

Theme 6. Maintain the viability of airfield operations at Whitehouse Field.

Jacksonville 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: Promote 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.

Option 2: Continue to cooperate

This option would recommend ongoing cooperation between the City and Navy in the planning of land uses around Whitehouse Field facilities.

Option 3: Conserve nearby land

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