

Fort Novosel Compatible Land Use Study



COMMUNITY SURVEY

June 26, 2023 through July 10, 2023

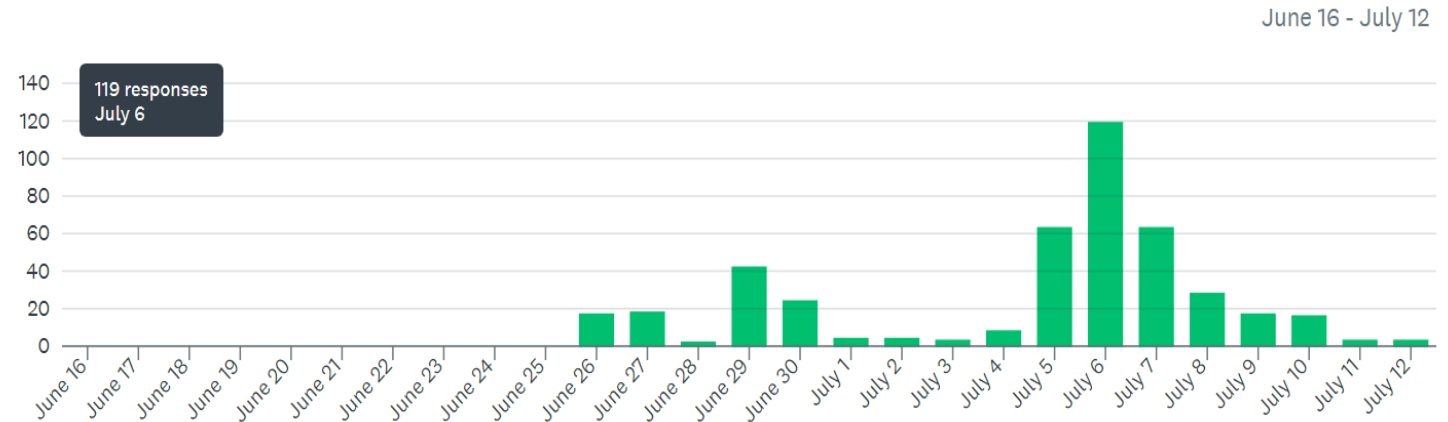


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Community Survey Results

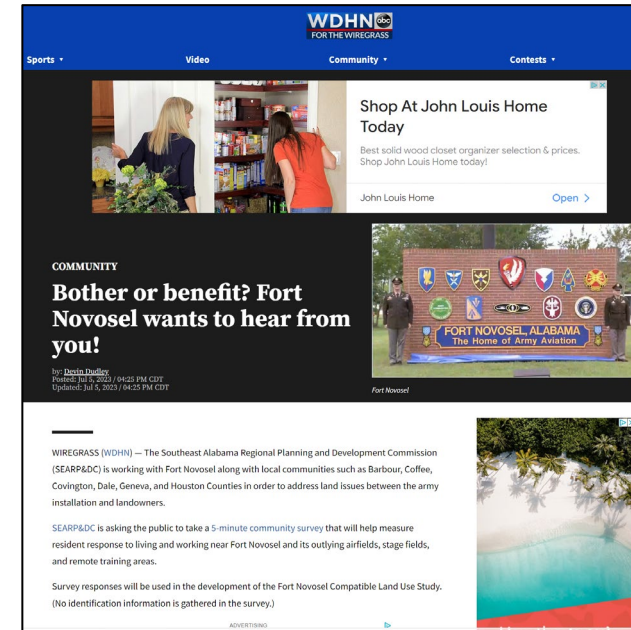
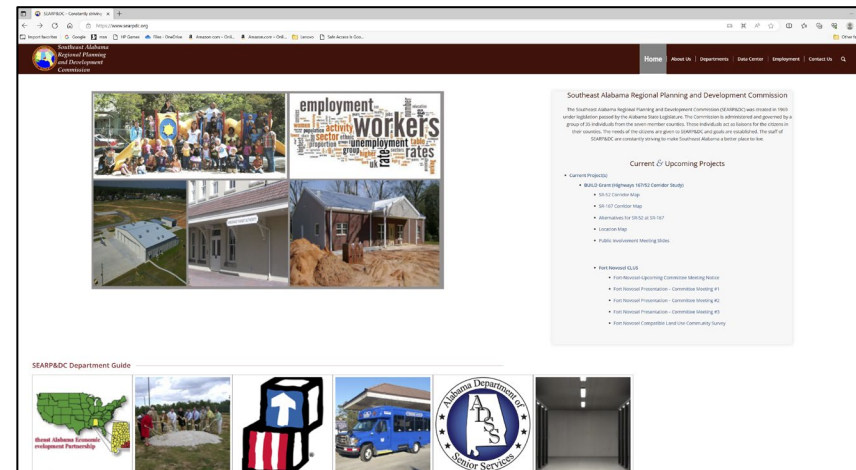
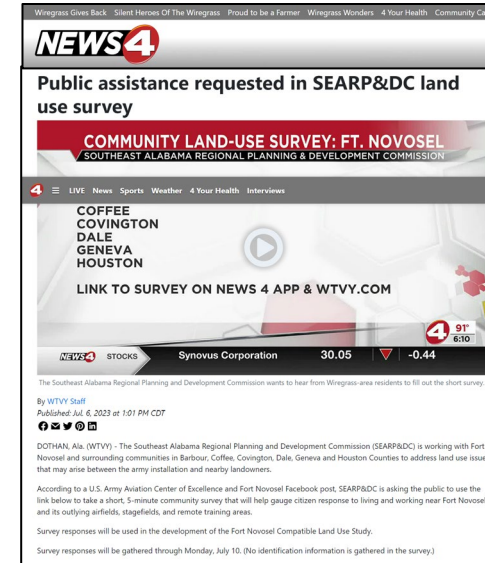
- 17 Questions – 5 Minute Response Time
- Distributed by CLUS Committee Members
- Monday, June 26th through Monday, July 10th

