Leveraging Federal Sustainable Communities

HUD Community Challenge Grant

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Regional Development around NAS Fort Worth, JRB

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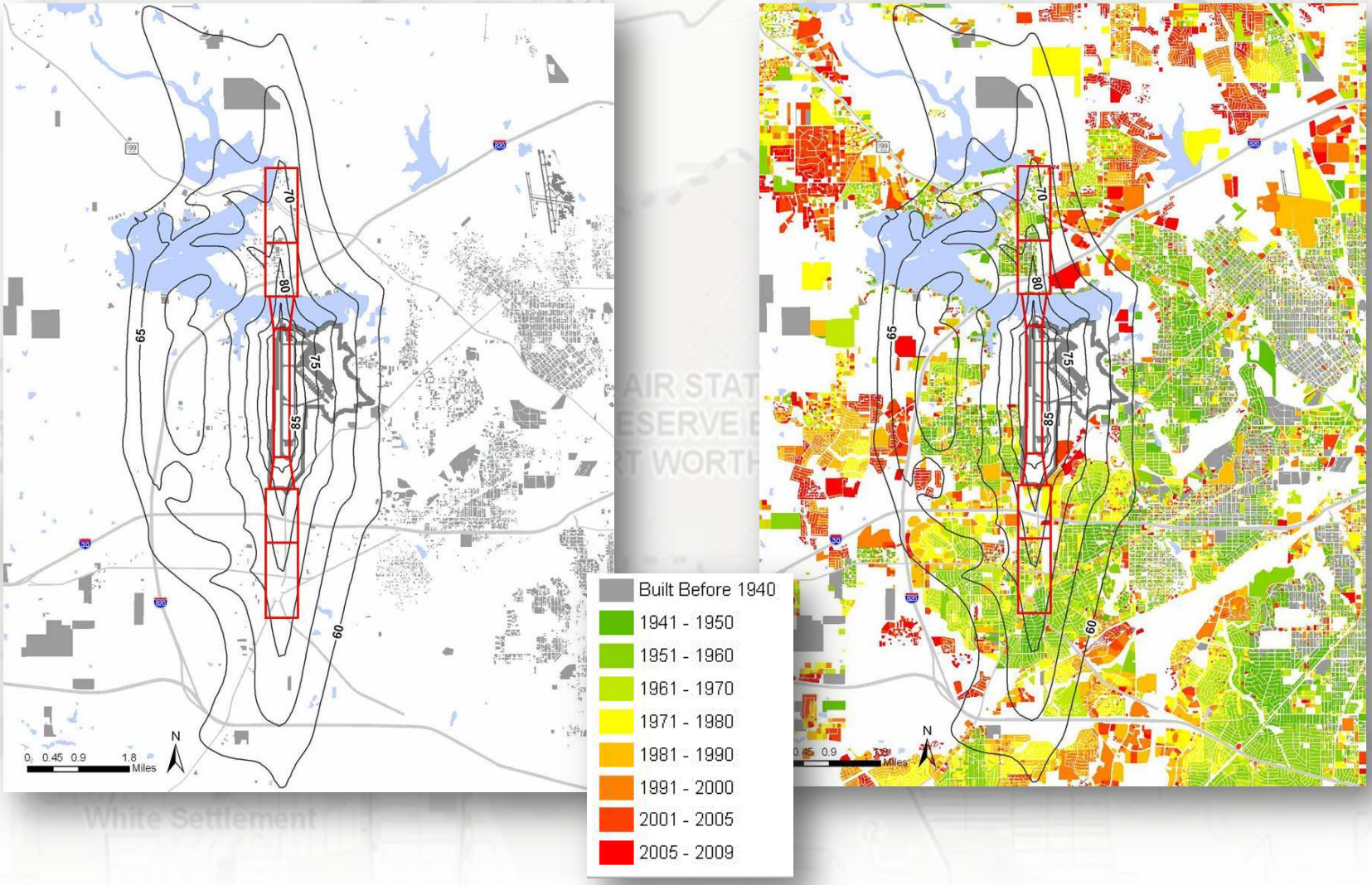


Why go after HUD funding?

NAS Fort Worth, JRB Perspective:

- Importance of compatible development established by Joint Land Use Study
- Long-term mission viability
- Coordination outside the fence line

Local Government Perspective:

- Continue to implement Joint Land Use Study recommendations
- Need for planning assistance and support
- Provide vision and actions that can have positive impacts on local government landscape such as economic development

Regional Perspective:

- Base - $2.3 Billion Annual Economic Impact (3rd Largest Employer)
- Lockheed - $2.1 Billion Annual Economic Impact (Largest Employer in Dallas-Fort Worth)
- Great partners already in place

