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Tri-County Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Draft Document Release and Public Meetings

The Draft Joint Land Use Study document is now available for public review and comment. Located at www.tri-countybrac.com, the JLUS is an ongoing land use planning effort between Eglin AFB and surrounding communities to promote compatible community growth while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public and addressing encroachment to Eglin AFB. The public is encouraged to log-on and review the chapter applicable to their respective community. Copies of the document will also be made available at local public libraries.

As part of the study process, a series of public meetings have been set for three different nights in June as follows:

- June 1 from 5-7 p.m. in the Freeport Community Center, 16040 US Hwy 331 South, Freeport
- June 2 from 6-8 p.m. in the Crestview Chamber of Commerce Building, 1447 Commerce Drive, Crestview
- June 4 from 6-8 p.m. in the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners Chamber, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton

JLUS consultants will be on hand to address the study's findings to date and receive public comment regarding recommendations in the Draft JLUS Report. The meetings will include an open house format with exhibits for the study area and a brief presentation to provide a general overview of the JLUS project.

The JLUS program is a Department of Defense initiative providing assistance through the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) for state and local governments to participate with military installations in developing land use plans compatible with their mission. The JLUS program encourages cooperative land use planning between military installations and adjacent communities so future community growth and development are compatible with the training and operational missions of the installation. The Eglin JLUS has been an ongoing study since 2007 and incorporates a variety of land use related strategies and policies for the tri-county area including the three counties and eleven incorporated cities/towns.

