

NEFL MIRR Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Date: January 27, 2026

Project name: Northeast Florida Military Installation Resilience Review

Agenda

10:00 am Welcome and Introductions

10:15 am Methodology Overview

10:30 am TAC Meeting Review

10:40 am Overview of Preliminary Vulnerability Results

- Vulnerability Results by Asset Class
- NS Mayport Risk to Mission Results
- MCSF Blount Island Risk to Mission Results
- Camp Blanding JTF Risk to Mission Results
- NAS Jacksonville Risk to Mission Results

11:45 pm Next Steps & Questions

Steering Committee Mission

To build consensus and provide information and guidance based on local knowledge, historical context, and best available data on future conditions.

Meeting Summary

The Northeast Florida Regional Council convened the Military Installation Readiness Review Steering Committee Meeting on Tuesday January 27th, to review and discuss the MIRR vulnerability assessment methodology and walk through preliminary results of the analysis. Several regional issues relevant to the methodology were discussed, particularly the impact of Florida's rapid population growth, which is straining infrastructure and accelerating encroachment around military installations.



It was noted by a member of the steering committee that proposed state legislation (such as the elimination of property taxes and the “Blue Ribbon Bill,” which would reduce local authority over land use) could significantly affect the ability of communities to maintain compatible development around bases. These policy shifts, combined with population growth and development pressures, will be incorporated into the study through qualitative analysis as key regional shocks and stresses. A representative from the regional port authority emphasized the importance of evaluating weight limits and vertical clearances on transportation corridors used for national defense logistics and offered to share Port-to-Port transportation studies. Another stakeholder raised questions about coordination with the state transportation agency regarding aging infrastructure; while data has been reviewed, further direct engagement with the Florida Department of Transportation to obtain additional information on aging infrastructure is still needed.

At Naval Station Mayport, Coast Guard leadership underscored the critical role of A1A as their sole operational access route, noting that improvements along the corridor would benefit not just the base but also the Coast Guard and surrounding communities.

Discussion at Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island focused on infrastructure gaps and necessary additions to the assessment, including telecommunications redundancy, JAXPORT-owned rail and bridge assets, and the need to more accurately reflect heavy-load requirements on Blount Island Boulevard and Dave Rawls Boulevard, which support increasingly heavy military equipment. The port authority also stressed its operational support to military units at the facility and provided details about its port readiness planning.

For Camp Blanding, participants emphasized updating the mission description to reflect the installation’s role as a major training hub, designated mobilization site, and primary staging area for emergency management and utility response operations. Encroachment concerns also apply strongly to Camp Blanding, where preserving a multi-mile protective buffer remains a priority.

Discussion of Naval Air Station Jacksonville highlighted similar encroachment risks, especially within the Accident Potential Zone and around associated training fields, where development pressures and wildfire hazards present ongoing mission concerns. Naval Air Station Jacksonville also serves as a designated mobilization site critical to disaster response efforts. The airfield serves as critical Federal Emergency Management Agency staging area/mobilization site for disaster response.

Across all installations, the committee identified common themes: rapid regional growth, diminishing local zoning authority, aging transportation and utility infrastructure, and critical vulnerabilities related to redundancy in communications, electrical systems, wastewater networks, and key access routes.

The meeting concluded with an overview of next steps, including an open comment period for reviewing the preliminary results, the April Steering Committee meeting, and preparation for the upcoming adaptation strategy phase. The NEFRC emphasized the importance of elevating existing planned projects and requested guidance from members on which initiatives should be prioritized moving forward.



The meeting concluded with a discussion of next steps including continuing participation in the Mutual Support Agreement task of the project as well as preparing for adaptation strategy development.

Next Step Action Items:

- Begin framing adaptation strategies, including both policy and infrastructure mitigation projects.
- Jacobs to follow up with installation representatives for additional data layers (ACUB, REPI layers, AT&T fiber maps) to help inform adaptation planning.
- Continued cooperation between installations, municipalities, NEFRC, and Jacobs team partners on Mutual Support Agreements
- Preparation underway for the emergency management exercise in early summer.
- Please send all comments/feedback on the presentation and preliminary vulnerability results by Friday February 6th, 2026 to: Tnolen@nefrc.org, Tanya.Gallagher@jacobs.com and Alec.Rodriguez@jacobs.com

