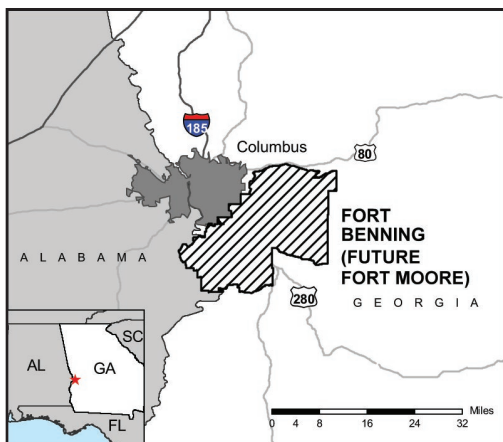




## FORT BENNING (FUTURE FORT MOORE)

**Fort Benning (Future Fort Moore) is the home of the Maneuver School of Excellence, which combines the Army's premier Infantry Training Center and the Armor School in one location. With five types of infantry—mechanized, light, airborne, air assault, and ranger—the post is one of the country's most important installations.**



However, the growth of nearby towns and the increasing population size of the post have led to development pressures and loss of critical wildlife habitat.

Training exercises on Fort Benning's (Future Fort Moore) ranges and maneuver corridors face numerous obstacles, as threatened, endangered, and other rare species (red-cockaded woodpecker and gopher tortoise)

habitat, streams, and wetland sites restrict construction and training flexibility. However, the post is working with a variety of partners, who are acquiring titles to parcels that will prevent development pressures and protect contiguous stretches of longleaf pine benefiting the red-cockaded woodpecker, gopher tortoise, and the ecosystems that support them.

Fort Benning's (Future Fort Moore) partners will be restoring habitat while simultaneously marketing to conservation buyers who may be interested in purchasing the land for recreational uses. This project also helps anchor the north end of a broad regional longleaf pine habitat corridor spanning Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

### BENEFIT SUMMARY

#### COMMUNITY

- Preserves working lands
- Supports regional planning objectives, including a Joint Land Use Study
- Protects habitat for threatened and endangered species
- Provides recreational opportunities
- Protects water supply

#### MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire, maneuver, helicopter, and night flying training that produces significant noise or requires minimal light pollution
- Prevents workarounds that would reduce training realism
- Allows for future mission growth and multi-Service missions



*Longleaf pine at Fort Benning (Future Fort Moore) provides habitat for threatened and endangered species (top). Soldiers undergoing basic training (bottom).*

### KEY PARTNERS

- Alabama Forest Resource Center
- Alabama Land Trust
- Chattahoochee Fall Line Conservation Partnership
- Chattahoochee Valley Land Trust
- Columbus Consolidated Government
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- Georgia Forestry Commission
- Georgia Land Trust
- Knobloch Foundation
- State of Georgia
- State of Alabama
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service

### FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED:  
34,870
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED:  
43
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED:  
\$105.7 million
- PROJECT STATUS:  
In Progress

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