- 434 Responses

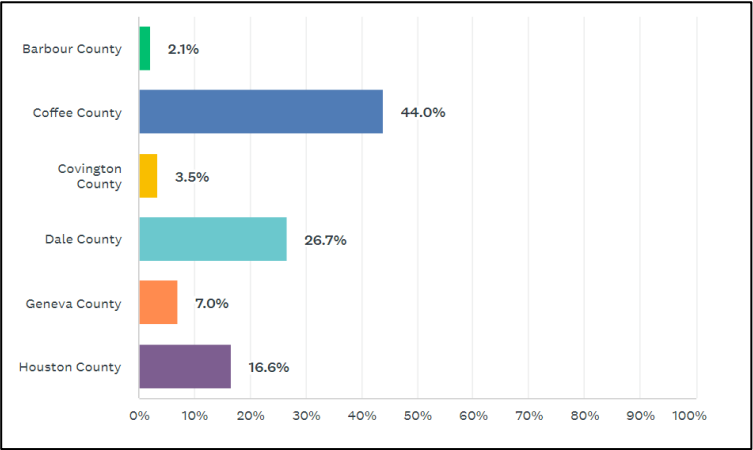


Community Survey Distribution and Coverage

- SEARP&DC Website
- FaceBook:
 - SEARP&DC
 - USAACE and Fort Novosel
 - Daleville Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Dale County Happenings
 - Ozark-Dale County Economic Development Corporation
 - City of Enterprise
- Dothan Eagle
- WDHN News
- WTVY News



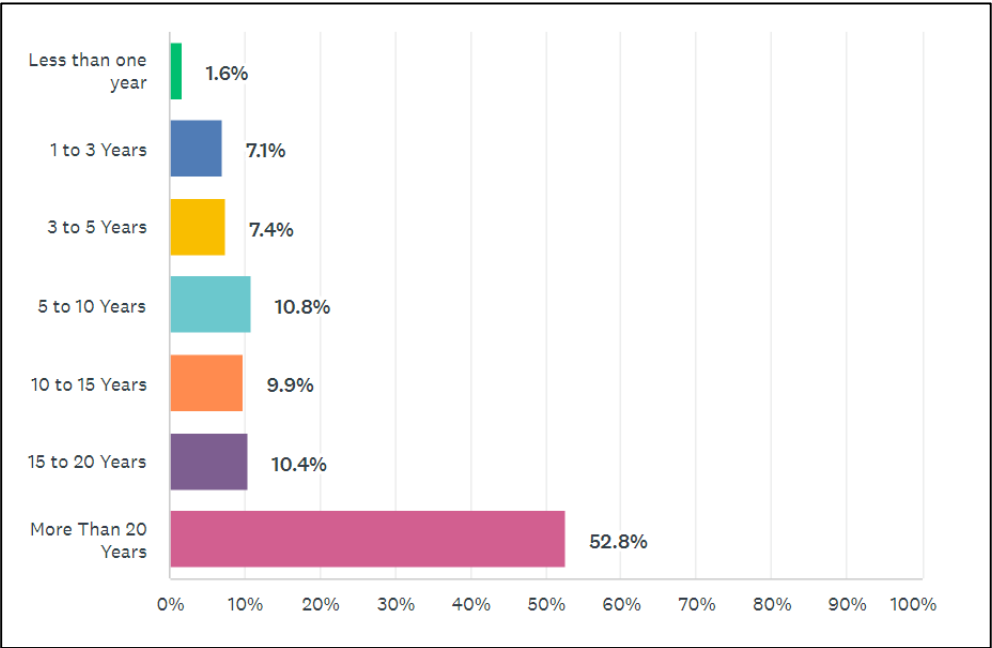
Q1. In what county do you live?



