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Naval Air Station Whiting Field Workshop June 20 & 21, 2023

Emerald Coast Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) project team conducted a two-day workshop focused on NAS Whiting Field. The purpose of the workshop was to identify hazards, vulnerabilities, and risks affecting the military's mission at the installation and explore potential solutions outside the fence line in the community. The workshop also included a site visit to NAS Whiting Field, where the project team met with Commanding Officer, Captain Paul Flores and his staff to understand the base's mission and operations. A tour of the base and surrounding areas showcased infrastructure, issues, and future plans. Major topics discussed included:

Utility Infrastructure

- Improving potable water connections and distribution at NAS Whiting Field.
- Enhancing the reliability and redundancy of electrical infrastructure.
- Expanding broadband and fiber connections to Whiting Field and rural communities.

Transportation Networks

- Promoting planned road capacity projects in the region around NAS Whiting Field.
- Enhancing and harmonizing intersection controls.

Social & Economic

- Addressing affordable housing needs, including mixed-use and high-density housing.
- Exploring land swaps to support the Navy and County's interests.
- Increasing capacity for local schools and childcare facilities.

Environmental & Land Use

- Protecting habitats for endangered species off installation.
- Targeting development in areas with low accident potential and away from flight paths.

The workshop provided an opportunity for collaboration and dialogue among stakeholders, enhancing the understanding of hazards and potential solutions to improve the resilience of NAS Whiting Field and its surrounding communities. The project team is committed to developing a plan that ensures the continued successful operation of the military installation and its vital contributions to the community.
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