



## JBLM Northern Clear Zone Project

The purpose of the Northern Clear Zone project is to develop a strategy and plan of action to resolve existing land use encroachments in the Northern Clear Zone of McChord Airfield, located at Joint Base Lewis–McChord, Washington. An airfield Clear Zone is defined by the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Defense as a 3,000 by 3,000 foot zone at the end of a runway, where there is the highest statistical possibility of aircraft accidents. Development should be prohibited in Clear Zones.

The JBLM Northern Clear Zone project has been undertaken by the South Sound Military and Communities Partnership (SSMCP) ([www.cityoflakewood.us/south-sound-military-and-communities-partnership](http://www.cityoflakewood.us/south-sound-military-and-communities-partnership)). Resolution the Northern Clear Zone encroachments is the highest priority identified in the 2015 JBLM Joint Land Use Study (<http://www.jblm-jlus.com/>). The Northern Clear Zone Project, scheduled to be completed in 2018, has four main objectives:

1. Ensure public and air safety;
2. Bring use of the Clear Zone into Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Defense regulatory compliance;
3. Preserve JBLM "Mission Assurance"; and
4. Implement the 2015 JBLM Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).

Though some properties have been purchased by government entities since the need was first identified in 1992, the bulk of properties remain in private ownership with ongoing incompatible business operations.



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