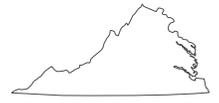


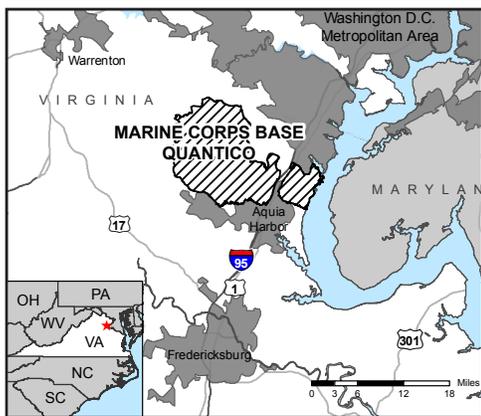


U.S. MARINE CORPS :

MCB QUANTICO : VIRGINIA



Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico, known as the “Crossroads of the Marine Corps,” is where all Marine Corps Officers receive their initial range combat training: first by qualifying in the Officer Candidate School, followed by the Basic School and the Infantry Officers Course. The base supports the only Marine Corps air facility near Washington, D.C. and provides helicopter transport to the President of the United States. MCB Quantico also hosts the FBI Academy and the Drug Enforcement Administration training academy.



Though MCB Quantico’s location near the nation’s capital underscores its importance, being in such a densely populated and growing area also threatens the base with expanding encroachment. Therefore, MCB Quantico partnered with a local conservation organization, the Prince William Conservation Alliance, to protect one of the last remaining

swaths of undeveloped land in the fast-growing region.

A preserved farm was added to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries network of wildlife management areas, with MCB Quantico receiving a restrictive easement to ensure protection of the installation’s boundary from future development. The Marine Corps also obtained the right to construct and preserve up to 115 acres of wetlands, and to incorporate the wetlands into a mitigation bank—a first for the Marine Corps. The property is now open to the public for fishing, hunting, and educational programs. MCB Quantico and its partners are continuing to work to protect additional lands near training areas at the base’s airfield, further preserving open space and forest land.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Brings together new partners
- Protects working lands and water resources
- Provides recreational opportunities

MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire training capabilities
- Protects helicopter training and operations that produce significant noise



A squad of officer candidates charge forward into the Quigley water obstacle (top). Merrimac Farm, protected with REPI and partner funds, has one of the largest patches of Virginia bluebell flowers (bottom, photo courtesy of Prince William Conservation Alliance).

KEY PARTNERS

- Facquier County
- Land Trust of Virginia
- Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
- Prince William Conservation Alliance
- Stafford County
- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2015

- » Acres preserved: **417**
- » Transactions conducted: **2**
- » Total funds expended: **\$3 million**
- » Project status: **In Progress**

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