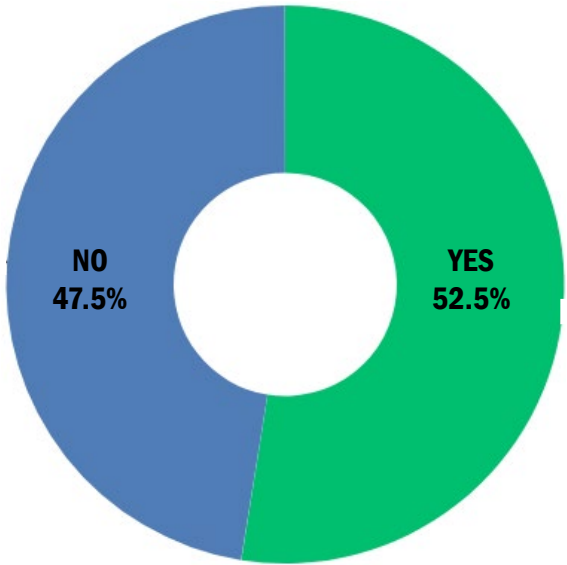
COMMENTS

- I own property in Geneva County. However, I do not live in Geneva County
- Henry
- Henry
- Pike
- Henry
- Fort Novosel
- Pike County on the edge of Coffee & Dale Counties
- Henry
- With land also in Dale County

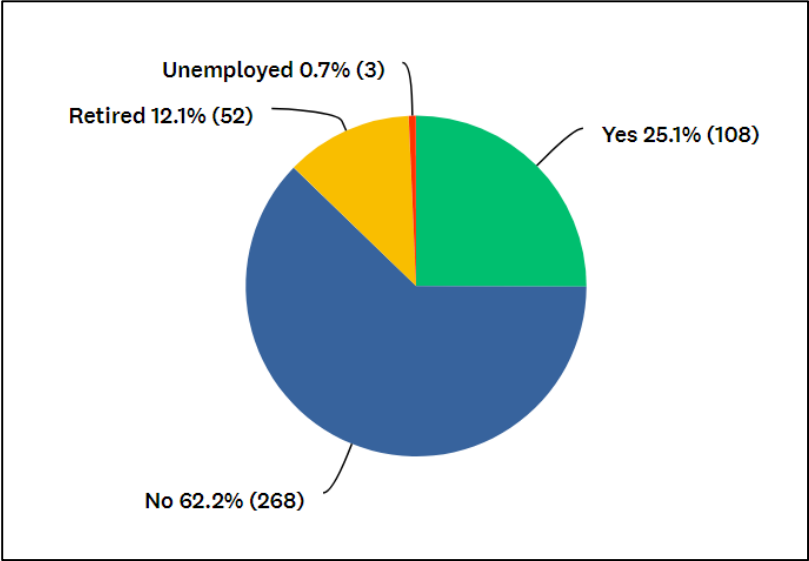
Q2. How many years have you lived in your home county?



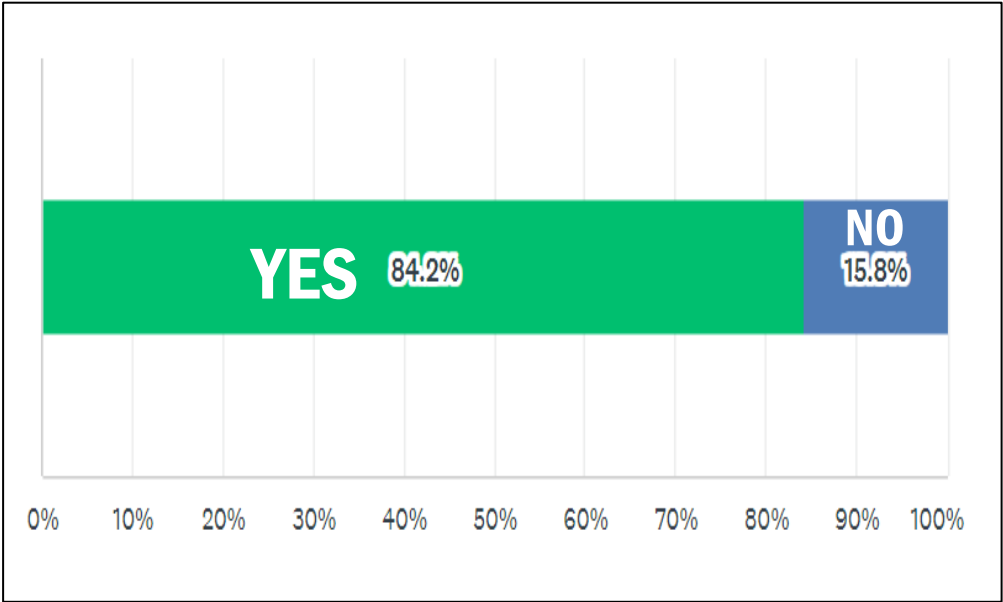
Q3. Are you currently serving or have your previously served in the military; are you a veteran; or are you a military dependent?



