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# Status Report

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BENCHMARK PLANNING

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### ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Following the June Advisory Committee meeting, the project moved forward quickly, with the team continuing its background research and holding the initial round of public meetings on July 30. Following the initial public meetings, the team worked on preparing the initial compatibility analysis, which was presented to the Advisory Committee in late August. After the committee reviewed the initial compatibility analysis, the team worked on some revisions and presented the updated analysis, along with an overview of the range of potential conflict resolution strategies at an Advisory Committee meeting on October 16. The project team is currently working on developing a presentation for the first Policy Committee meeting, which will be held on November 19. The team has also been planning for the second round of public meetings, which will be held on December 4th in Boiling Spring Lakes and Carolina Beach. The team is also working on developing a set of draft recommendations for the Advisory Committee to review at its next meeting, which will be held immediately prior to the start of the first public meeting on December 4th.

### JULY 30 PUBLIC MEETINGS

A very successful first round of public meetings was held on July 30 to give the community an opportunity to learn more about MOTSU and the JLUS process. The meetings, which were held during the afternoon in Southport and during the evening in Carolina Beach were well attended, with capacity crowds filling the Southport Community Center and the council chambers at Carolina Beach Town Hall.

The meetings featured an introduction to the JLUS process by the consulting team. This was followed by a briefing on MOTSU by the outgoing commander, COL Mueller. The MOTSU briefing provided a wealth of information regarding the historic background of how MOTSU came into being, how operations occur on the installation, and its plans for the future. Following the briefings, many of the attendees took the opportunity to ask questions of COL Mueller and the project team. Both of the public meetings were attended by members of the local press, and several articles were published about the meetings - helping to spread the word about MOTSU and the JLUS throughout the community.

### BACKGROUND RESEARCH / STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Following the June Advisory Committee meeting, the team worked on gathering additional documents and data to supplement information that it had already collected. A stakeholder meeting was also held on August 24th with representatives of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources at their headquarters in Raleigh. The meeting included the Chief Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Secretary (Archives & History), as well as representatives from State Parks, Historic Sites, Aquariums, Historic Preservation, Land and Water Stewardship, and Archaeology.

## **MOTSU / SDDC COMMAND BRIEFING**

On August 9th, the project team gave a briefing to MG Farmen, who is the commander of Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, and COL Carlisle, who recently assumed command of MOTSU. The intent of the briefing, which was held during a tour of the Pleasure Island portion of the installation, was to provide information on the JLUS process, objectives, outcomes and implementation options.

## **AUGUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - LAND USE COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS**

The second meeting with the Advisory Committee was held at Leland Town Hall on August 28th. The main purpose of this meeting was to provide the committee with an overview of the initial results of the land use compatibility analysis. The land use compatibility analysis was focused primarily on the extent of explosive safety zones associate with MOTSU. In reviewing the initial analysis with the committee, it was determined that the GIS data provided by MOTSU for the explosive safety zones was not consistent with current operations at the installation. Following the meeting, the consulting team worked with MOTSU to obtain updated data that accurately reflected the current operational environment, and revised the compatibility analysis. Please note that the presentation posted on the JLUS project website for the August meeting reflects the revised analysis based on the updated data from MOTSU.

In addition to the land use compatibility analysis, the project team presented information from DoD and Army explosive safety guidance manuals that were used in the analysis. The guidance provided in these documents will be used to inform some of the study recommendations. Although not focused directly on standard explosive safety zones, the team also provided analysis and information related to emergency evacuation distances around facilities and transportation routes used to handle or carry ammunition, which are also based on guidance from the previously referenced DoD and Army explosives safety documents.

## **OCTOBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - CONFLICT RESOLUTION STRATEGIES**

The third meeting with the Advisory Committee was held at Leland Town Hall on October 16th. The primary focus of this meeting was to provide the committee with an overview of the range of conflict resolution strategies that will be used to guide the development of recommendations that will be presented to the Advisory Committee in December and to the Policy Committee in January. Before discussing the conflict resolution strategies, the project team reviewed an updated land use compatibility analysis with the committee, which was based on the updated data provided by MOTSU. The revised compatibility analysis revealed an operational / land use environment that is favorable to the long term sustainment of MOTSU's mission and which may provide additional compatible use opportunities on Pleasure Island, based on further study and analysis.

Following the presentation of the revised compatibility analysis, the project team gave an overview of the set of conflict resolution strategies that are being considered as recommendations are being developed for the study. The team presented these, along with

select examples of their practical application, to the committee for discussion and input. The 12 primary categories discussed included general overviews of land use regulation, interagency coordination, joint planning, easements, and a range of other strategies that are often used to enhance land use compatibility. Following the presentation, the committee agreed to move forward with consideration of all of the strategies for use in potential study recommendations. The meeting concluded with a discussion of the process moving forward and an overview of the upcoming meetings.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

On November 19th, the Policy Committee will hold its first meeting. The topics covered at this meeting will include summaries of the background research, compatibility analysis and conflict resolution strategies that have been presented to the Advisory Committee during the initial phases of the study. The purpose of this meeting is to bring the Policy Committee up to date on the study to help prepare the members to provide input into the discussion on recommendations in January and to help communicate the study to their fellow elected officials and constituents. On December 4th, the Advisory Committee will meet to discuss recommendations. During the afternoon and evening of December 4th, the project team will host a second round of public meetings, with the afternoon meeting to be held in Boiling Spring Lakes and the evening meeting to be held in Carolina Beach. Moving forward from there, the Policy Committee will meet on a date to be determined to review and finalize the study recommendations.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

Dates	Meeting	Location
<b>2018</b>		
February 23	Project Team Meeting	CFCOG Office
April 11	Project Kickoff, Installation Tour & Committee Meetings	MOTSU
May 21-24	Stakeholder Interviews	CFCOG Office
June 26	Advisory Committee Meeting – Review Draft Background Research	CFCOG Office (10 am)
July 30	Public Kickoff Meetings – Study Overview & Background Research	Southport 1 pm - 3:30 pm Carolina Beach 5 pm - 7:30 pm
August 28	Advisory Committee Meeting – Review Compatibility Analysis	Leland Town Hall
October 16	Advisory Committee Meeting - Review Conflict Resolution Strategies	Leland Town Hall
November 19	Policy Committee Meeting – Review Conflict Resolution Strategies	320 Chestnut St. (NH County)
December 4	Public Meetings – Interim Findings	Boiling Spring Lakes (Afternoon) Carolina Beach (Evening)
December 4	Advisory Committee Meeting – Draft Recommendations	Boiling Spring Lakes City Hall
<b>2019</b>		
January	Policy Committee Meeting – Draft Recommendations	CFCOG Office
February	Advisory Committee Meeting – Present Draft Study Documents	CFCOG Office
March	Advisory & Policy Committee Meetings – Finalize Study Documents	CFCOG Office
April/May	Public Meetings – Final Presentation 1 Day (2 locations)	Southeast Brunswick Co. & Pleasure Island