

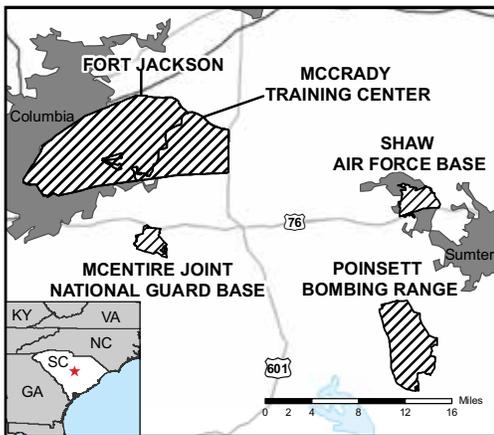


U.S. ARMY - U.S. AIR FORCE :

MIDLANDS AREA JOINT INSTALLATION CONSORTIUM : SOUTH CAROLINA



Comprised of five military installations, the Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium (MAJIC) formed in 2007 in response to a pressing need to protect training resources at Fort Jackson, Shaw Air Force Base, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Poinsett Bombing Range, and McCrady Training Center. The area between the installations in the Midlands area of central South Carolina creates a 670-square-mile focus area for military operations, and the installations are used by personnel from all four Services for an array of training



purposes.

MAJIC combines these installations' efforts to prevent increasing urban encroachment that could result in complaints about noise, dust, and smoke from military exercises. By reducing duplicative efforts and sharing lessons learned, MAJIC is working to ease incompatible development and possibly receive credits for red-

cockaded woodpecker recovery in order to alleviate current pressures on training.

These coordinated efforts are preventing housing from being developed in several areas important for military operations: under flight approach or helicopter routes, in locations that would result in noise complaints from live-fire artillery and vehicle maneuver training, and where light would affect night vision equipment for air-to-ground range operations. Meanwhile, the project advances regional efforts to sustain longleaf pine habitat and important watersheds, protect the local economy, and support national defense.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands and local character that benefit the economy
- Supports existing regional planning efforts, including a Joint Use Land Study and "green corridors" for wildlife migration
- Protects endangered species

MILITARY

- Protects on-installation live-fire artillery/bombing, vehicle maneuver, and helicopter training that produces significant amounts of noise
- Supports the ability to train for multi-Service missions



Preserved buffer land benefits vehicle maneuver exercises (top) and F-16 training (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- The Conservation Fund
- City of Sumter
- Sumter County
- Richland County
- South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
- City of Columbia
- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
- South Carolina Department of Commerce
- Kershaw County
- The Central Midlands Council of Governments

FAST FACTS AS OF 30 SEP 13

- » Acres preserved: **12,560**
- » Transactions conducted: **26**
- » Partner cost share: **84%**
- » Project status: **In Progress**

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