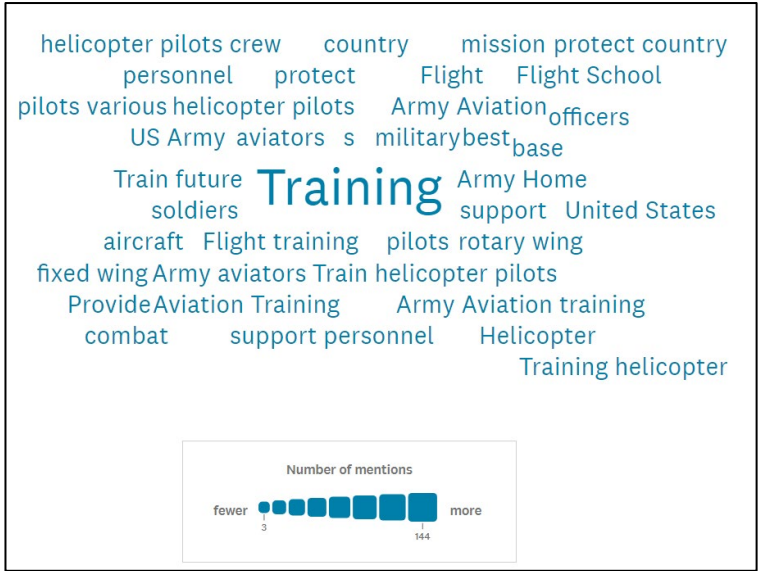
Q4. Do you work on Fort Novosel or for a Fort Novosel contractor?



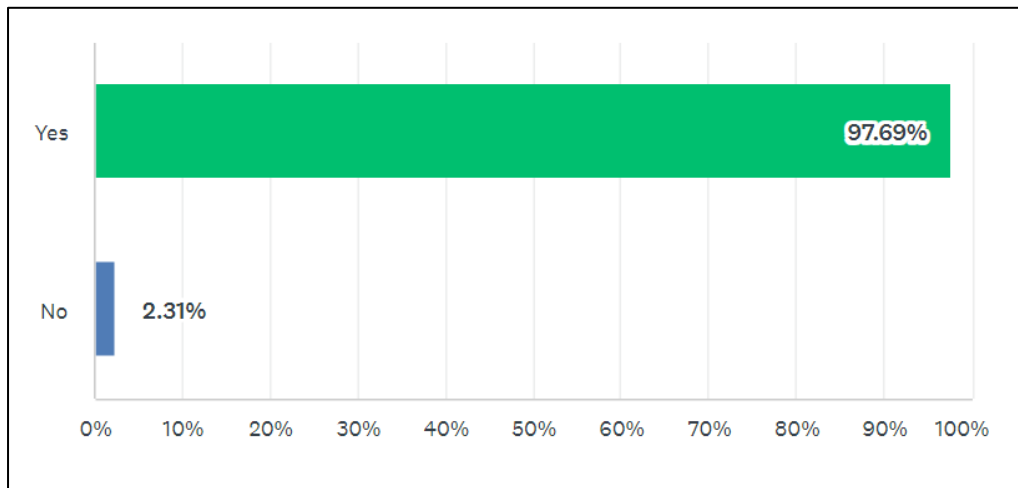
Q5. Are you fully aware of the mission and training activities that take place on Fort Novosel?
What do you perceive to be the primary mission of Fort Novosel?



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Q6. Do you feel that the presence of Fort Novosel is an economic benefit to the Wiregrass Region?



Q7. What do you think is the greatest benefit of having Fort Novosel in the area?

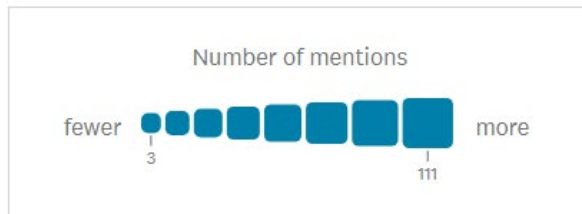
COMMENTS: 419 Responses

- **Economic Benefits**
- **Jobs**
- **Revenue and Taxes**
- Cultural Diversity
- Safety
- Military Presence
- Population Growth
- Brings People which brings businesses and activities
- Federal Funding in Schools
- Retirement Access
- Training



Q8. What do you think is the worst impact that comes from having Fort Novosel in the area?

