

REGIONWIDE FORUM: TECHNICAL MEMO

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INTRODUCTION

During the most recent Joint Land Use Study process, the project team found that many of the communities and military installations faced similar compatible development issues. During the study, most meetings were held as installation-specific meetings but the final meeting brought together all four of the installations and all of the surrounding communities to wrap up the project and discuss next steps. Given that there were multiple regional recommendations as well as many recommendations that were the same for each installation, a recommendation of the 2018 JLUS report was to hold an annual regionwide forum to again bring all of the installations and communities together to discuss common issues and solutions. This was also envisioned to be a forum to discuss legislative issues common to all installations.

COORDINATION EFFORTS

Over two years elapsed between the end of the 2018 JLUS study and the beginning of the JLUS implementation grant. During this time there was a significant turnover of local government staff and elected officials, as well as military personnel, who had participated in the study. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic prevented a regionwide forum from being scheduled during the early stages of the implementation grant.

During this intervening time, project staff continued to work on elements specific to each installation and better relationships were built and more learned about the individual communities. It was determined that all of the installations are facing more unique issues needing unique solutions and there would not be as great a benefit for information sharing among all of the communities. Should a need arise, there is the Texas Compatible Use Forum (detailed in a separate white paper) where all communities working on compatible development can gather to share information. A regionwide forum will not be pursued for the North Texas area.