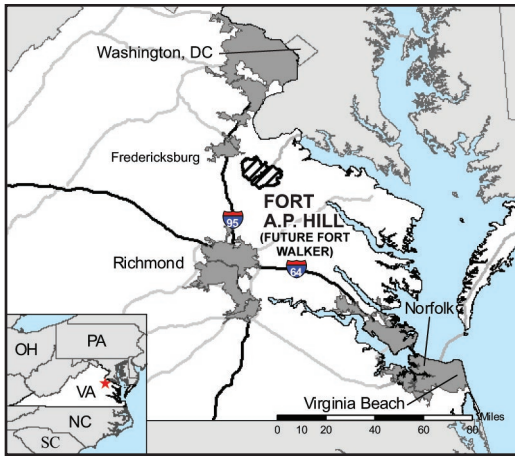




FORT A.P. HILL (FUTURE FORT WALKER)

Fort A.P. Hill's (Future Fort Walker) 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 (Future Fort Walker) 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 (Future Fort Walker) 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 (Future Fort Walker) 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
- Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
- U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED: 13,524
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED: 24
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED: \$45.1 million
- PROJECT STATUS: In Progress

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