

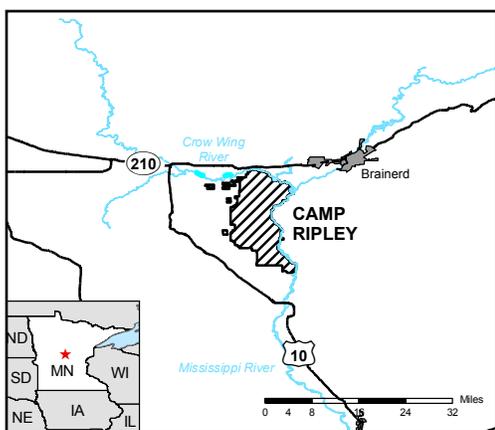


U.S. ARMY :

CAMP RIPLEY : MINNESOTA



The primary U.S. winter training site for the National Guard, Camp Ripley is an important Army National Guard post that supports ground vehicle maneuver training and live-fire artillery and bombing training, ranging from small arms to large caliber weaponry. Camp Ripley also hosts training exercises of foreign units on a regular basis as well as for active duty components and civilian agencies. Located along the Crow Wing and Mississippi Rivers, the surrounding riverfront parcels are very desirable for residential development, which could cause



complaints from training activities.

To prevent conflicts with residential development from the noise of its ranges, artillery, maneuver exercises, and airfields, Camp Ripley came together with various partners in the Prairies to Pines Partnership. Drawing on REPI, the partnership is creating buffers on private agricultural land and lands near the Little Nokasippi

Wildlife Management Area, securing the installation’s continued ability to train soldiers on its ranges.

In recognition of the project’s accomplishments, Camp Ripley with Morrison, Cass, and Crow Wing counties received Minnesota’s 2009 County Conservation award. In addition to protecting the military mission, REPI is helping to keep farmers working their lands, providing the public with recreational opportunities, and protecting a refuge for large game.



The Crow Wing River (bottom) has been a target for developers, which could interfere with the ability to conduct ground training (top).

KEY PARTNERS

- Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- The Nature Conservancy
- Parks and Trails Council
- The Trust for Public Land
- Crow Wing County
- Cass County
- Morrison County
- Ducks Unlimited
- Minnesota Land Trust
- Minnesota Deer Hunter’s Association

FAST FACTS AS OF 30 SEP 13

- » Acres preserved: **31,292**
- » Transactions conducted: **109**
- » Partner cost share: **76%**
- » Project status: **In Progress**

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands and local character that benefit the economy
- Supports existing regional planning efforts
- Protects water supply and improves water quality

MILITARY

- Protects live-fire artillery, ground vehicle maneuver, and helicopter training that produces significant amounts of noise
- Protects night flying capability, which requires minimal levels of light pollution
- Prevents the use of less-realistic workarounds

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