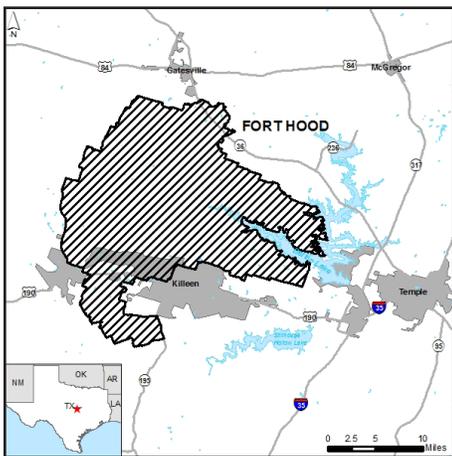




U.S. ARMY :  
**FORT HOOD : TEXAS**



**F**ort Hood is the largest active duty armored post in the entire Armed Services, encompassing 218,823 acres in central Texas. Home to nearly 41,000 soldiers, the post supports the most intensive and varied training programs of any installation in the contiguous United States. Headquarters III Corps, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Army Division West, and many other units and organizations call Fort Hood home. Training can include individual weapons qualification through extensive battalion/brigade task force and joint operations, mechanized maneuver



exercises, and air operations. The size and capabilities of Fort Hood's land and ranges support the full spectrum of training requirements.

The heavy and constant training load at Fort Hood creates a number of encroachment concerns with the city of Killeen, Copperas Cove, Gatesville, and other adjacent communities.

Incompatible growth and development can lead to restrictions on training

that causes noise, dust or smoke, uses pyrotechnics, or requires a dark-night sky. To alleviate these concerns, Fort Hood is partnering with the Compatible Lands Foundation to protect undeveloped and compatibly used lands, particularly near heavily used maneuver lanes and live-fire ranges.

The Fort Hood project aims to protect the local agricultural heritage and maintain the military mission so important to the local economy. By preserving farms, ranches, and important natural resources in the area, while supporting recreational opportunities, the project is helping avoid potential conflicts with training activities and protecting military readiness.

**BENEFIT SUMMARY**

**COMMUNITY**

- Preserved working farm and ranch lands
- Provides economic benefits and protects local character

**MILITARY**

- Preserves live-fire and maneuver training capacity through the buffering of high-noise areas
- Prevents workarounds that would reduce training realism or effectiveness
- Protects night training capabilities that require minimal levels of light pollution



Fort Hood's training lands support intensive and varied training requirements, such as a convoy training exercise containing a road block scenario (top). Buffers help protect against noise conflicts from live-fire exercises with the M1A2 Abrams tank (bottom).

**KEY PARTNERS**

- American Farmland Trust
- City of Copperas Cove
- Compatible Lands Foundation
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service

**FAST FACTS** THROUGH 30 SEP 2015

- » Acres preserved:  
**1,140**
- » Transactions conducted:  
**5**
- » Total funds expended:  
**\$3.4 million**
- » Project status:  
**In Progress**

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