



PROJECT PROFILES

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JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS

Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) is one of the first and oldest Air Force facilities in the U.S. and was founded on an undeveloped site near easy access to over-water flight areas.

The airfield is now located amid the populous cities of Hampton and Newport News, Virginia, where it is an essential part of the local economy. JBLE is home to the headquarters of the Air Combat Command and houses units of the F-22 Raptor fighter jet and the T-38 Talon supersonic jet trainer. Although these units can currently meet their missions, development and obstructions along the

base's western boundary present a continued risk to the safety of aviators and the community.

Recognizing the base's importance and the need to address its encroachment concerns, the City of Hampton is working tirelessly with JBLE to acquire lands in the runway's compatible use and safety zones. A key part of this REPI project will be the ability to manage and control tree height on acquired

lands, including removal of any obstructions within the base's approach-departure surface. Securing these parcels will improve JBLE's airfield operations and benefit local health and safety.

This REPI partnership is a continuation of a close relationship between the base and its local community. Hampton has already acquired numerous parcels of their own accord within JBLE's safety and noise zones, and the partners are implementing the results of a recent Joint Land Use Study. This effort will also protect sensitive wetlands and allow for improved natural resources management, including addressing bird aircraft strike hazard concerns and their impact to the Air Force mission.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Supports coordinating with existing regional planning efforts
- Supports implementation of a Joint Land Use Study
- Protects sensitive ecosystems

MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire training mission
- Increases operational safety
- Removes existing encroachment within the operational mission area



The first operational F/A-22 Raptor flies over nearby rural areas as it is delivered to its permanent home at Langley AFB (top). Located in the Hampton Roads metro area, Langley AFB is surrounded by development but has easy access to over-water flight areas (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- City of Hampton

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED: 60
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED: 6
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED: \$1.2 million
- PROJECT STATUS: In Progress

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