



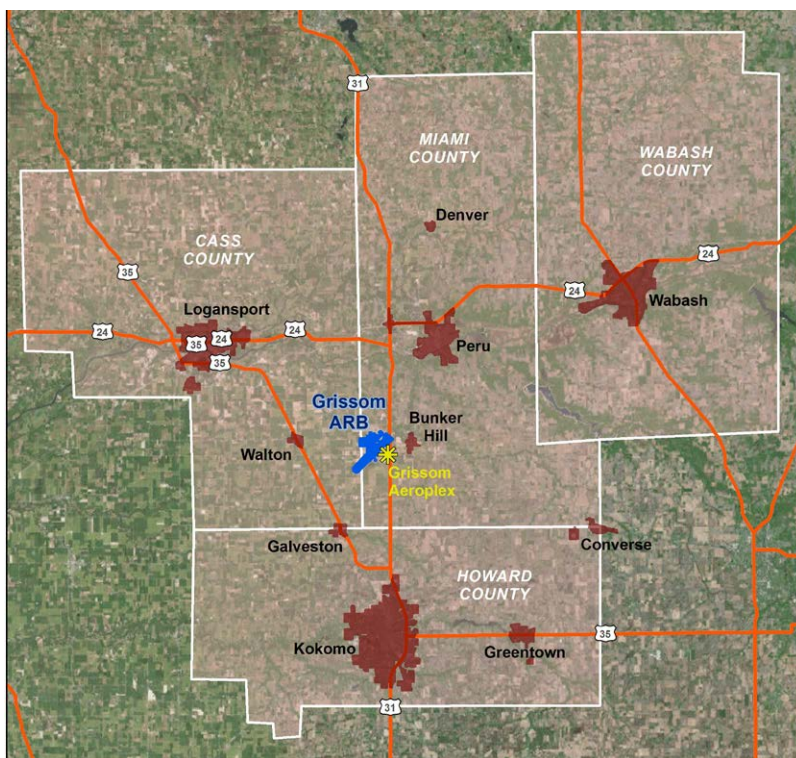
# Grissom Air Reserve Base Joint Land Use Study Results

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

The Grissom Air Reserve Base (ARB) Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) was a cooperative planning effort to identify and facilitate current and potential land use compatibility between the Grissom ARB installation and the surrounding communities. The study began in June 2017 with a series of stakeholder and public meetings, and was completed in Spring 2018 after study recommendations were presented at a public meeting.

The JLUS was administered by the Miami County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA), and co-funded through a grant from the Department of Defense (DOD), Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). The study was directed by the JLUS Policy Committee, consisting of local elected officials, the Grissom ARB Installation Commander, and other senior representatives from local organizations. A separate Technical Working Group comprised 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 were referred to as the JLUS Steering Committees.

The final JLUS report and additional information and project materials are available at: [www.grissom-jlus.org](http://www.grissom-jlus.org)



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

Grissom ARB covers 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 (shown above), included Cass, Howard, Miami, and Wabash Counties and the municipalities located within those counties. Analysis of a smaller Focus Area identified compatibility factors for communities within immediate proximity. The study considered lands associated with Ranges, Military Training Routes, Special Use Airspace, and Military Operating Areas used by Grissom ARB.

## What was the JLUS Process?

The Grissom ARB JLUS Study had three main phases:

- Evaluation of existing conditions
- Conflict and compatibility analysis
- Development of recommendations

The evaluation of existing conditions drew upon: relevant local regulations and plans; an online public survey; interviews with stakeholders; and local onsite installation and community tours. The conflict and compatibility analysis used information gathered, and identified existing, future and potential compatible land use strategies. Findings from the first two phases, helped develop Recommendations to maintain and/or improve coordination and land use compatibility.

Three public meetings sought community input. The findings from these phases, were coalesced with community feedback into the final Grissom ARB JLUS Report.

The JLUS process does not result in changes to land use, zoning, or how an owner may use their property, though it may identify regulatory changes to consider.





## What Happens Next?

A long history of collaboration between Grissom ARB and the surrounding community has resulted in few land use incompatibilities. To preserve this, a 'tool box' of Recommendations, or Conflict Resolution Strategies were developed. Thirty two strategies are detailed in Chapter 6 of the final report. Twenty strategies identified as High Priority, are summarized below in seven categories:

### **Comprehensive Planning**

The Comprehensive Plans of the JLUS Jurisdictions are to be updated to reflect the recommendations of the 2018 JLUS and include policies supporting regulatory recommendations.

### **Zoning and General Code Provisions**

Zoning maps and codes are to be corrected and updated to reflect all current impact areas. Formalized coordination and notification requirements will allow jurisdictions to inform Grissom ARB of proposed infrastructure (e.g. telecommunication, wind energy, etc.).

### **Subdivision Regulations**

Subdivision Plats should incorporate Acknowledgment Statements to provide clear and timely notice of potential military impacts and regulations to the property purchaser.

### **Notice to Property Owners & Occupants**

The real estate and development community can facilitate public awareness through improved notifications: real estate disclosures; street signage; and building permit notices indicating potential military impacts, (including noise).

### **Interagency Cooperation**

Interagency cooperation and communication ensures the value and relevancy of Grissom ARB is evident. Key steps include ensuring future wind energy projects do not impede air operations and that Clear Zones are compatible in the long-run. The appointment a JLUS Implementation Committee can facilitate strategy adoption and community engagement.

### **Public Outreach and Communication**

Consistent, transparent and efficient communication between Grissom ARB and the community is crucial. Strategies include: development notification process, a planning and coordination website; noise reporting mechanisms; accurate and timely information; and policy provision.

### **Ongoing Planning and Coordination**

To ensure ongoing guidance, a planning, communication and coordination framework was recommended. A Military Planning and Coordination Committee, could develop, implement and monitor this using a Memorandum of Understanding.

Other strategies deal with potential infrastructure development, including improvements to US 31, and wind energy proposals.

## Goals and Objectives of the Grissom ARB JLUS Report

The primary goals of the JLUS process were to: *increase awareness* among the multiple stakeholders of each other's needs and requirements; *encourage collaboration* among stakeholders, with the goal of increased compatibility; and *maintain land use compatibility* by implementing recommended tools.

The specific objectives of the Grissom ARB JLUS were to: promote community and economic development compatible with Grissom ARB's training, testing, and operational missions; seek ways to reduce operational impacts on adjacent lands; protect the health and safety of the residents, property owners, businesses, and motorists located immediately adjacent to Grissom ARB; and maximize the economic development potential of Grissom ARB, Grissom Aeroplex, the surrounding communities, and the State of Indiana.



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