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**Cape Cod Commission, MMR Initiate Update
to Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)
for Base and Surrounding Communities**

*Study to review military and community changes since 2005,
identify resource-sharing opportunities by March 2013*

BARNSTABLE COUNTY, MA – Changes to military uses, future projects, and land use planning initiatives prompted the Massachusetts National Guard to nominate the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR) to the Department of Defense's (DoD's) Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to update the MMR Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The OEA manages the JLUS program, which provides technical and financial assistance to states and local governments to undertake activities that support compatible military-civilian land use and development. The DoD selected the Cape Cod Commission to prepare the 2012 JLUS update, based on the regional planning agency's history and expertise with land use planning and environmental protection work related to the 21,000-acre installation on the Upper Cape.

The towns of Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich, and Barnstable surround the MMR. The Cape Cod Commission will work with representatives from those towns in cooperation with the US Coast Guard, Massachusetts Army National Guard, and Massachusetts Air National Guard, a Policy Committee, and a Technical Advisory Committee to complete the JLUS update by the end of March 2013. The two committees collectively include town selectmen, administrators, planners, and planning board members, Barnstable County officials and staff, town and county emergency response personnel, and MMR operations personnel.

The study will investigate opportunities for shared utility service delivery to reduce costs and manage community growth through the development of inter-governmental agreements. It will

also review policies and procedures about potential alternative energy development both on and off the base.

"The Joint Land Use Study update provides a unique opportunity to engage the communities and the base in a dialogue about ways to share infrastructure and services," says Cape Cod Commission Chief Planner Sharon Rooney, who will serve as the project manager for the study. "Through this process we hope to create efficiencies and reduce costs for such services." Rooney also served as project manager for the 2005 study.

"As the MMR Commands develop plans for the future, we want to keep our neighbors informed and involved," says Col. Anthony Schiavi, Executive Director, MMR and JLUS Policy Committee member. "The JLUS is an excellent way to coordinate with stakeholders early in the planning process to avoid conflicts, create opportunities, and strengthen relationships."

Learn more about the JLUS 2012 Update and follow its progress on the Cape Cod Commission's web site: www.capecodcommission.org/departments/planning/MMR

Learn more about the MMR from the web site: www.mmr.org

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Cape Cod Commission is the regional land use planning, economic development, and regulatory agency created in 1990 to serve the citizens and 15 towns that comprise Barnstable County, Massachusetts, better known as Cape Cod. The Commission works toward maintaining a healthy balance between economic progress and environmental vitality. "Keeping a special place special" describes the agency's mission to protect the region's unique qualities. The 19-member volunteer Cape Cod Commission board represents a wide spectrum of the community and provides oversight for a staff of 40 professionals. The Commission is responsible for regional planning, policy, and regulations to help manage growth, and the agency supports the Cape's 15 towns with cost-effective planning and technical services. For more information, visit: www.capecodcommission.org