

# **FACT SHEET**

## WHAT IS A JLUS?

A Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is a collaborative study conducted by the city, county, federal officials, residents, and the military installation itself to identify compatible land uses and growth management guidelines near the installation. The process encourages the local community and installation to act as a team in order to prevent or limit any encroachment issues caused by future mission expansion or local growth.

## FORT RILEY'S ROLE

Fort Riley has been the heart of the Flint Hills Region for over 160 years. The 101,733-acre facility contains significant acreage for training; state of the art simulations, trainers, and gaming; contains limited environmental encroachment issues; and is tied closely to the local community. It is the largest employer in the region. The direct economic impact of the base is \$1.58 billion and the full economic impact is estimated to be \$3.485 billion.

#### **NEED FOR JLUS**

A JLUS was conducted for Fort Riley in 2005; however, since that time, major changes in the mission and operating environment have occurred. The restationing of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division to Fort Riley lead to a significant increase in personnel, training hours, and number and type of training missions. Population growth in Junction City and Manhattan as well as major business development increased the potential for land use conflict. Both Fort Riley and the Flint Hills Region are position for continued future growth – the JLUS will assist in ensuring that growth is compatible with one another.

#### **HOW IT IS CONDUCTED**

The 2017 JLUS will serve as an update to the previous, 2005 Study. The 2017 JLUS will build on the existing JLUS; provide updated information including changes on base and off; conduct a compatibility analysis; update and revise recommendations; and provide a detailed implementation plan.



The compatibility analysis will include an analysis of twenty-four factors organized based on development factors, people factors, and natural resource factors. The analysis is aimed at finding a balance or compromise between military and community needs so that both can grow successfully.

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The community plays a crucial role in the drafting of the study. Community input provides varying perspectives and differing opinions to ensure that the plan is well rounded and encompassing of the community. In order to effectively gather input, a variety of public engagement opportunities will be provided throughout the process. Engagement opportunities could include the following:

- Project Website (www.fortrileyjlus.com)
- Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/fortrileyjlus)
- Public Workshops
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Project Handouts

## **RESULT OF THE JLUS**

A set of recommendations and guidelines for both the military and community stakeholders to promote compatible development, increase base security, and build relationships between Fort Riley, Riley County, Geary County, Clay County, and the cities of Junction City, Grandview Plaza, Clay Center, Wakefield, Ogden, Riley, Milford and Manhattan will be produced. The proposed recommendations and guidelines will reduce potential conflicts between military installations and surrounding areas while accommodating new growth and economic development, sustaining economic vitality, protecting public health and safety, and protecting the operational missions of the installation.

Lastly, the JLUS will utilize the recommendations to create an implementation plan. The implementation plan will provide a strategy to implement the recommendations, identify the key parties responsible, and the time frame. The implementation is the key to the process that promotes compatibility and defends against encroachment.