

# NWS Earle JLUS Study Fact Sheet



## Monmouth County Joint Land Use Study

A Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) is a cooperative planning effort between local governments and a military installation, such as Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle. Earle falls within five municipalities: Colts Neck, Howell, Middletown, Tinton Falls and Wall. There are 8 additional municipalities considered within the Military Influence Area: Atlantic Highlands, Highlands, Eatontown, Farmingdale, Freehold Township, Keansburg, Neptune, and Ocean. Earle encompasses 11,851 in 4 facilities: Mainside; Waterfront Area; the Normandy Road/Rail Ammunition Transportation Corridor, and the Pier Complex on Sandy Hook Bay.

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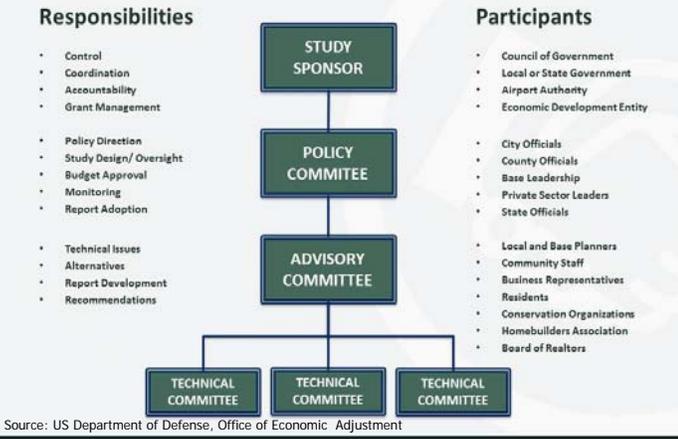
The goals of the NWS Earle JLUS include: 1) Encouraging surrounding municipalities and Navy to work closely to find development options compatible with the base mission and that preserve and protect public health, safety, and welfare; 2) Improve post-storm resiliency through increased adaptation to Sea Level Rise; 3) Ensure preservation, protection, and post-storm resiliency of the Strategic Highway Network (STAHNET) and major roadways that serve both NWS Earle and the surrounding communities, such as the Garden State Parkway, and routes 9, 18, 34, 35, 36, and 195. This project looks to create land use strategies for compatible development alternatives that could help keep the base operational while also protecting the sustainability of the surrounding communities.



# U.S. Department of Defense JLUS Program & the County Grant

As of December 2016, 133 JLUS studies were completed across the country, including one for Joint Base McGuire in Ocean and Burlington counties in 2009. The Monmouth County JLUS for NWS Earle is unique in that it will include a focus on climate adaptation planning with recommendations to improve sustainability and resiliency from coastal storms for both the base and the surrounding communities. The study will also consider transportation and economic concerns.

## JLUS Organization Structure



## Joint Land Use Study Process



The County of Monmouth received a \$206,000 U.S. Department of Defense grant to prepare a JLUS for NWS Earle in 2016 and hired a professional team led by Maser Consulting to assist with the study. The Policy Committee formed in January 2017, followed by the formation of the General Advisory Committee in February. A public open house was held in March. Public meetings will be held at milestones during the year-long study to seek citizen input and brief stakeholders on the purpose, planning process, and study recommendations. Technical Advisory groups will be formed as the study progresses. The study is intended to wrap up in December 2017.

## Completed Joint Land Use Studies

133 Completed as of December 2016  
(1985 – 2016)



## NWS Earle History

NWS Earle was commissioned in 1943 with a mission to provide ordnance for all Atlantic Fleet Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups, and support strategic DOD ordnance requirements. It is the largest Weapons Station on the East Coast and supplied most of the ammunition for the Normandy Invasion during World War II, as well as 90% of all ammunition used for Operation Desert Storm.