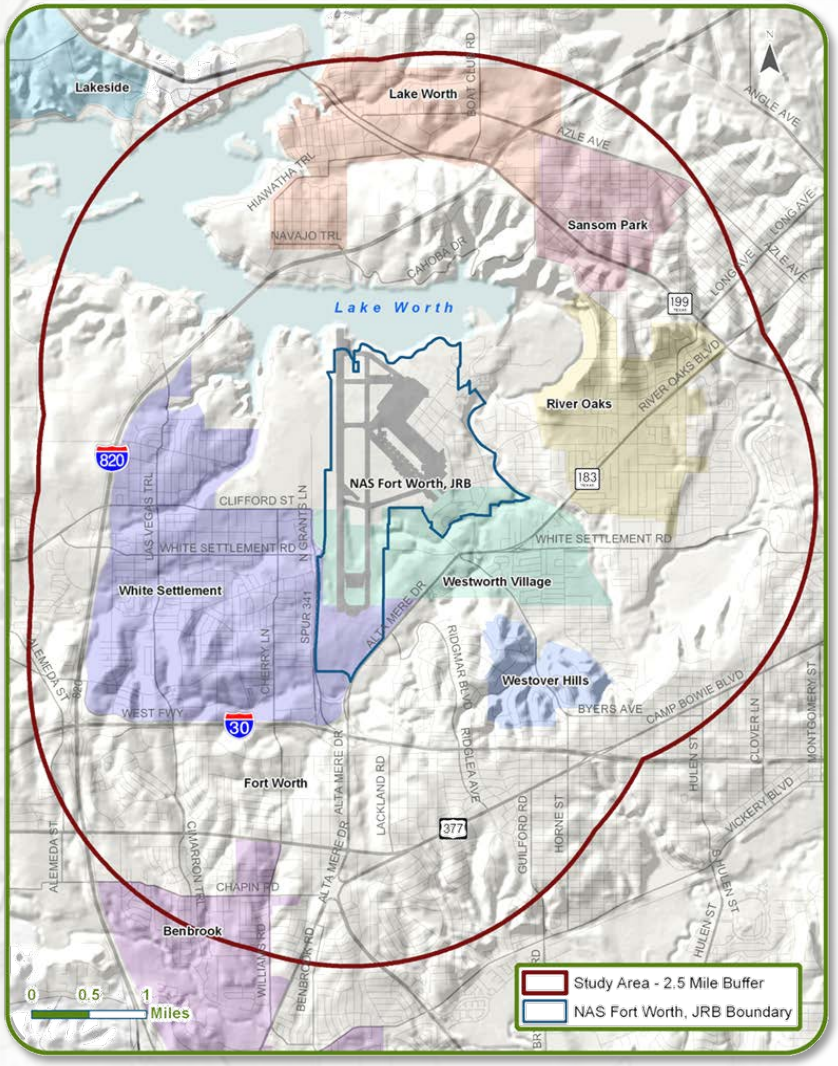
Project: Planning Livable Military Communities

Project Award: $640,000
Total Project: $800,000

Guiding Principles

- City Visions & Goals
- HUD Livability Principles
- JLUS Recommend-ations

Study Area



Project Participants

Cities

- City of Benbrook
- City of Fort Worth
- City of Lake Worth
- City of River Oaks
- City of Sansom Park
- City of Westworth Village
- City of White Settlement

County

- Tarrant County

Housing and Real Estate Interests

Military

- Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base
- Lockheed Martin
- Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment

Residents

School Districts

Chambers

- Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce
- Fort Worth Area Chamber of Commerce
- Northwest Tarrant Chamber of Commerce
- Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce
- White Settlement Area Chamber of Commerce

Transportation Agencies

- Fort Worth Transportation Authority
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Tarrant Regional Water District

Project Administration and Staff

- North Central Texas Council of Governments
- AECOM
- Sub-Consultants

Project Activities

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Housing and Retail Feasibility Studies

