

Ellsworth Joint Land Use Study (JLUS):

Background:

SDEDA, in full cooperation with regional leaders, EAFB, local municipalities and jurisdictions, county planning and development agencies, civic organizations, and citizens in the immediate region concluded its two-year long Joint Land Use Study (JLUS).

There were six primary objectives of the JLUS: (1) to facilitate communication and cooperation; (2) to assess compatible land use and planning around EAFB; (3) to assess actual encroachment; (4) to accommodate new growth and economic development; (5) to sustain the operational missions of the base; and (6) to chart a collective, team-driven, path forward.

The Ellsworth JLUS was particularly successful. It identified and addressed potential encroachment and compatibility conflicts; emphasized the importance of protecting public health and safety; and assessed 25 areas to include: Coordination and Communication; Land Use; Safety Zones; Noise; Vibration; Water Quality; Vertical Obstructions and Roadway Capacity.

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