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HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION HOSTS PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR PORTSMOUTH-CHESAPEAKE JOINT LAND USE STUDY

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CHESAPEAKE, VA (October 29, 2019) – The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is hosting three public meetings as part of a Joint Land Use Study to hear stakeholders’ input about their experiences living or working near military installations in the Cities of Chesapeake and Portsmouth. The public can choose from three meeting options to attend and share their input. The meetings are the same and simply repeated at different dates and times for the public’s convenience.

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Meeting Details:

NORFOLK

November 13, 2019

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

POQUOSON

Bide-A-Wee Golf Course Pavilion

1 Bide-A-Wee Drive

PORTSMOUTH

Portsmouth, VA 23701

SMITHFIELD

November 14, 2019

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Churchland Library

SOUTHAMPTON

4934 High Street West

Portsmouth, VA 23703

SUFFOLK

November 14, 2019

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

SURRY

Major Hillard Library

824 Old George Washington Hwy N.

VIRGINIA BEACH

Chesapeake, VA 23323

WILLIAMSBURG

YORK

The Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is a cooperative process among the Cities of Chesapeake and Portsmouth, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and several Navy installations in South Hampton Roads: Naval Support Activity (NSA) Hampton Roads – Portsmouth Annex; Navy Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk (FLCN), Craney Island Fuel Depot;

Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) and NNSY associated properties including St. Juliens Creek Annex, South Gate Annex, Scott Center Annex, the Village at New Gosport, and Stanley Court. The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is the primary project sponsor.

“We’re looking to hear from the public with their ideas and concerns,” says, Ben McFarlane, senior regional planner at the HRPDC and project manager for the JLUS. “We’ll take those comments and incorporate them as we continue to conduct our analysis,” said McFarlane.

The JLUS is funded by a grant from the Department of Defense (DOD), Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) and from local match contributions of participating jurisdictions and the HRPDC. OEA provides grant assistance to state and local governments to mitigate or prevent incompatible community activities that are likely to impair the long-term sustainability and operational utility of the military installation complex.

The JLUS seeks to create a long-term planning partnership that protects the quality of life in local communities and sustains the military missions associated with each installation. The JLUS will include evaluation of several factors including transportation impacts (such as congestion, existing and planned capital improvements, facility access, gate security, parking, and rail operations), stormwater management, waterway management, land use conflicts, and residential, commercial, and industrial encroachment impacts. Nuisance and storm surge flooding can have major impacts on Navy operations by obstructing access and damaging local infrastructure on which military facilities rely.

The JLUS will help identify specific conditions and develop mutually beneficial recommendations to address these issues. The meetings are open to the public. A Spanish translator will be available at the meeting in Chesapeake.

For more information, visit the project website at <https://www.hrpdcva.gov/departments/joint-land-use-studies/portsmouth-chesapeake-joint-land-use-study/> or contact project manager, Ben McFarlane at 757-420-8300 or bmcfarlane@hrpdcva.gov.

The Hampton Roads Region – Portsmouth and Chesapeake Joint Land Use Study is being prepared under contract with the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, with financial support from the Office of Economic Adjustment, Department of Defense. The content reflects the views of the HRPDC and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Office of Economic Adjustment.

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accessible facilities and in transit-accessible locations when possible. Auxiliary services can be provided to individuals who submit a request at least seven days prior to a meeting. Requests made within seven days will be accommodated to the greatest extent possible. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice by HRPDC under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint. Any such complaint may be in writing and filed with HRPDC's Title VI Administrator and/or the appropriate state or federal agency within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory occurrence. For more information on HRPDC's Title VI program, or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, please call (757) 420-8300 or email kmiller@hrpdcva.gov.

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