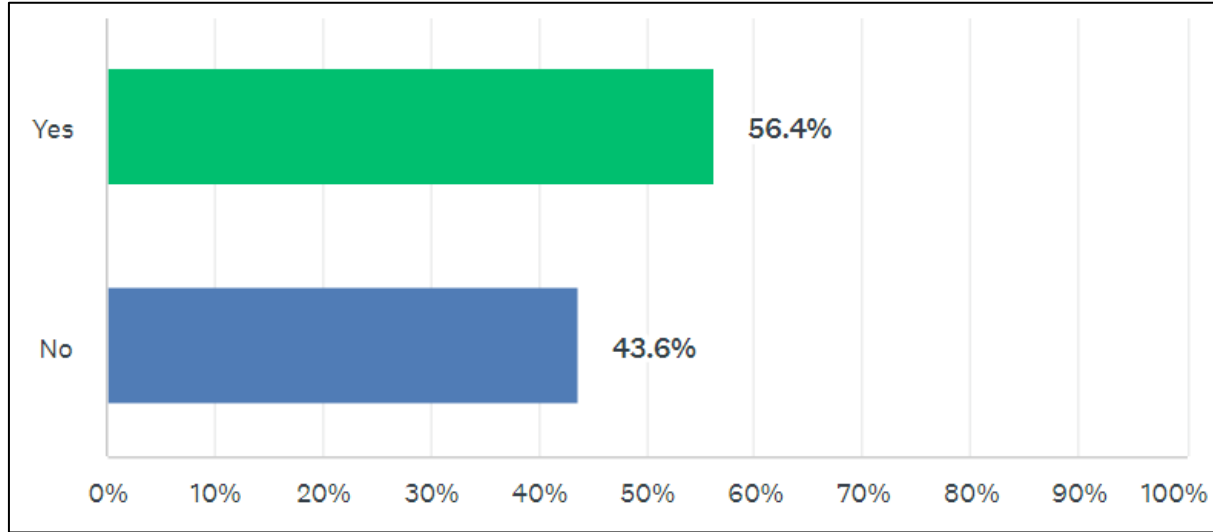
military families higher due Rent higher think negative impact
military personnel around Fort Novosel worst impact
Lack night Noise pollution don't see sure small
think one noise helicopters military
Price near one think Nothing High aircraft don't coming
going helicopter N **None** Noise training really
cause base bad members
leave impact Traffic area housing sometimes
cost living negative impact helicopter noise
constant complaints see negative impact
NA downside communities t see negatives
residential areas think negative military base



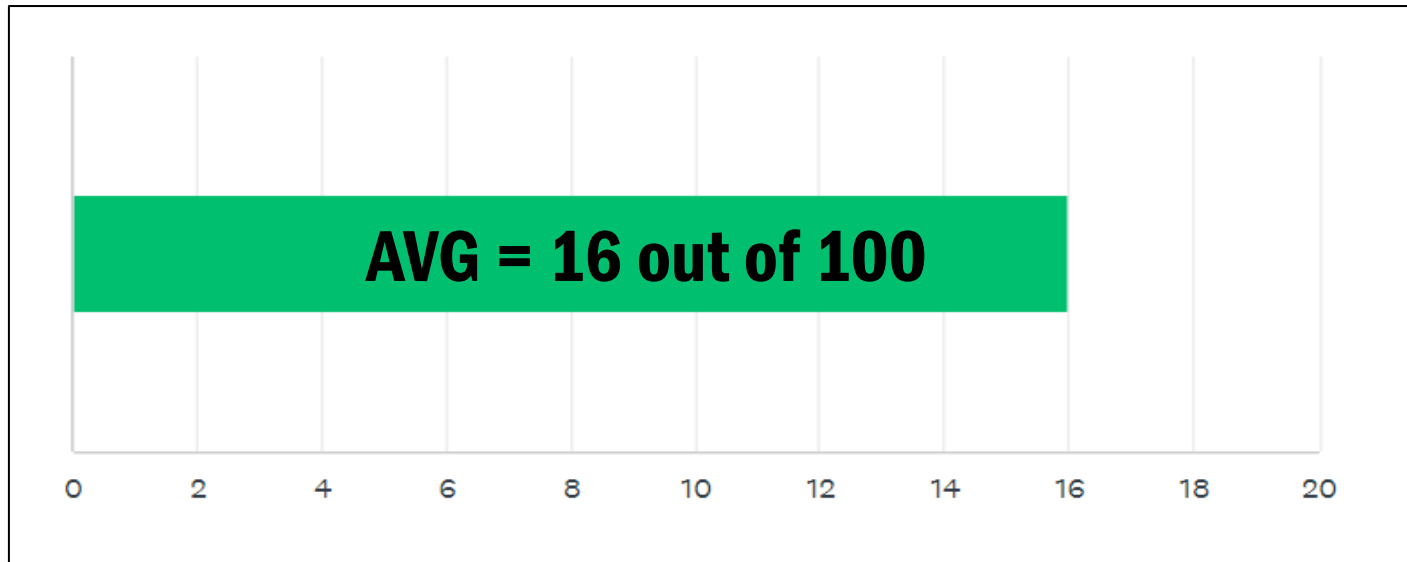
419 Responses

- Helicopter Noise
- Traffic Congestion
- Potential for attack by other nations
- Potential for helicopter crash
- Helicopter flights over residential neighborhoods
- Not following set protocols when conducting flight operation
- Constant turnover of personnel
- Fort Novosel took family land
- Environment destroyed
- Avoidable/unmitigated noise with impunity.
- The damage caused by the helicopters and lack of respect for personal property by the pilots
- Local community hates the military and is unfriendly, unwelcoming, and hurts our children educationally. The impact of Novosel in lower Alabama is a disservice to military families.
- The gate side cities need to develop a better partnership with the installation (mayors, council members, and command staff).
- Numerous students & instructor pilots are becoming increasingly lax in obeying minimum flight altitudes over community areas...limits established to reduce incidence of local ranchers, angry over herds being startled by low-flying aircraft, firing upon said aircraft. a situation ripe to dangerously explode in the Forts face once again.
- Housing is high. If you don't work on Rucker or in the military you can't afford it cause there is no where to work

Q9. Do you live within three miles of Fort Novosel or any of its airfields or stagefields?



