

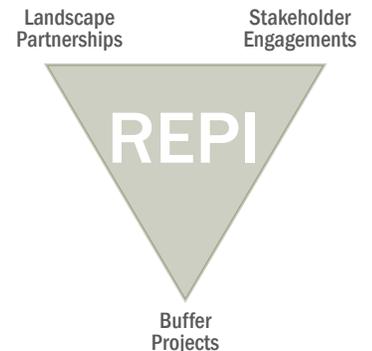


## What is the REPI Program?



Soldiers on a ruck march at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the location of the first-ever Sentinel Landscape.

The Department of Defense's (DoD) Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool for combating the encroachment that can limit or restrict military training, testing, and operations. DoD created the REPI Program in response to the incompatible development and loss of habitat around its installations that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives.



The REPI Program consists of three integrated components: **buffer projects, landscape partnerships, and stakeholder engagements**. Each component is complementary and works with other mission sustainability programs to provide problem solving and decision-support tools for installations and their neighboring communities.

The goal of the REPI Program is to protect the military's ability to accomplish its training, testing, and operational missions by helping remove or avoid land-use conflicts near installations and addressing regulatory restrictions that inhibit military activities.

### REPI PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ Leveraged DoD funds 1-to-1, totaling over \$870 million of public and private funds, to protect over 314,000 acres of buffer land at 72 locations in 27 states across the country (as of 30 Sept 13).
- ★ Collaborates with local governments and state legislatures on the development of military advisory bodies and Commanders Councils; crafted policies, including regulations for land use planning, real estate disclosures, night lighting, and noise abatement; and provides funding for buffers, development rights, and land conservation programs.
- ★ Participates in the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Longleaf Stewardship Fund to leverage DoD funds more than 6-to-1 and protect habitat for threatened and endangered species around 10 DoD installations in the Southeast.
- ★ Participates in the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership among DoD and the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior, coordinating efforts to protect landscapes where conservation, working lands, and national defense interests converge.

- ▶ Buffer partnerships provide an important platform to encourage compatible land use and preserve natural habitats. Through the REPI Program, DoD funds and supports the Military Services' cost-sharing agreements with state and local governments and private conservation organizations to acquire easements or other interests in land from willing sellers.
- ▶ REPI also participates in and encourages broader, large landscape partnerships. These landscape partnerships—including the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership—address shared cross-boundary issues linking military readiness, conservation, working lands, and communities with federal and state partners.
- ▶ Stakeholder engagements—including the Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS) and the Western Regional Partnership (WRP)—bring federal, state, and local governments together to develop policy and regulatory solutions to incompatible development, off-installation species habitat, and other mission sustainability issues.

The REPI Program offers the Military Services tools for protecting irreplaceable training and testing ranges, operating areas, and other mission readiness assets. By helping DoD avoid the more costly alternatives of workarounds, segmentation, or replacing restricted training and testing capabilities, REPI protects military readiness while enhancing the environment and sustaining communities.

For more information about the REPI Program, please visit [www.REPI.mil](http://www.REPI.mil).

