



# Overview of Grissom Air Reserve Base Joint Land Use Study

## What is the Grissom ARB Joint Land Use Study?

The Grissom Air Reserve Base (ARB) Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is a cooperative planning effort between Grissom ARB and the counties of Miami, Howard, Cass, and Wabash; the cities of Peru, Kokomo, Logansport, Wabash, and Greentown; the towns of Bunker Hill, Converse, Galveston, Walton, and Denver; and other local stakeholders. The study is being administered by the Miami County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA) and is co-funded through a grant from the Department of Defense (DOD), Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). The current JLUS project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2018.

The Grissom ARB JLUS can benefit both the Air Force and the surrounding region by:

- preserving long-term land use compatibility between Grissom ARB and the surrounding communities;
- sustaining the operational mission of the Air Force in North-Central Indiana while protecting the quality of life of nearby residents and businesses;
- enhancing communication and coordination among local and regional stakeholders; and
- integrating the growth plans of the communities in the region with Air Force plans and mission operations.

## What is the purpose of the JLUS?

The purpose of the JLUS is to identify means of promoting land uses near Grissom ARB that are compatible with the base's military missions, to accommodate compatible growth and economic development locally, to protect public safety and quality of life, and to sustain the mission of the Air Force in North-Central Indiana. The JLUS will evaluate ways to enhance communication and coordination among local and regional stakeholders with the goal of continued compatible land use strategies, as both the community and the Air Force plan for the future. The JLUS does not result in changes to land use, zoning, or how a property owner may use their property, though it may identify regulatory changes for the community to consider after the JLUS is completed.



## What will the JLUS address?

The Joint Land Use Study will provide:

- an assessment of existing land use conditions near Grissom ARB, to include potential perceived incompatible land uses, if any;
- an assessment of potential future civilian and military land use conditions, to include projected incompatible uses, if any; and
- strategies to promote compatible land use planning around Grissom ARB 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 Grissom ARB. 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, regional airspace management, energy development, and frequency spectrum interference, among other potential issues.*



## How long will the project take?

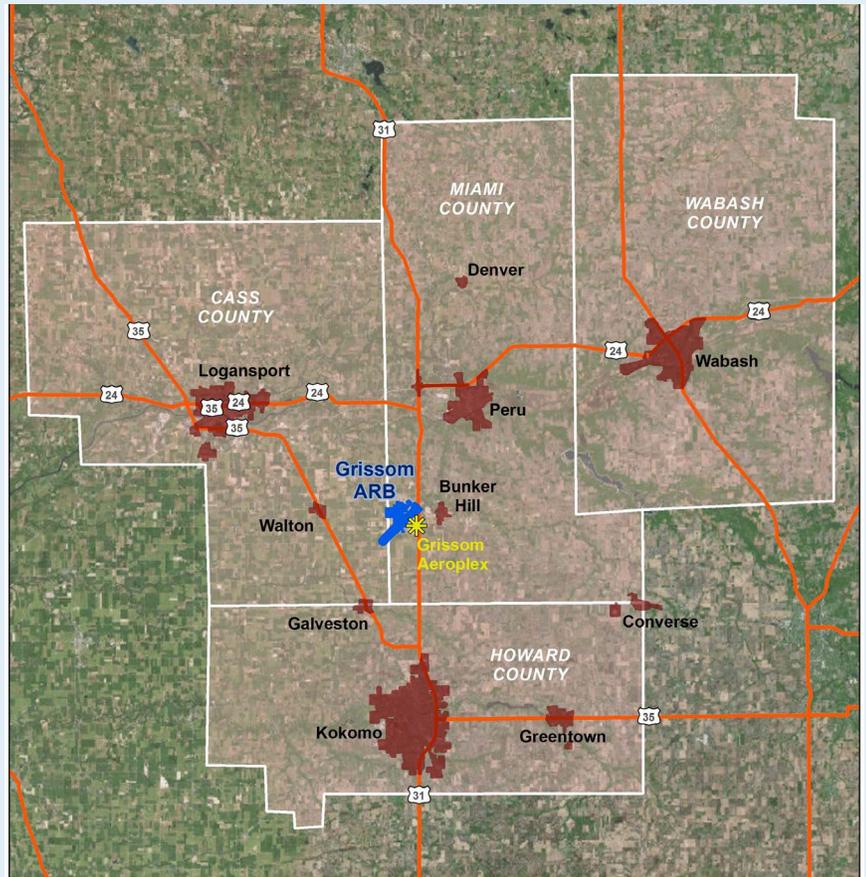
The Grissom ARB JLUS is expected to be complete in the summer of 2018. Implementation of any actions recommended in the JLUS, should the community wish to take that step, would follow completion of this study and would follow community-wide consideration and input and action by local decision-makers.

## Who will guide the development of the Grissom ARB JLUS?

The Miami County Economic Development Authority will act as the Joint Land Use Study fiscal agent and project manager. The development of the JLUS is guided by the Policy Committee, with input from the Technical Working Group and the public. The Policy Committee is comprised of local elected officials, the Grissom ARB Installation Commander, and other senior representatives from local organizations. The Technical Working Group is comprised of area planners and economic development officials, the Grissom ARB Community Planner, Chief Engineer, and Public Affairs Officer. Collectively, the Policy Committee and the Technical Working Group are known as the JLUS Steering Committee.



## What lands outside of Grissom ARB are included in the JLUS?



Grissom ARB is comprised of approximately 1,350 acres of federally-owned land in Miami County, located roughly ten miles north of Kokomo, Indiana. The Grissom ARB JLUS Study Area, seen above, includes Cass, Howard, Miami, and Wabash Counties and the municipalities located within those counties. The Grissom ARB JLUS will also consider lands associated with Ranges, Military Training Routes, Special Use Airspace, and Military Operating Areas used by Grissom ARB, as applicable.

## What are the opportunities for public input?

There are many opportunities for public input throughout the development of the JLUS. First, the project team will hold public meetings to inform the public as to the progress of the JLUS and to seek input into the process and draft deliverables. The initial kickoff meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, and will introduce the public to the Grissom ARB JLUS and receive initial input on JLUS process, issues associated with Grissom ARB, and policy direction.

Second, the local community will be asked to complete a public survey by August 18, 2017, which will provide the Steering Committee and project team insights into community attitudes regarding local Air Force activities. In addition to taking part in the live polling exercise during the initial public meeting, community members are encouraged to complete the online survey at [www.grissom-jlus.org](http://www.grissom-jlus.org), or to submit a paper copy of the survey to the project team by mailing the survey to *Marstel-Day, LLC, c/o Doug Allen, 33 S. 13th Street, 2nd Floor, Richmond, VA 23219*.

A hardcopy of the survey can be downloaded from [www.grissom-jlus.org](http://www.grissom-jlus.org), or will be provided upon request by contacting the project manager using the contact information to the right.

Finally, community members are always welcome to provide input on the Grissom ARB JLUS by emailing us at [jtidd@miamicountyeda.com](mailto:jtidd@miamicountyeda.com).

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