

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why was SSMCP formed?

Formed in 2011 by a memorandum of agreement among communities and JBLM advocates who wanted to provide a consolidated regional voice for issues.

How is SSMCP funded?

SSMCP is funded by membership dues and grants to include support from the Office of Economic Adjustment.

Does SSMCP have paid staff?

Yes. Two full time paid staff with military service backgrounds are funded by SSMCP.

Is SSMCP a non-profit?

No. Executive Leadership Team member, City of Lakewood, serves as fiduciary agent. The city also provides SSMCP with advice and legal counsel. This cost savings on organizational costs is not possible if SSMCP was a non profit. Staff do make clear designation of representing SSMCP - not the City of Lakewood.

Who may join SSMCP?

Anyone with objectives that align with SSMCP may be eligible for membership.



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SSMCP HISTORY

2010 Growth Coordination Plan

The South Sound Military & Communities Partnership was formed in response to the 2010 Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) Growth Coordination Plan (GCP), funded by a grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). The GCP process brought together military and community leaders to discuss how the rapid growth at the bases during the last decade was impacting the surrounding communities, and to develop a regional South Sound perspective.

New Direction Post-Growth

During 2014 and 2015, the SSMCP coordinated an update to the 1992 Fort Lewis Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for JBLM. A JLUS is advisory in nature informing local and state governments with recommendations that protect the ability of the military to accomplish its vital training and operational missions while also promoting development compatible with military presence and protecting public health, safety, and welfare.

SSMCP TODAY

SSMCP is a regional partnership that focuses on the nexus between South Sound communities and Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The Partnership consists of over 50 member organizations spanning a broad range of interests from local government with the Nisqually Tribal community, Pierce and Thurston counties, 12 cities, various county and state agencies, several chambers of commerce and numerous non-profit organizations working in collaboration to resolve cross-jurisdictional regional concerns with compatible land use and growth management, transportation, education, health care, social services, and business and economic development.

SSMCP's Core Objectives:

- Formalize new methods of regional collaboration
- Improve access to information
- Improve access to existing services
- Promote JBLM as a center for Regional Economic Significance
- Improve support for military families
- Improve regional mobility



MISSION

The South Sound Military & Communities Partnership works to address issues that affect military and civilian communities around JBLM and to foster outcomes that are mutually beneficial for the South Sound region.

VISION

The SSMCP is an innovative and flexible partnership uniquely positioned to provide regional leadership to bridge military & civilian communities.

REGIONAL FUNDING SUCCESSES=

\$675,941,500

1. Produce and Implement 2010 JBLM Growth Coordination Plan: **\$1.9 million**
2. Replace Clover Park School District's On-base elementary schools **\$140 million**
3. Workforce Development **>\$10 million**
4. Regional Land Use Study: **\$426,000**
5. Community-focused Survey of JBLM Personnel: **\$71,500**
6. Local Transportation Projects
 - TIGER III: **\$15 million**
 - Interchange Justification Reports: **\$6.9 million**
 - Madigan Access Transportation Improvements **\$5.7 million**
 - I-5 Transportation Alternatives Analysis **\$500,000**
 - State Highway Transportation Bill: **\$495 million**
7. **\$344,000** JLUS Implementation OEA Grant
8. **\$100,000** North Clear Zone Appraisals

State Legislative Agenda

SSMCP further advocates for military affiliated community member issues in Pierce and Thurston counties through efforts of a contracted lobbyist. State Legislators and other Elected Officials serve as the governing body of the SSMCP. They vote annually on the organizational agenda, budget and tasks.

Key agenda actions:

- **Demonstrate Progress Towards Resolving Encroachment in the McChord North Clear Zone (NCZ)**
- **Fund Transportation Corridor Plan for the South Puget Sound**
- **Strengthen State Involvement in Military Affairs**
- **REAL ID Act compliance**