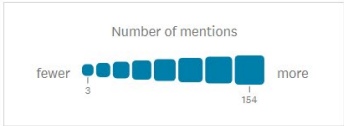
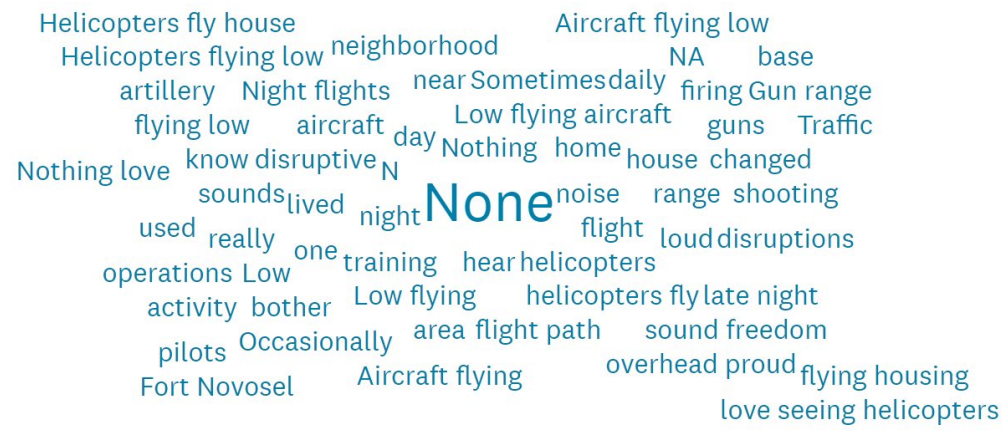
Q10. Have you ever been disturbed by the mission, operations and training exercises that take place on Fort Novosel and in the surrounding area? If so, please use the slider bar below to indicate to what extent Fort Novosel activities disrupt your daily life?



408 Responses

- 0 = 50.5%
- 40-60 = 9.6%
- 90+ = 3.7%

Q11. What Fort Novosel activity do you find most disruptive?

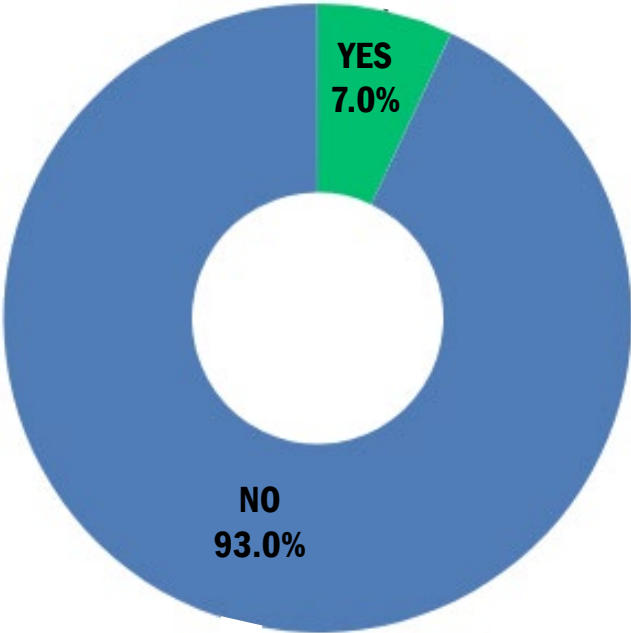


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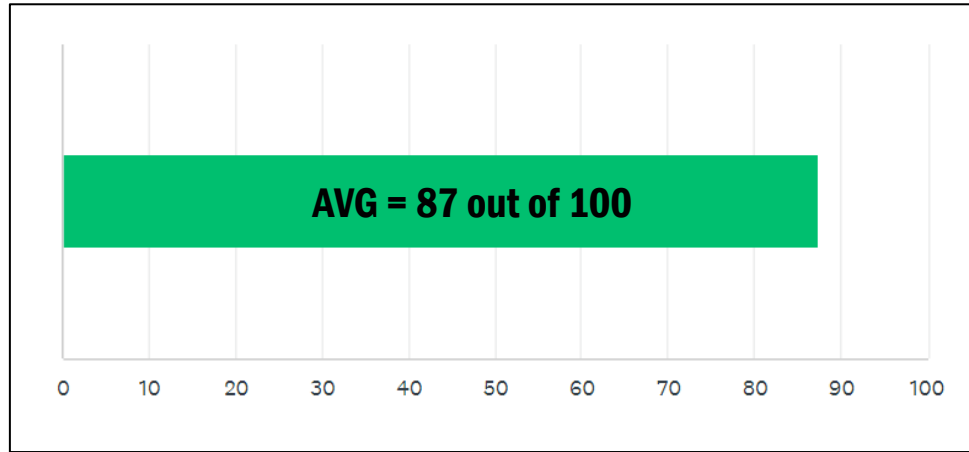
- 42.9% = None
- Helicopter Noise
- Artillery Noise
- Aircraft pilots and students refusing to obey minimum flight altitudes over communities during operations.
- Low Night Flights

Q12. Do you feel that Fort Novosel presents a safety issue to you and your family? If so, why?

