



Downtown Homestead

2.1 PLANNING AREA

The JLUS focuses on the Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB) and the surrounding communities of Miami-Dade County, the City of Homestead, and the City of Florida City. Though the study team analyzed various land use, environmental and development issues in a broad area around HARB, the study targets recommendations toward specific geographic areas defined by noise and accident potential zones as described later in this report.

2.2 PARTICIPATING STAKEHOLDERS

One of the most critical goals of the JLUS process is to create a community-based plan that builds consensus from varied interests, including residents and property owners, local elected officials, businesses, and military representatives. To ensure that the JLUS document incorporates a cross-section of opinions and reflects feasible, practical solutions, the study team worked closely with a Policy Committee throughout the planning process.

The Policy Committee consisted of local elected officials, planning officials, HARB leadership, property owners and local community and business interests. Members were responsible for considering policy recommendations and reviewing draft and final written reports. The Policy Committee met on the following dates during the plan process:

January 23, 2006

April 24, 2006

May 22, 2006

July 17, 2006

September 14, 2006

October 2, 2006
December 14, 2006
March 15, 2007

2.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the Policy Committee meetings, the study team conducted a series of public involvement events in the City of Homestead. These meetings gave residents an opportunity to understand the existing issues, review draft land use compatibility tools, and provide input on implementation strategies.

Public workshops were held on:

March 7, 2006
November 15, 2006
December 14, 2006