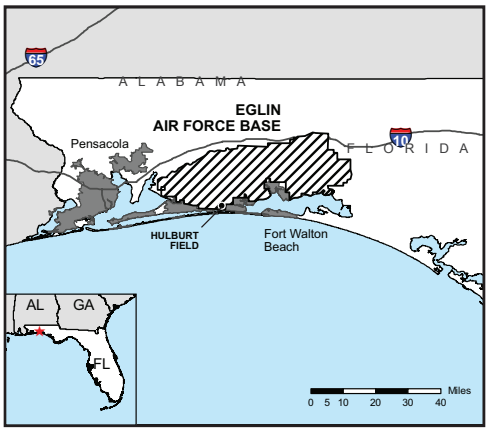
U.S. AIR FORCE :

EGLIN AFB : FLORIDA

Located in the Florida Panhandle, Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) is the Air Force's largest installation and also includes extensive special use airspace to allow the base to carry out its test and evaluation mission. That mission is increasing in importance as the base will host Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) training that will require the Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps to fly at low level into the Eglin range from a distance of 90 miles away.



To guard against incompatible development near future critical JSF operating areas, Eglin AFB's partners are conserving large tracts of land located near and under the installation's airspace, as well as within important wildlife corridors. Part of an unprecedented partnership, the base is protecting land within the Northwest Florida Greenway, a 100-mile habitat corridor between the base and the Apalachicola National Forest to the southeast. The base is also creating buffers between its boundaries and the Blackwater River State Forest to the north.

With strong support from the state's Florida Forever program, the partnership's dedication to the military mission allows Eglin AFB to continue to conduct its testing and training activities. While protecting a major regional economic driver, the partnership is also conserving one of the most biologically diverse regions in the country.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Supports a designated green corridor to enable wildlife to travel safely between habitats
- Supports existing regional planning objectives, including the implementation of a Joint Land Use Study
- Protects habitat for wildlife

MILITARY

- Protects off-installation maneuver test and evaluation capability
- Provides for future mission growth and multi-Service missions

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

Eglin AFB is slated to become the new home of the Joint Strike Fighter, requiring open space for low-altitude maneuvers (top). REPI projects support Longleaf Pine habitat (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- City of Niceville
- Florida Defense Alliance
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Division of Recreation and Parks
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Florida Forest Service
- Okaloosa County
- Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Department
- State of Florida
- The Nature Conservancy

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2015

» Acres preserved:
24,027

» Transactions conducted:
5

» Total funds expended:
$24.3 million

» Project status:
In Progress

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