



CAMP CROWDER JOINT LAND USE STUDY OVERVIEW

WHAT IS A JOINT LAND USE STUDY?

The Camp Crowder Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is a cooperative planning effort conducted as a joint venture between Camp Crowder, the Harry S Truman Coordinating Council (HSTCC), the City of Neosho, Newton County, McDonald County, and other affected stakeholders. The Camp Crowder JLUS is a 10-month study funded through a grant from the Department of Defense (DOD), Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) and managed by the HSTCC.

The Camp Crowder JLUS can benefit both Camp Crowder and the surrounding region by:

- Preserving long-term land use compatibility between Camp Crowder and the surrounding communities;
- Sustaining the operational mission of the Missouri Army National Guard;
- Protecting the health, safety, and quality of life of nearby residents; and
- Integrating surrounding community growth plans with Camp Crowder plans.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE JLUS?

The purpose of the JLUS is to promote responsible land use near Camp Crowder, to accommodate compatible growth and economic development in the region, to protect public safety and quality of life, and to sustain the mission of Camp Crowder in the long-term. The JLUS will evaluate ways to enhance communication and coordination among local and regional stakeholders.



WHAT WILL THE CAMP CROWDER JLUS ADDRESS?

The Camp Crowder JLUS will provide all stakeholders with:

- An assessment of existing land use conditions near Camp Crowder, to include any perceived incompatible land uses, if any;
- An assessment of potential future land use conditions, to include projected incompatible uses, if any;
- A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis that provides a framework for assessing existing and future conditions;
- Recommendations and strategies to promote compatible land use planning around Camp Crowder and the surrounding communities.

Compatible land use planning can be defined as the balance between the needs and interests of the community and the needs and interests of Camp Crowder. In order to assess compatibility, the project team will identify current or potential encroachment issues, which may include noise, endangered species/critical habitat, safety/security, air or water quality, energy development, and frequency spectrum interference, among other potential issues.

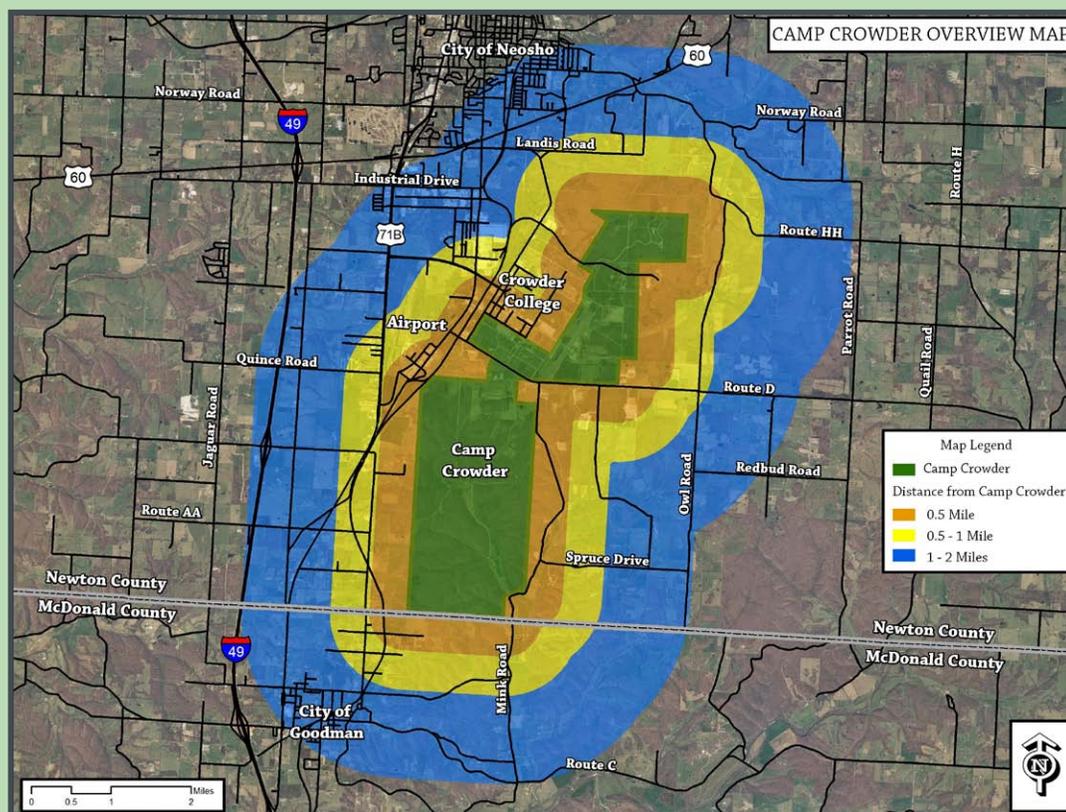
HOW LONG WILL THE PROJECT TAKE?

The Camp Crowder JLUS is anticipated to take approximately 10 months to complete and is expected to be complete by June 2014. Implementation of recommended actions, however, would follow completion of this study.



WHAT LANDS OUTSIDE OF CAMP CROWDER ARE INCLUDED IN THE JLUS?

Camp Crowder is located in the City of Neosho and Newton County and shares its southern boundary with McDonald County. Camp Crowder is comprised of approximately 4,400 acres of federally-owned land administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers and licensed to the Missouri Army National Guard. The study area will be established with the input of the Policy and Technical Committees, but is expected to cover lands about two miles from the boundary of Camp Crowder, which is shown in the map to the right.



WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT?

There are a number of opportunities for public input throughout the development of the Camp Crowder JLUS. First, the project team will hold four public meetings in an effort to inform the public as to the progress of the JLUS and seek input into the process and draft deliverables. The following public meetings are anticipated to be held during the project in order to seek public input:

1. Public Meeting #1 (October 2013) – Introduce public to the JLUS and receive initial input on JLUS process, issues associated with Camp Crowder, and policy direction.
2. Public Meeting #2 (December 2013) – Present the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis and Land Use Compatibility Assessment.
3. Public Meeting #3 (expected March 2014) – Present the draft JLUS to the public and seek input on recommendations included in the draft.
4. Public Meeting #4 (expected May 2014) – Present the final JLUS, as well as recommendations and steps necessary for full implementation of the JLUS.

Second, the general public will be asked to complete a public survey by November 15, 2013 in order to assist the JLUS steering committees and project team gain insights into community attitudes regarding Camp Crowder activities. The public may either: 1) participate in the real-time survey during the public kick-off meeting held on October 1st, 2) complete the survey online at www.crowder-jlus.org, or 3) submit a paper copy to the project team by mailing the survey to Marstel-Day, LLC, c/o Elizabeth Scaggs, 417 Wolfe Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Finally, the public is always welcome to provide input on the Camp Crowder JLUS to info@crowder-jlus.org.

WHO WILL GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JLUS?

While the HSTCC is acting as the fiscal agent and project manager for the Camp Crowder JLUS, the development of the JLUS is guided by two steering committees with input from the general public. The Policy Committee is composed of elected officials representing jurisdictions in the study area, federal and state agency officials, and National Guard leadership. The Policy Committee is responsible for the guiding the direction of the JLUS and for managing implementation actions. The Technical Committee is made up of representatives from local jurisdictions, agencies, and other stakeholders. The Technical Committee identifies and addresses technical issues, provides feedback on report development, and assists in the development of implementation strategies.

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