

**Theme 6. Maintain the viability of airfield operations at Cecil Commerce Center, Herlong Field, and NAS Jacksonville.**

Jacksonville, particularly the Southwest, has strong social, physical and economic ties to the military. Operating missions, however, may be compromised by new residential growth in proximity to active military facilities. The continued viability of airfield operations requires ongoing land use planning.

**Issue:** Continued growth, particularly in western areas of the district, may encroach on the zones around active airfields.

**Policy:** Encourage development that is compatible with safe air operations.

**Implementation Options:**

This set of options would preserve compatibility between the district’s growth and ongoing air operations. Funding may be available from the Department of Defense for a Joint Land Use Study to identify tools that reduce encroachment around military installations.

**Option 1:** Exclude growth where necessary

This option would recommend the continued use of noise contours and accident potential zones of airfields to exclude any future growth incompatible with airfield activities.



Aerial view of NAS Jacksonville  
Source: [www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Bunker/3630/jacksonville.htm](http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Bunker/3630/jacksonville.htm)

**Option 2:** Continue to cooperate

This option would recommend ongoing cooperation between the City and Navy in the planning of land uses around Jacksonville NAS facilities and between the City and the Jacksonville Airport Authority in the planning of land uses around Herlong Field and Cecil facilities.

**Option 3:** Conserve nearby land

This option would recommend a conservation design approach as a technique for creating additional open space buffers near existing airfield zones.

*Airfield  
Compatibility*