



Overview of Little Rock Air Force Base *Compatible Use Study*

What is the Little Rock Air Force Base Compatible Use Study?

The Little Rock Air Force Base (AFB) Compatible Use Study (CUS) is a land use planning effort between Little Rock AFB, including Blackjack Drop Zone and All-American Landing Zone at Camp Robinson; Lonoke, Pulaski, and White Counties; the cities of Cabot, Jacksonville, Lonoke, Maumelle, North Little Rock, and Sherwood; and other local stakeholders. The study is administered by the Jacksonville Economic Development and Cultural Alliance and is co-funded through a grant from the Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment. The Little Rock AFB CUS can benefit both the Air Force and the surrounding region by:

- preserving long-term land use compatibility between Little Rock AFB and the surrounding communities;
- sustaining the operational mission of the Air Force in central Arkansas while protecting the quality of life of nearby residents and businesses;
- enhancing communication and coordination among local and regional stakeholders; and
- integrating the growth plans of the communities in the region with Air Force plans and mission operations.

What is the purpose of the Compatible Use Study?

The purpose of the CUS is to identify means of promoting land uses near Little Rock AFB that are compatible with the base's military missions, to accommodate compatible growth and economic development locally, to protect public safety and quality of life, and to sustain the mission of the Air Force in central Arkansas. The CUS will evaluate ways to enhance communication and coordination among local and regional stakeholders with the goal of continued compatible land use strategies, as both the community and the Air Force plan for the future. The CUS does not result in changes to land use, zoning, or how property owners may use their property, though it may identify regulatory changes for the community to consider after the CUS is completed.



What will the Compatible Use Study address?

The Compatible Use Study will provide:

- an assessment of existing land use conditions near Little Rock AFB, to include any potential incompatible land uses;
- an assessment of potential future civilian and military land use conditions, to include any projected incompatible land uses; and
- strategies to promote compatible land use planning around Little Rock AFB, Blackjack Drop Zone, and the All-American Landing Zone at Camp Robinson.

What is compatible land use planning?

In the military-civilian context, compatible land use planning can be defined as finding a balance between the needs and interests of the community and the needs and interests of a military installation.

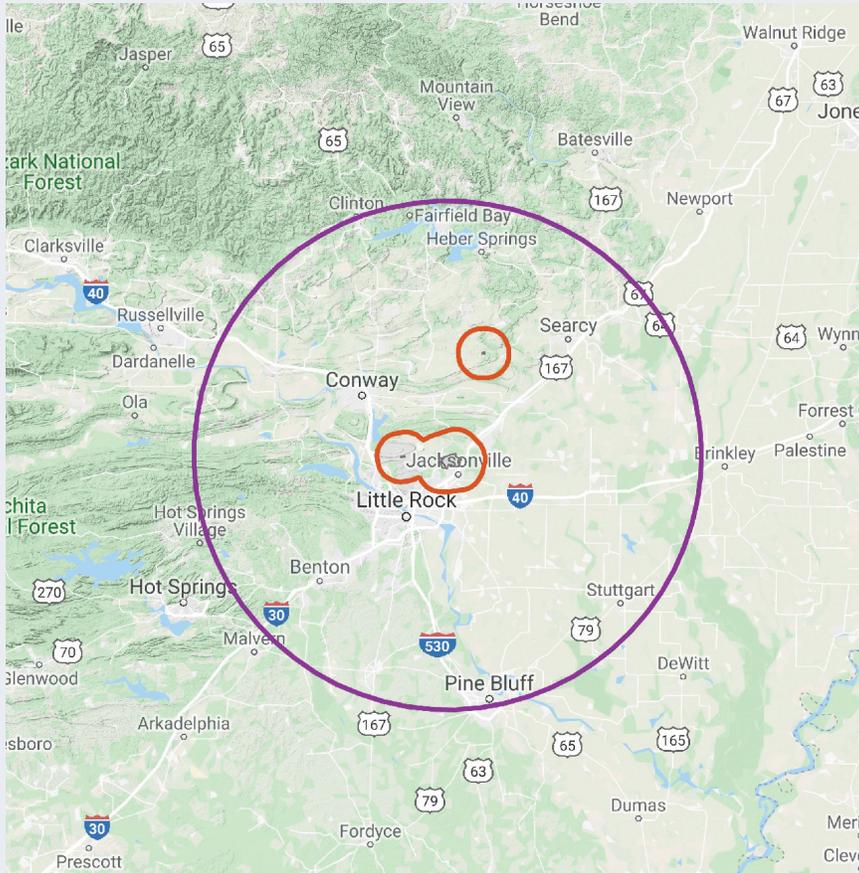
To assess compatibility in the region around Little Rock AFB, the project team will identify current or potential encroachment issues, which may include noise, endangered species/critical habitat, safety/security, air or water quality, regional airspace management, energy development, and frequency spectrum interference, among other potential issues.



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Which lands outside of the Little Rock Air Force Base facilities are included in the Compatible Use Study?



Little Rock AFB is comprised of approximately 6,217 acres of land in the City of Jacksonville and Pulaski County, and is located roughly 15 miles north of Little Rock. The Little Rock AFB CUS Study Area, shown above, includes Pulaski, Lonoke, and White Counties and the Cities of Jacksonville, Cabot, Lonoke, Maumelle, North Little Rock, and Sherwood. The Little Rock AFB CUS will also consider lands associated with Ranges, Military Training Routes, Special Use Airspace, and Military Operating Areas used by Little Rock AFB, as applicable.

How long will the project take?

The Little Rock AFB CUS is expected to be complete in December 2020. Implementation of any actions recommended in the CUS, should the community wish to take that step, would follow completion of this study and would follow community-wide consideration and input and action by local decision-makers.

Who will guide the development of the Compatible Use Study?

The Jacksonville Economic Development and Cultural Alliance will act as the Compatible Use Study fiscal agent and project manager. Development of the CUS is guided by the Policy Committee, with input from the Technical Committee and the public. The Policy Committee is comprised of local elected officials, the Little Rock AFB Installation Commander, and other senior representatives from local organizations. The Technical Committee is comprised of senior municipal and county staff members, the Little Rock AFB Community Planner and other specialized staff, and representatives from the local business community. Collectively, the Policy Committee and the Technical Committee are known as the CUS Steering Committee.



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What opportunities are available for public input?

There are many opportunities for public input throughout the development of the Compatible Use Study. First, the project team will hold Town Hall meetings to inform the public about the progress of the CUS and to seek input into the process and draft deliverables. The first round of **Town Hall meetings** will occur on Tuesday, January 7, and Wednesday, January 8, 2020, and will introduce the public to the Little Rock AFB CUS and receive initial input on the CUS process, issues associated with Little Rock AFB, and policy direction.

In addition to taking part in the **live polling exercise** during the initial Town Hall meetings, community members are encouraged to complete a **public survey by March 6, 2020, at 5 p.m.**, which will provide the Steering Committee and project team insights into community attitudes regarding local Air Force activities.

Community members may complete the survey online at www.littlerockafb-cus.org or may submit a paper copy to the project team. For a paper copy of the survey and instructions for submitting a response in writing instead of online, please email the consultant Team Leader, Tyson Smith, at tsmith@planningandlaw.com.

Finally, community members are always welcome to **provide input** on the Little Rock AFB CUS by emailing the project team at rprice@cityofjacksonville.net.