



**CITY OF LAKEWOOD
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
&
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)**

Description of Proposal: Creation of a Growth Coordination Plan to proactively address the effects of growth and economic expansion at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) on the communities surrounding the base and to anticipate the needs of civilians, military personnel, and military families. The City of Lakewood is leading a multi-jurisdictional collaboration of stakeholders to identify and analyze community gaps in service that exist or are projected to occur in the South Puget Sound region as a result of the anticipated growth at Ft. Lewis and McChord AFB, soon to be combined as JLBM, through 2015. The objectives of the Growth Coordination Plan are to:

- Identify and assess **existing conditions** and determine **future needs** of an increased military population.
- Develop short- and long-term **priorities and potential funding sources** to accommodate this growth.
- Develop **planning, coordination and implementation strategies** to help achieve stakeholders' strategic goals related to growth and change through **2015**.
- Maintain a **central point of coordination** for all major stakeholders who are impacted by the expansion of Ft. Lewis and promote **regular communication** with all local and regional groups and committees to discuss military installation infrastructure and service issues and concerns.
- Establish a **clear action plan** for managing future growth and demands for services.

The Growth Coordination Plan, funded through a Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment grant, will assess related housing, economic impact, education, transportation, plans and policies, public utilities and infrastructure, public safety and emergency services, health, social services, and quality of life.

Proponent & Lead Agency: City of Lakewood

Location of Proposal: The Growth Coordination Plan study area extends from the southern portion of the City of Tacoma in Pierce County south to the cities of Lacey and Yelm in Thurston County, from and including the towns of Steilacoom and Roy and the cities of DuPont and Lakewood, eastward to State Route 507, including parts of unincorporated Pierce County within this area.

EIS Requirement: The lead agency has determined this proposal *may* have a significant adverse impact on the environment. If so, an EIS would be required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared. The Growth Coordination Plan is a nonproject action under WAC 197-11-704 (2)(b). Specific projects may be evaluated in greater detail, as appropriate, under provisions for phased review at WAC 197-11-060 (5). Existing environmental information and other materials indicating likely environmental impacts can be reviewed at our offices and at www.jblm-growth.com.

The lead agency has identified the following potential areas for discussion in case of an EIS: Air quality, plants and animals, noise, land use (including housing and plans and policies), transportation, and public utilities and services (including schools, social services, public health, and emergency services). Preliminary alternatives could include a No Action Alternative (future growth and economic expansion related to JBLM without a Growth Coordination Plan) as well as the Proposed Action described above.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. The methods and deadline for giving us your comments are:

Comments may be submitted in writing by February 18, 2010 to:

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Additionally, you may comment at a scoping meeting to be held on February 11 between 4:30 and 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St. SW, Lakewood, WA.

Appeals: There is no agency appeal of this determination.

Further Information: For more information, contact Dan Penrose at 253-983-7772 or email dpenrose@cityoflakewood.us.