Support new housing choices

Assess current retail market

Enhanced Transportation Options

Assess existing conditions

Plan and implement alternative transportation options

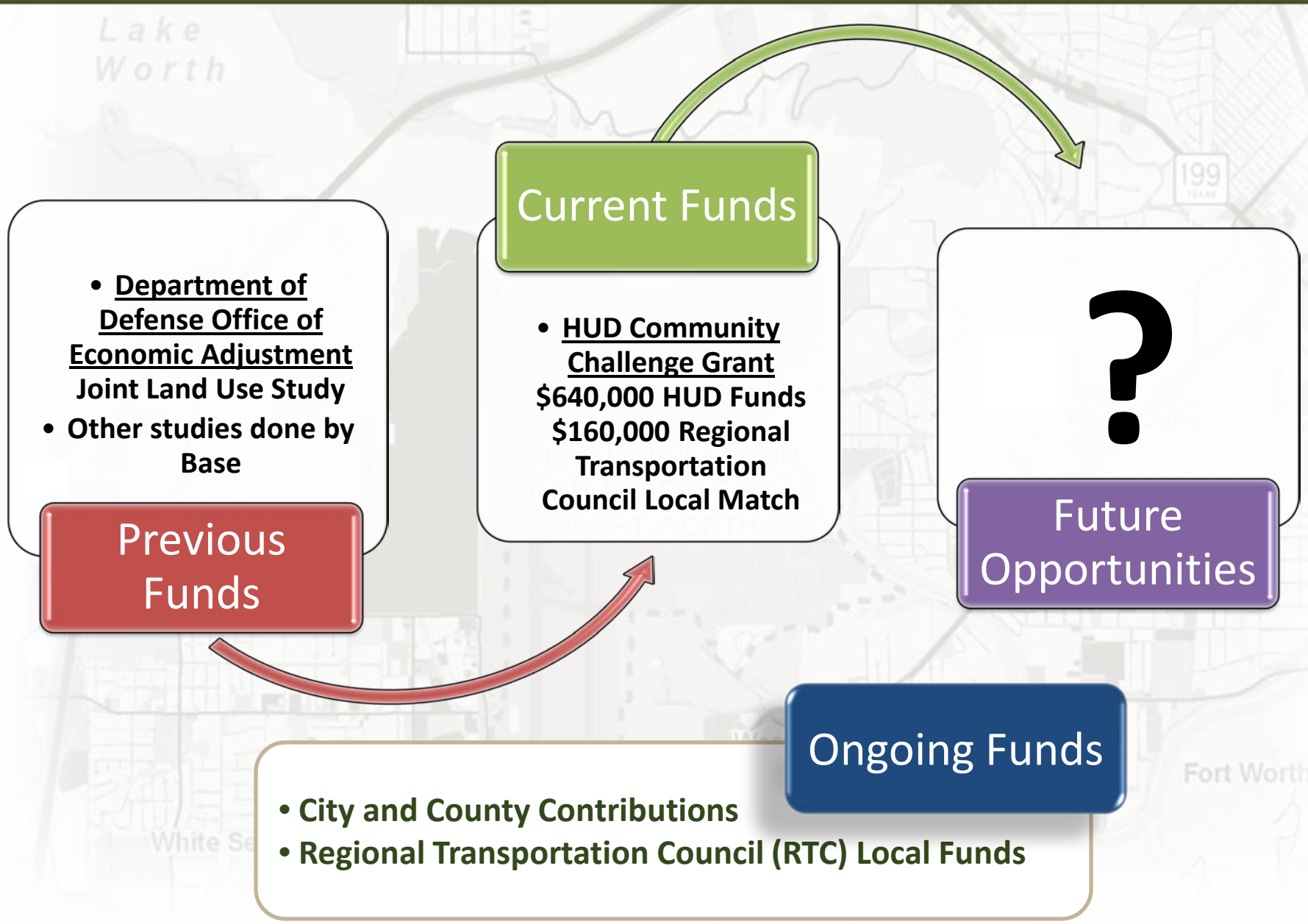
Ordinance Compatibility Review

Create building code that mitigates noise and increases energy efficiency

Comprehensive Plan Updates

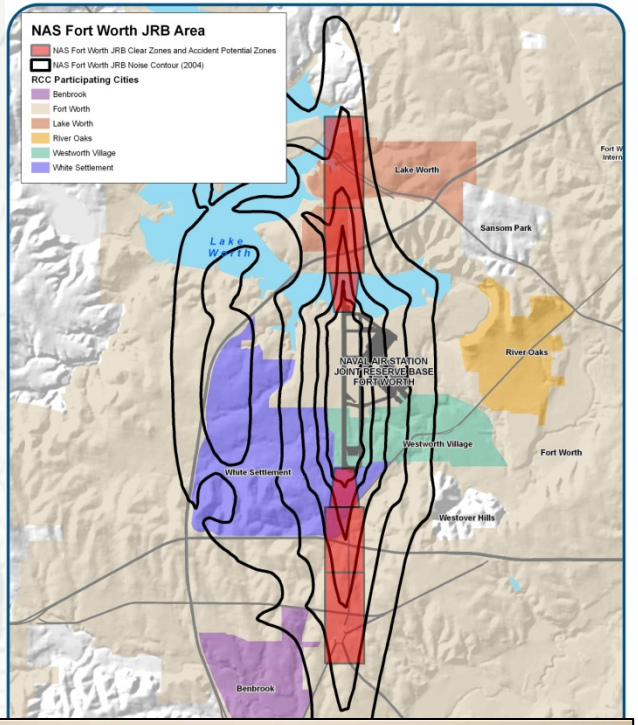
Update local government comprehensive plans to support growth and economic development

Leveraging Federal Funds



Implementing Community Visions

- Think global, act local
- Power of pooling resources
- Think strategically
- Consider unique funding sources
- Wide range of partners at the ready
- Internal capabilities
- Not sure if RFP fits scope of project? Apply anyways! (provided you have the time and money to develop proposal)



Lessons Learned

- Inclusive process
- Central, unifying message
- Strong support for military or something people can rally around
- Strong support from local governments and other community partners
- Grant administration can be considerable depending on source
- Consider partnering with COG or other regional planning organization

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