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New York contributes \$500,000 to Fort Drum land buffer program

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 Farmers from Copenhagen and surrounding areas watch a presentation in November 2012 on the conservation aspects of the Army Compatible Use Buffer program given by Nick Williams from Ducks Unlimited.

New York state will contribute \$500,000 to a buffer program at Fort Drum that limits outside interference of the post's training.

"Right now, more than ever, it's critically important we're there for Fort Drum," said State Sen. Patricia A. Ritchie, R-Heuvelton. "Being able to secure another \$500,000 to secure more buffer area, it shows that protecting Fort Drum is one of our top priorities."

The Army Compatible Use Buffer program buys permanent development rights on properties in areas near military activity, avoiding the development of structures that might affect military training or come too close to activity. In most cases, the deals allow property owners to continue a wide range of agricultural activities on their land.

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The funding is separate from the \$1.5 million proposed for the program by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo. The Senate's recently passed spending plan includes \$3 million in military retention-related spending.

Linda M. Garrett, executive director of the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, which runs the program with Fort Drum and Ducks Unlimited, said the buffer program has continually generated local interest, spurred by state and federal investments.

"We have a list of farmers that have been waiting for us to get additional funding," she said.

On Feb. 26, the land trust purchased development rights for a 128-acre property near the intersection of County routes 36 and 37 in the town of Wilna, owned by James H. Brotherton, for \$254,500.

The property was of interest given its proximity to the runways of Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield. Mr. Brotherton, in a statement released by the land trust, said he was motivated by his plans to retire from the military next year.

"I love to cut my own wood, hunt, ride recreational vehicles, take long walks and tap maple trees for sap" he said. "I wanted to make sure this land stayed in my family.

The land trust used federal funding for its newest rights acquisition, given that the property's current operations wouldn't fit agriculture uses required to allow the use of state contributions.

Mrs. Garrett said the most recent purchase was the first in which the property owners was active-duty military.

Since its 1999 inception, the local buffer program has spent about \$6.7 million to obtain the development rights to 21 properties covering about 4,820 acres of land.

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