferson County, is a strategic loading point for ships in the Pacific Fleet preparing for or returning from deployment. The bases are also tremendously important to the regional economy. Naval Base Kitsap has an annual payroll of approximately \$2.3 billion. Protecting the integrity of these bases is critical to national security and the region's economy.

Military Planning and Coordination Area



Joint Land Use Study Community Organization and Community Input

Kitsap County was the project sponsor for this Joint Land Use Study. The County established and coordinated Policy and Technical Committees. The Policy Committee was responsible for the overall direction of the JLUS, including policy recommendations and approval of the deliverables. The Technical Committee served as the advisory body to the Policy Committee, and assisted in identifying and reviewing land use data and other throughout the study process. These committees comprised of Navy representatives, local jurisdictions (nine in total, three participating on a regular basis), Tribal governments (five in total, two participating on a regular basis), and other applicable public agencies, including Washington Department of Natural Resources.

The JLUS process began with an in-depth examination of existing background documentation, studies, regulations, and land use plans. This was followed up by interviewing key community stakeholders. The process was also informed by three rounds of public workshops at major project milestones and several meetings with policy and technical committees. The first series of workshops and a survey focused on identifying existing or potential military-civilian land use compatibility issues, while getting a sense of Navy-community relations. The team then conducted a compatibility analysis, which categorized the identified issues into the following:

1. Communication and Coordination
2. Adjacent Land Uses and Infrastructure
3. On-water and Shoreline Activities
4. Transportation
5. Natural and Cultural Resources

In consultation with the Policy and Technical Committees, the team then made a series of initial recommendations to mitigate these sources of potential incompatibilities. After Committee and public feedback, the final JLUS report includes thirty-five (35) strategies and recommendations to be implemented within the following six (6) distinct procedural contexts:

- A. Community Outreach by the Navy
- B. Conservation Programs for Protecting Land Use Compatibility
- C. Strategic Coordination Among Stakeholders
- D. Regional Land Use Planning
- E. Local Government Comprehensive Planning
- F. Land Use & Development

All thirty-five strategies are described in detail in Chapter 5 of the JLUS, which also includes an Implementation Matrix with estimated timeframes, estimated costs, potential funding sources, and primary parties responsible for each strategy. Based on these criteria, the Policy Committee categorized nineteen (19) of its recommendations as “High Priority,” as follows:

Community Outreach by the Navy

- Enhance community update efforts to elected officials & other stakeholders and ensure widespread distribution of the annual “State of the Station” address to the community.
- Increase community awareness of the nature and importance of the Navy’s mission in the region and globally.

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Conservation Programs for Protecting Land Use Compatibility

- Coordinate local and statewide efforts related to climate change and sea level rise initiatives and to share data as it becomes available.
- Continue to pursue lease and purchase of development rights, particularly in areas offering mutual benefit to both the Navy mission and other conservation and environmental efforts.
- Continue to pursue land conservation through the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program, including shared mapping of prioritized lands.

Strategic Coordination Among Stakeholders

- As discussed below, create a Military Planning and Coordination Committee to handle military planning matters within designated Military Planning Coordination Areas and to hold Community Workshops at least once every five years.
- Develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate ongoing coordination efforts between the Navy, the local jurisdictions, tribes, and other key stakeholders, which would be overseen by the Military Planning and Coordination Committee.
- Coordinate with the Navy at the concept and inception stages for any infrastructure that may induce incompatible growth in the vicinity of naval operations and/or Navy properties.
- Develop MOUs to formalize coordination efforts between the tribes, local governments, SHPO, and DAHP with respect to treaty-protected natural resources.

Regional Land Use Planning

- Indicate military freight routes in regional transportation plans and conduct a design study for a potential new freight route to be used for the Manchester Fuel Depot.
- Coordinate military planning efforts with the State of Washington Military Alliance.

Local Government Comprehensive Planning

- Update local government comprehensive plans to reflect Joint Land Use Study efforts and recommendations.
- Prepare a transportation and parking plan for the areas of Bremerton and other surrounding jurisdictions impacted by traffic associated with Naval Base Kitsap.
- Consider comprehensive plan policies to address recreational boating impacts on Navy training operations and to provide improved boating opportunities outside of military operational areas.

Land Use & Development

- Evaluate opportunities to ensure compliance with statutory notice requirements related to comprehensive plan and land development regulation amendments near Naval installations.
- Consider whether to extend notice to the Navy for development permits and rezonings, beyond statutory requirements.
- Collaborate to identify potential projects of concern for military operations, to streamline the review process for these projects, and to ensure efficiency in the review process.
- Consider military freight route overlays in local land development regulations.
- Consider whether to incorporate coordination and land use overlay zones into local government land development regulations.

The remaining sixteen (16) recommendations will be pursued as well during the JLUS Implementation phase as funding and resources are available.

Joint Land Use Study Implementation and Adoption

The JLUS recommends that the community convene a “Joint Land Use Study Implementation

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Committee” to develop the implementation tools recommended in the study. The JLUS Implementation Committee would oversee the development of prioritized tools and would work with local and tribal officials, affected stakeholders, and members of the public to ensure that these tools reflect local needs and circumstances. The study anticipates that the JLUS Implementation Committee would develop a “Memorandum of Understanding” to provide the ongoing framework for coordination between the Navy and the community on land use matters.

Therefore, following the JLUS Implementation phase, the study recommends that a standing “Military Planning and Coordination Committee” be appointed by local jurisdictions and tribal officials to coordinate land use issues related to military compatibility and adoption of the tools developed by the JLUS Implementation Committee.

Community Website/Links

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