- Terrorist Attack
- Crash / Crash over residential areas
- Not following set safety stand off from occupied dwellings
- Environment / Helicopter Exhaust
- Groundwater contamination from rounds fired into the ground.
- These are pilots in training, and they fly over our homes. I have even observed them shining deer. It is against the law to do that, and it was reported but nothing was done.



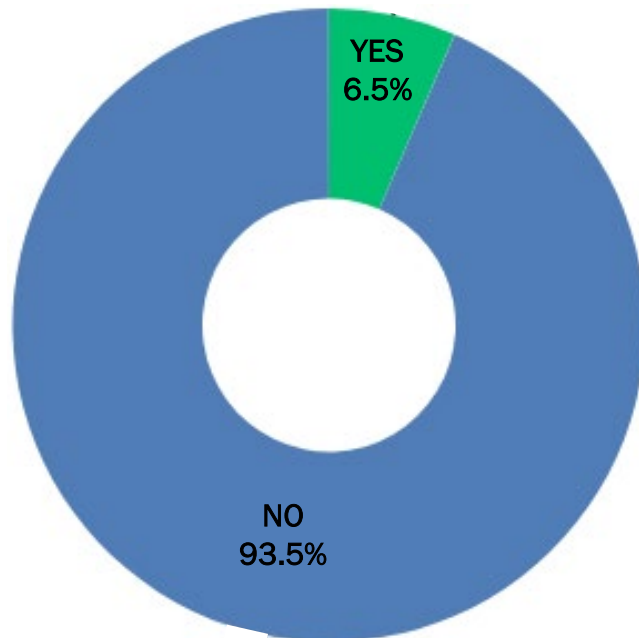
Q13. Would you support continued growth and expansion of Fort Novosel? Use the slider bar below to indicate the level of your support.



430 Responses

- 90+ = 53.0%
- 40-60 = 7.9%
- 0-20 = 5.6%

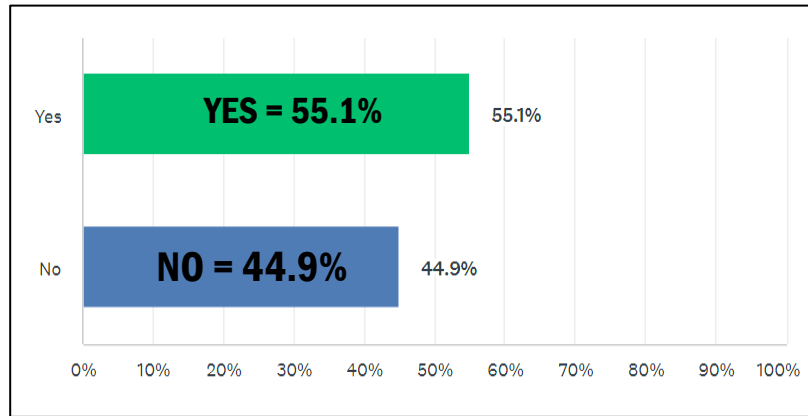
Q14. Do you know of any incompatible land uses surrounding Fort Novosel or its airfields and stage fields?
If yes, please explain.



- Airfields or artillery sites too close to neighborhoods or farms
- Fellow landowners lease out their land to Ft Novosel to use as RTs, but also as hunting and numerous other things.
- Incident of unexploded ordinance found on fairways of Silver Wings Golf Course. Where else have impact areas been located and abandoned, or been reutilized for other purposes ?
- Raising livestock; They have stampeded our cattle on several occasions.
- Residential construction
- Government declared "Eminent Domain" and took private citizens' land away from them to develop Fort Rucker and new stagefield(s) with the last 2-3 decades.

