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Issue: Camden County is Planning (and Ready) for Growth

Analysis over the past year has highlighted Kings Bay as a potential location for Department of Defense expanded missions. The attributes considered to reach this conclusion are the same reasons that Camden County is undergoing sustained, above average growth. In managing this growth it is critical that the community continue to balance Navy desires and requirements to protect our strong military-community partnership. In addressing the community's capability to accommodate growth, there are several important factors:

- With the establishment of Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay (NSBKB), the population of Camden County grew from about 10,000 in 1978, to over 43,000 in 2000. Community leaders managed this growth while providing a welcoming, safe environment for service members and their families, and maintaining a high quality-of-life and a low cost-of-living for all residents. *Experienced in Quality Growth...*
- The analysis conducted during the 2005 round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) showed that excess base capacity – utility infrastructure, waterfront berthing and services, building floor space, developable land, recreational services and facilities, and housing/hotel-type services – exists. *Excess Capacity... On Base*
- Community studies demonstrate the necessary infrastructure exists to accommodate all Navy expansion scenarios – affordable housing, quality public education, post secondary education, health services and transportation. *In the Community*
- New missions at the Submarine Base, with the arrival of the reconfigured Trident SSGNs, are an opportunity to develop joint partnerships with regards to covert maritime operations and training. *New Missions...*
- Looking to the future, Camden County continues to develop plans for land use, housing, transportation, public facilities and services, natural resources, and economic development in order to manage quality growth. *Proactive Planning...*

Camden County is currently drafting a strategic vision for the next twenty years with a new Comprehensive Plan. Our desire is to integrate Navy, Joint Force, or Inter-Agency plans for growth at Kings Bay with our own community planning.

Action:

To prevent long-term encroachment issues the community must understand the near-term and long-term Navy plans and requirements for Kings Bay.

Continue to support mission expansion at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Ga.

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