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REPI Newsletter | April 2023 Edition

Please see below for news and upcoming announcements relevant to the REPI community! If you would like to have an announcement featured in next month's newsletter or are interested in ways to partner with the REPI Program, connect with us at osd.repi@mail.mil. For more information about the REPI Program and supportive Department of Defense (DOD) efforts, please visit www.repi.mil.

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Message from the Program Director

Dear REPI Partners and Stakeholders,

As we joined the nation in celebrating Earth Day last week, we recognize DOD's considerable progress in advancing climate resiliency at military installations by executing projects that help maintain the longevity and sustainability of training grounds and their neighboring communities across the country.



The Honorable Kathleen Hicks, Deputy Secretary of Defense with REPI Program Director Kristin Thomasgard at the Pentagon's 2023 Earth Day Event.

In the spirit of this year's Earth Day theme, Invest in Our Planet, Protect Our Future, the REPI Program had the honor of participating in the Pentagon's Earth Day Event co-hosted by the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment & Energy Resilience and the Washington Headquarters Services, Pentagon Environmental Office. During the event, the REPI Office was thrilled to highlight the program's work to address climate vulnerabilities at installations and ranges nationwide by establishing resilient nature-based solutions. The exhibitor event featured a visit with the Honorable Kathleen Hicks, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and included remarks by the Honorable Brendan Owens, Assistant Secretary of Defense for

Energy, Installations, and Environment. Also during the speaker series, Mr. Joe Bryan, Chief Sustainability Officer and Senior Advisor for Climate to the Secretary of Defense recognized the program's accomplishments in his remarks, "The REPI Program has helped conserve more than one million acres to help sustain military missions at 120 installations in 35 states – that is amazing work."

This year, Earth Day marks a significant milestone as it represents the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act and the many achieved accomplishments throughout the years. As we celebrate this important milestone, it's imperative to recognize those who have worked continuously to conserve natural resources, enhance environmental efforts, and strengthen military readiness at installations and ranges nationwide. As a major land management agency, DOD is an essential partner in species and conservation work. The Department is entrusted with the care of 27 million acres of lands, waters and stewards of over 500 threatened and endangered species, 55 of which only exist on DOD lands.

DOD is committed to sustaining and restoring threatened, endangered, and at-risk species while conducting its mission-essential activities. For example, through agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Fort Benning in Georgia has been collaborating to recover the red-cockaded woodpecker, which has been on the endangered species list since 1970. As a result of the installation's commitment to land stewardship and its strong relationship with partners, Fort Benning has exceeded its population goal for red-cockaded woodpeckers thanks to decades of hard work, conservation measures, and land management practices aimed at helping the woodpeckers thrive. As a result of the efforts by Fort Benning and a suite of partners factored significantly in a USFWS proposal to down-list the red-cockaded woodpeckers from endangered to threatened. These conservation efforts are vital to preserving operational assets, infrastructure, and capabilities at installations all across the country.

There's been no shortage of exciting news this spring, and we're looking forward to continuing to share the latest program developments. Our office has also had a productive last couple of months, including releasing the annual Report to Congress and 2023 Resilience Funding Guide, announcing the registration for the 2023 DOD Climate Resilience Workshop, hosting monthly webinars, and participating in many partner and stakeholder engagements!

Best,

Kristin Thomasgard
REPI Program Director

Save the Dates! Partner Funding Opportunities



2023 REPI Resilience Project Funding Guide Released

Last month, the REPI Office released the first-ever Resilience Project Funding Guide. This guide serves as a one-stop shop for installations and partners to learn about more than 25 federal and non-federal resilience and conservation programs that can support existing or new REPI installation resilience projects. The guide provides a program calendar on pages 3-4 featuring key application opening dates and deadlines across all programs.

To download the program calendar or learn more about program eligibility, visit www.repi.mil/Resilience/Resilience-Resources.

Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program Notice of Funding Opportunity

On March 24, the DOD's Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) announced the pre-proposal opening for the 2023 Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program. The DCIP Program addresses deficiencies in community infrastructure and supports military installations to enhance military value, installation resilience, and military family quality of life. DCIP proposals can complement an ongoing or new REPI installation resilience project by supporting any built or grey infrastructure requirements. DCIP proposals are due on Friday, June 23.

