

Draft Land Use Plan

The Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans is pleased to release the Draft Land Use Plan.

1.1. Introduction

The Island of Guam is at a crossroads in planning for its growth and development. The U.S. Department of Defense is planning a major expansion of its facilities and personnel for all military service branches on Guam. An estimated 40,400 active military personnel and dependents are expected by 2014; comprising a 185% increase over the current 14,200 found on the island. Growth in the military sector will, in turn, impact private sector economic and residential growth and development. Much of this future growth is expected to occur in the northern and central part of Guam, see Figure 1 at the end of this section. In order to protect the quality of life and future of the island, growth must take into account Guam's unique environmental, cultural and economic character.

In the face of this unprecedented growth, the Government of Guam seeks to shape its future in ways that will maintain the quality of life that makes North and Central Guam a desirable place to work, live and visit. The Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Government of Guam has prepared this draft North and Central Guam Land Use Plan in order to identify a vision, goals and policies to achieve this vision. In January and February 2009, comment will be invited from the public, businesses, and other stakeholders so that this Plan may be refined to reflect the intent and direction of the citizens and Government of Guam.

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