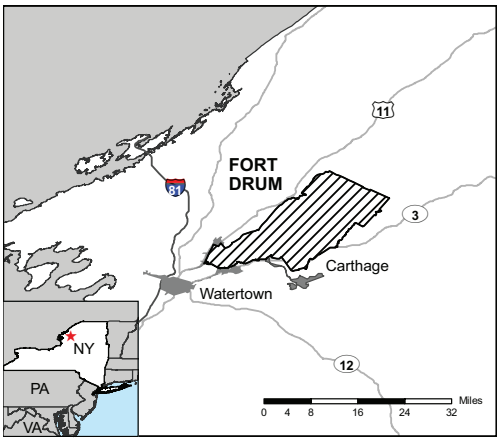
U.S. ARMY :

FORT DRUM : NEW YORK

Fort Drum is home to the 10th Mountain Division and is the only installation in the Northeast from which the military can project its power by supporting the mobilization and deployment of high priority, active units. With the installation's mission expanding in the years ahead, nearby residential and commercial construction is increasing. Noise and smoke from live-fire weapons, as well as use of ordnance, tanks, and aircraft all present potential conflicts with this increasing development.



As its partners acquire conservation easements through REPI, Fort Drum is greatly reducing the need for workarounds necessary to minimize training impacts on the nearby population. Additionally, the post is actively pursuing wetlands mitigation sites in conjunction with preserving open space along its border. Partnering with Ducks Unlimited, the project will help accomplish these multiple goals.

An important aspect of the efforts at Fort Drum includes preserving habitat for the endangered Indiana bat. Connecting remaining habitat off-post can ensure Fort Drum is not the primary remaining bat habitat, can provide regulatory relief, and also protects corridors for migratory birds. Meanwhile, wetlands mitigation off-post allows the base to offset streams impacted by on-post construction without setting aside valuable training lands. Preventing residential development sustains the resiliency of training lands that benefit all four military Services, a significant asset for our national defense.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Preserves working lands and local character
- Provides habitat for endangered species
- Protects water supply

MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire and maneuver training capacity through the buffering of high-noise areas
- Preserves night flying training capacity, which requires minimal light pollution
- Reduces the need for less-realistic workarounds

For more information about REPI, please see <http://www.repi.mil>.

Soldiers at Fort Drum prepare for deployment to combat zones (top and bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Ducks Unlimited
- Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
- Jefferson County
- Agricultural Development Corporation

FAST FACTS AS OF 30 SEP 12

» Acres preserved:
1,515

» Transactions conducted:
7

» Partner cost share:
9%

» Project status:
In Progress

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