



# REPI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

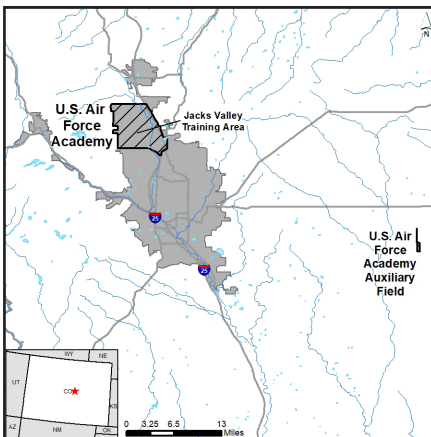
## PROJECT PROFILES

U.S. AIR FORCE | COLORADO

### U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**The U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) provides an immersive Air Force experience for its Cadets. USAFA is the only commissioning source that provides the day-to-day fundamentals of flight and military training.**

Flying programs have been a significant part of Academy education for more than 50 years and are necessary to continue recruiting the best pilots to the Air Force and combat our national pilot shortage. Using the 1,100-acre USAFA Airfield, approximately 650 Cadets complete Powered Flight Training, 500 complete



Soaring Training, and 750 complete Parachute Training annually.

Flight training is at risk due to increased urban higher-rise development and increased demand for wind turbines under flight training areas and around Bullseye Auxiliary Airfield to the east of USAFA. USAFA is working with the Trust for Public Land to establish conservation easements protecting the existing agricultural use and flight training operations on approximately 48,000

acres of land around Bullseye Airfield and under two of the aerial Training Areas. This REPI project will strengthen military readiness and help conserve agricultural land, and help protect nearly \$1 billion in annual economic contributions USAFA makes to the community.

In addition to pursuing REPI projects for these priority areas, USAFA will continue to engage local developers and community leaders to increase awareness on encroachment impacts to the installation's mission.

### BENEFIT SUMMARY

#### COMMUNITY

- Brings together new partners
- Protects agricultural land that provides economic benefit

#### MILITARY

- Prevents workarounds that would reduce training capacity
- Increases operational safety
- Reduces lost training



U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel (top). The T-53 represents the backbone of the Academy's Powered Flight training program in which over 600 cadets participate annually (bottom).

### KEY PARTNERS

- The Nature Conservancy
- Trust for Public Land

### FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED:  
0
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED:  
0
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED:  
\$0
- PROJECT STATUS:  
Initiated

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