

Harford OCED completes three impact studies for the Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor; launches repository website and video series to promote Compatible Use Plan awareness

[October 2019-- APG/Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor (CSSC) -Harford County, Maryland] --Harford County's Office of Community & Economic Development has launched a website to support compatible use and to help Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) and neighboring communities thrive together as a defense community. The website, <https://apg-chesapeakejlus.com>, has resources to facilitate planning between the Army installation and the Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor. Recommended by a recent Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)—or Compatible Use Plan (CUP)—and funded by federal grants, the website is a hub of information for government officials, businesses, and the public. Studies published on the site look at redevelopment opportunities, transit development options, and environmental resilience along the Chesapeake Bay. The website also hosts a four-part educational video series to increase awareness about compatible use between installation and community. The videos can be found at: <https://apg-chesapeakejlus.com/1165/The-Videos>.

"Harford County continues to serve as a proud steward of these federal dollars to implement studies and programs that strengthen our defense community and ultimately support our military men and women in executing their critical mission work," said Harford County Executive Barry Glassman.

The website hosts an array of impact studies that include recommendations for resiliency in climate change, redevelopment efforts for Edgewood amenities to attract an APG workforce, and transit-oriented development planning that balances multi-modal aspects with mixed use and green space. These concepts have grown from the original JLUS playbook for compatibility, and offer recommendations for further implementation strategies that can guide developers and citizens in future planning to improve environmental and development efforts. Users can also access four videos that address conservation efforts in working with APG's eagle population, APG's legacy to innovation, quality aspects of living as in a defense community, and a comprehensive overview of what compatible use entails.

The JLUS studies and communication projects were federally funded through the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) for the Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor. Harford County, Maryland serves as the lead entity for administering the grant funds and to date has secured more than \$11M for community and installation coordinated initiatives.

ABOUT JLUS/CUP

The Joint Land Use Study or Compatible Use Plan was initiated to look at compatible land uses between Aberdeen Proving Ground and the adjacent area that would allow for mutually beneficial growth and development of both APG and community. The JLUS process began in 2013 by assessing the area surrounding APG, including Harford, Cecil and Kent counties and the cities of Aberdeen and Havre de Grace. In 2015, project consultant Matrix Design Group released a non-binding "playbook" of recommended compatible use strategies for the Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor and Aberdeen Proving Ground. Implementation occurred in two phases: the first resulted in the Edgewood Small Area Study; and the second involved three analyses: the Susquehanna River Impact & Accretion Study, the Edgewood CBRNE Economic Impact Analysis, and the Transit Oriented Development & Multi-Modal Concept. All three studies make suggestions for strategic improvements in the CSSC, and are accessible through the new JLUS website.

ABOUT CSSC

The Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor established in 2007, is a multi-jurisdictional consortium comprised of more than 50+ partnering organizations and agencies, committed to supporting the mission of Aberdeen

Proving Ground and economic vitality for the region. The CSSC was named a Great American Defense Community by the Association of Defense Communities in 2018, in part due to its work on the Joint Land Use Study.

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