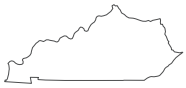
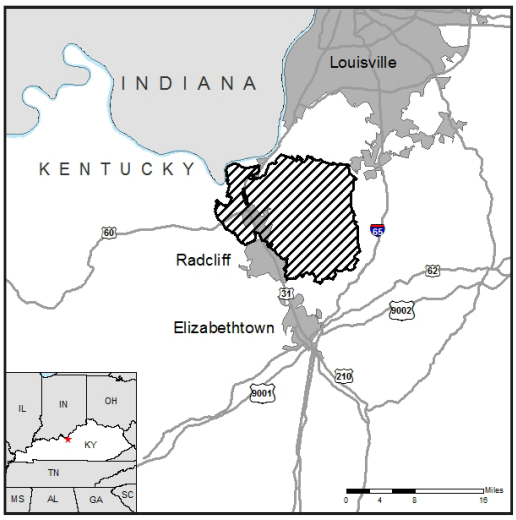
U.S. ARMY :

FORT KNOX : KENTUCKY



Located 35 miles south of Louisville, Fort Knox covers parts of three counties and has a population of 40,000 soldiers, family members, and civilian employees combined. Training at Fort Knox includes basic combat operations, maneuver, aerial gunnery, and amphibious operations. Ranges provide qualification for weapons firing and anti-tank weapons, demolitions, helicopter and aerial gunnery, unmanned aerial vehicles, tank firing, and other types of training. The post's facilities, training areas, and firing ranges are utilized 356 days a year, while troop increases from 2005 Base Realignment and Closure are putting further strain on limited resources.



Growth and urban sprawl emanating around Fort Knox and Louisville threatens to further restrict training, create safety concerns, and increase the loss of habitat for the endangered gray and Indiana bats. Training already requires workarounds to avoid conflict with development east of the post. For this REPI project, Fort Knox's partners are acquiring undeveloped lands bordering Fort Knox's Yano Range and other training areas along the eastern boundary.

Sustaining habitat in this traditionally agricultural area also prevents the need to impose restrictions on training activities using smoke and fire, which affects the bats and their habitat. Fort Knox will meet its mission of providing realistic day-and-night training that produces large amounts of noise and smoke, while preserving nearby open space, habitat, and agricultural lands.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands and maintains local character
- Protects habitat for endangered species
- Provides recreational opportunities

MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire, maneuver, helicopter, and night flying training that produces significant noise or requires minimal light pollution
- Prevents workarounds that would have otherwise limited training capacity
- Provides for future mission growth

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

A squadron engages in a live-fire training exercise (top), while a special boat team participates in a drill at the riverine training range at Fort Knox (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Kentucky Division of Conservation
- Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
- Kentucky Forest Service
- Kentucky Land Trust
- Kentucky Nature Preserves
- Lincoln Trail Area Development District
- The Nature Conservancy

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2015

» Acres preserved:
468

» Transactions conducted:
4

» Total funds expended:
$1 million

» Project status:
In Progress

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