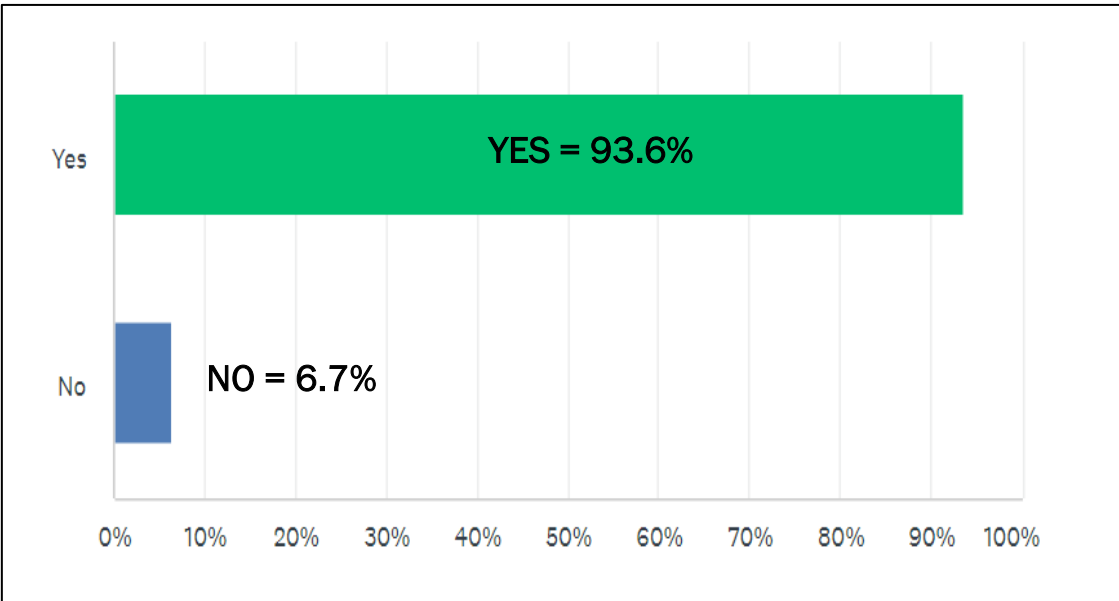
- Alabama is a timber producing State and the helicopters should not be allowed to damage stands of timber by hovering over them.
- Subdivision growth around Faulkner entry
- Molenelli firing range is too close to city limits.
- The impact on the land around Fort Novosel is minimal and any issues that arise seem to be addressed as needed on an ad hoc basis.
- Development around Cairns and Shell.
- Industry requiring significantly tall structures.
- Aircraft sometimes appear to disregard no fly zones in areas around Shell Field.

Q15. Do you think local governments should regulate how land around Fort Novosel is developed?



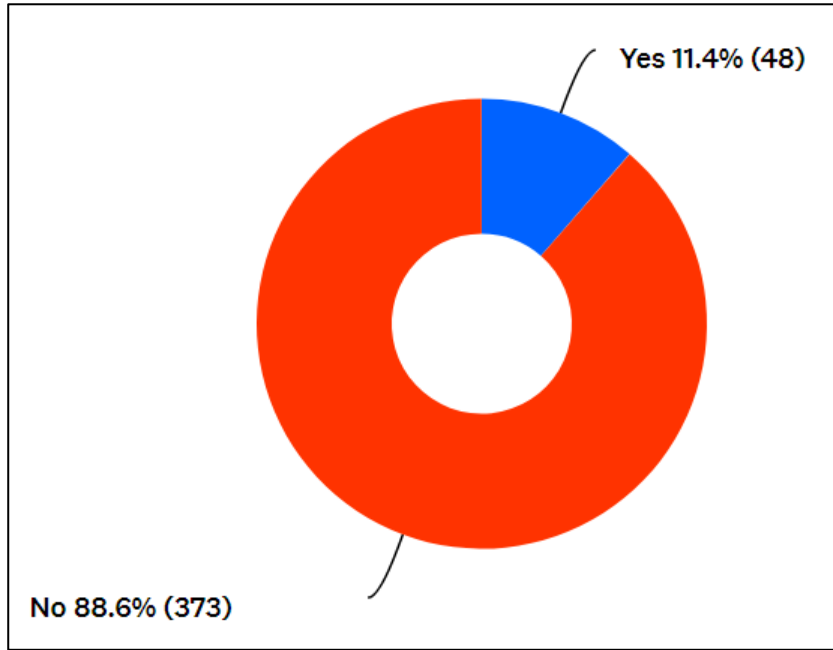
I feel that when land is expanded for the use of the military, the local government entities should not regulate, but be considered in this matter. Working together with the local community, great things can happen for everyone involved. I live in Rehobeth and our community supports Fort Novosel. However, I would love to see a Auxiliary Clinic/Pharmacy be considered for our town. This would help with the impact of having so many older members from having to drive that far. I know that our Town of Rehobeth would love to have y'all in our town.

Q16. Do you feel that the local governments in the Wiregrass Region adequately support Fort Novosel?



- The local governments have been begged to support military families and children and have consistently denied support. They value their local citizens over military families and allow our children and families to be harmed because they are outsiders. The local politicians support the schools stripping academic achievements from military students to give priority to local students; they support military students not being allowed to tryout or participate in sports to give benefit to the local children; and they don't support zoning and stopping military children from forced rezoning the way other states already do by protecting military children. The local politicians are corrupt and only benefit from local business staying local.
- I have heard numerous stories about discrimination at local schools.
- I feel that local governments adequately support Fort Novosel, but my concern is local governments adequately serving the needs of Wiregrass citizens.
- It seems to me that local government and Army personnel work well together to handle most problems
- I am not aware of any Wiregrass region that does not support and appreciate Ft Novosel.
- Certain communities support Novosel better than others.
- They have made strong coalition efforts to prevent a closure each time there has been a potential threat.
- Because they realize that without the base this area would dry up. Plus, many local government officials are retired military.
- In spirit for sure, but I'm not aware of actual laws that help Fort Novosel curb encroachment

Q17. Are you interested in learning more about how you might use your property for conservation purposes? If yes, please provide your name, phone number and/or email address below.



- Resulted in approximately 48 contacts.