For more information on the DCIP Program, visit the [newly released program fact sheet](#).

OLDCC Installation Resilience Program Call for Nominations

The OLDCC Installation Resilience Program provides technical and financial assistance to states and local governments to

enhance military installation sustainability. The Program encompasses the previous Compatible Use/Joint Land Use Study projects and the new Installation Resilience projects, which identify and reduce risks to resources both on and off the installation. Military Departments can request an Installation Resilience project by May 31, while communities can express interest by contacting OLDCC directly. The Installation Resilience projects only require a ten percent cost share from the applicant and can help communities and installations prepare a REPI installation resilience project.

Visit **OLDCC's website** for more information on the community nomination process.

Partner Spotlight! White House Conservation and Stewardship Day



Over the past few months, the REPI Program has had the privilege of participating in several events with local and Federal partners. Most recently, the REPI Program and the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership were thrilled to join the White House Conservation in Action Summit in Washington, DC. The event was particularly exciting as it showcased the new Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) between DOD and the Department of the Interior (DOI), joining forces to preserve land around military installations and improve access to outdoor recreation for millions of Americans and defense communities. Through this new partnership to protect military readiness and preserve green space, DOI's National Park Service will provide \$40 million in funding from unobligated LWCF balances to safeguard natural areas, protect water resources, and provide recreation opportunities for the public. The REPI Program will provide a matching \$40 million in funds to support projects within an existing REPI agreement area or an area actively developing a REPI agreement area.

To learn more about the White House Conservation in Action Summit, [read the full press release](#). For more information on DOD and DOI's funding opportunity, visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

If you would like more information on partnering with the REPI Program for an upcoming event or if your organization is interested in partnering to host an event, don't hesitate to contact the REPI Office at osd.repi@mail.mil.

Sentinel Landscapes Partnership



10-Year Anniversary of the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership Webinar

Please join the REPI Program and the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership **tomorrow, Wednesday, April 26, from 1:00-2:30 PM Eastern Time**, for the 10-Year Anniversary of the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership webinar. During this webinar, we will celebrate the incredible progress made by the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership over the last decade in bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders to protect working lands, wildlife habitats, and natural resources crucial to national security. Our speakers will reflect on their experiences collaborating with sentinel landscapes and share insights on how partnerships interested in pursuing sentinel landscape designation might prepare for the upcoming Sentinel Landscapes Designation Cycle. We hope that you will join us to learn more!

Please sign up for the [Sentinel Landscape Partnership newsletter](#) to receive the latest updates and announcements from the partnership.

Job Opening: Resilience Specialist for the Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Partnership

The U.S. Endowment for Forestry & Communities is hiring a Resilience Specialist for the Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Partnership (FHSLP). The Resilience Specialist, working in close

coordination with and in support of the FHSLP Partnership, Steering Committee, and Executive Coordinator, will lead a broad group of public and private partners to identify the FHSLP's climate adaptation and resiliency needs, plan projects, and pursue complementary funding streams to address climate change threats.

To learn more about the position and application process, [click here](#).

Mark Your Calendars!



DOD Climate Resilience Workshop Registration is Now Open

The Offices of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2023 Climate Resilience Workshop, taking place from July 10-13 in St. Louis, Missouri. This workshop will provide a forum for DOD stakeholders and partners to explore the many facets of climate change, a national security threat that has tangible impacts to military readiness. Installations, environmental organizations, and climate change professionals will be broadly represented to help inform the Military Departments on data, tools, and resources for addressing and combatting climate change threats.

Register now for the Climate Resilience Workshop at www.dodclimateworkshop.org/register! Please note that there is no registration fee for this event.

Read more about the workshop sessions in the [conference agenda](#).

REPI News Roundup



Conservation Programs Benefit from \$11.1 Million through the 2023 REPI Challenge

Post Guam reports that three of Guam's natural resource conservation

programs are expected to benefit from the DOD's REPI Program project funding, totaling approximately \$11.1 million. Through military and local reforestation programs, the Joint Region Marianas project will work to implement successful landscape-level feral pig control in the areas surrounding Camp Blaz. This project will support military and local reforestation programs to establish native plant species, protect endangered invertebrates, protect the integrity of groundwater recharge areas, and reduce feral pig populations to a level that decreases negative interactions with the local human population.

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