Civilian-Military Compatibility

Civilian-Military Land Use Compatibility for Washington State

Commerce is developing tools to support ongoing local efforts that promote civilian-military land use compatibility. The military's ability to realistically train and operate is critical for national defense, emergency response, and the state economy. Military activity and operations impact neighboring communities while civilian activity impacts military operations. The concept used to describe this multidirectional relationship in land use planning is 'compatibility.' Compatible land use in military operating areas supports the safety and quality of life for residents, and ensures the long-term viability of military bases and ranges.

Washington State Guidebook on Military & Community Compatibility

Commerce is working with MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design, LLP (MAKERS), an independent consultant, to produce a technical guidebook about civilian-military land use compatibility. The guidebook will describe planning processes, compatible use programs, and examples of ways communities address compatibility through local planning. Commerce and MAKERS will conduct outreach in 2018-2019 to scope and develop content for the following guidebook sections:

- A. Balancing Community Vision and Military Mission
- B. Balancing Growth and Change with Compatibility
- C. Citizen’s Guide to Compatibility and Planning in Washington State

- A. Compatibility Planning Process
- B. Coordinated Planning Goals
- C. GMA Goals, Comprehensive Plans, and Compatibility
- D. Areas of Conflict and Opportunity
- E. Compatibility Programs and Strategies

**Part 3: Implementation Toolkit for Compatibility Planning.**
- A. Policy Quick-Reference Guide
- B. Worksheets and Examples
- C. Consultation Quick-Reference Guide

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