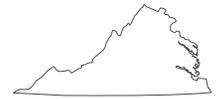


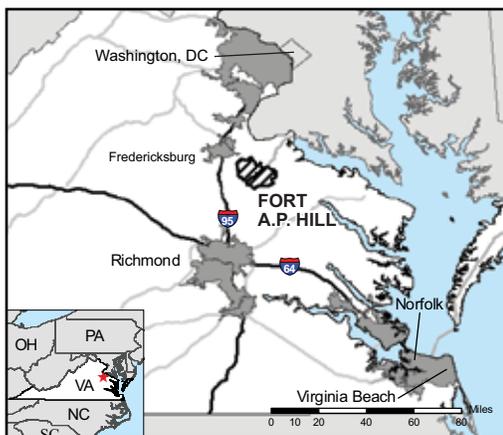


U.S. ARMY :

FORT A.P. HILL : VIRGINIA



Fort A.P. Hill's 76,000 acres provide all-purpose, year-round realistic joint and combined arms training, logistics, and support for active and reserve-component units, along with federal and state agencies. As a regional training center in the Washington, D.C. National Capital Region – approximately midway between Richmond and Washington, D.C. – the post specializes in training, maneuver, and live-fire operations. With 31 separate training areas on 44,000 acres of training lands, the maneuver areas provide ample training space.



Through buffer partnering efforts, Fort A.P. Hill is protecting its enhanced mission from incompatible development and noise complaint issues in quickly developing rural Virginia. In particular, conservation nonprofits and the Commonwealth of Virginia have partnered with the installation to preserve significant key buffer land near the installation boundary

and high-noise areas. The Fort A.P. Hill partnership is part of a larger Rappahannock River Valley Refuge Partnership that conserves open space, key natural habitats, working farms and forest lands, cultural resources and wetlands.

An innovative use of REPI included leveraging funds identified for mitigating effects on historic properties on-post for the purchase of an easement off-post that contained a national Historic Landmark Native American village site. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation endorsed the Fort A.P. Hill partnership as an innovative way to combine historic preservation, land conservation, and military readiness support.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Supports existing regional planning efforts, including “green corridor” habitat connections for wildlife
- Provides public recreational opportunities
- Provides benefits to area water supply through wetlands preservation

MILITARY

- Preserves on-installation live-fire training capacity through the buffering of high-noise areas
- Prevents workarounds that would have otherwise limited training capacity
- Protects capacity for future growth in multi-Service training requirements, including helicopter capability



Marine Humvees conducting training exercises (top). Camden Farm, preserved through REPI (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

FAST FACTS AS OF 30 SEP 13

- » Acres preserved: **9,611**
- » Transactions conducted: **14**
- » Partner cost share: **36%**
- » Project status: **In Progress**

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