



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

INSTALLATION COMMANDERS' GUIDE

TO ENCROACHMENT PARTNERING

PREFACE

The purpose of this publication is to provide Marine Corps installation commanders and their staffs with the information they need to help plan and execute successful encroachment partnering projects. Encroachment partnering is a cooperative, multi-party, real estate-based program authorized by Congress to help mitigate the impacts of off-base land uses that are potentially incompatible with military operations. It is based on a military service “partnering” with a public agency or a private conservator to acquire real estate interests in the vicinity of a military installation to prevent incompatible development or the loss of habitat that ultimately could limit military operations on base.

Encroachment partnering is one of several tools available to the military services to prevent or mitigate encroachment problems. Headquarters Marine Corps, Land Use and Military Construction Branch, has under development the Marine Corps Encroachment Control Campaign Plan as its strategic plan for encroachment management. The Campaign Plan will encourage installation commanders to develop Encroachment Control Plans that include action plans to help mitigate or prevent encroachment problems. Encroachment partnering can play a major role in an Encroachment Control Plan depending on local conditions. These include the risk of incompatible development, the willingness of landowners to accept restrictions on the use of their property, and the interest of public agencies and private conservators in pursuing encroachment partnering projects.

Encroachment management is a cooperative, public effort that requires the active participation of elected officials, their professional staffs, public land management agencies, private conservators, and landowners. For that reason, the Installation Commanders’ Guide to Encroachment Partnering should be shared with potential project partners and interested stakeholders.

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