



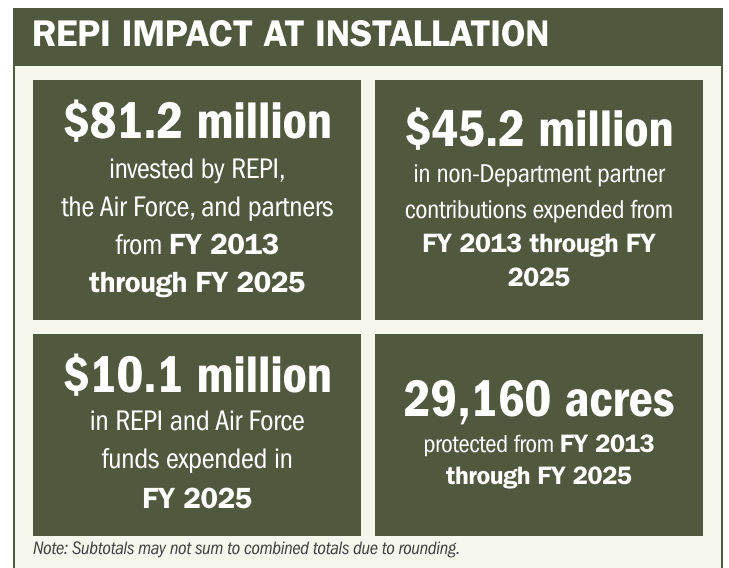
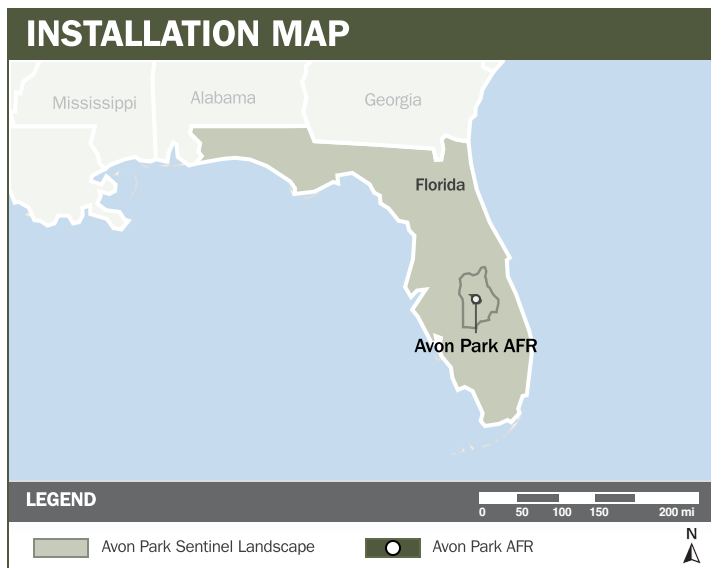
AVON PARK AFR

ABOUT THE INSTALLATION

Avon Park Air Force Range (AFR) is located in Florida and within the Avon Park AFR Sentinel Landscape. Avon Park AFR serves as a premier military training range with over 106,638 acres of ground range and 12 million acres of airspace. The range hosts numerous squadron and unit-level deployments from across the country. The installation also hosts nearby Air Force bases with its large, restricted airspace and operating area, providing mission-critical training capacity for combat readiness.

STRENGTHENING MISSION READINESS THROUGH REPI INVESTMENTS

The Department of War's (DoW) Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program has played a critical role in supporting Avon AFR's long-term operational success. Through strategic land conservation and partnership-driven investments, REPI funding has helped prevent incompatible development, preserve training flexibility, and improve military installation resilience beyond the installation boundary.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

INCOMPATIBLE DEVELOPMENT—10 U.S.C. § 2684A

- Avon Park AFR is located in one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation, Polk County. In recent years, incompatible development has forced the Air Force to adjust low altitude training operations, including raising minimum flight altitudes.
- To reduce future restrictions on the installation's airspace and other critical training spaces, the Air Force is working to create restrictive easements on lands neighboring the installation that will limit development and preserve the economic value of the working lands and agricultural fields.
- In recent years, the installation has leveraged the REPI Program to protect lands adjacent to low altitude airspace and mitigate potential noise compliance challenges from military aircraft and high explosive ordnance training.





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PROJECT OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE—10 U.S.C. § 2684A

- As part of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation’s Military Installation Resilience Review, the installation and neighboring communities analyzed the highest priority areas for Avon Park AFR to improve military installation resilience, including drought, wildfire, and extreme heat.
- The threats of unintentional wildfires can interrupt or prevent military training activities, drought could limit units from training at the range, and black flag days from high heat indexes can halt training operations.
- To ensure the installation maintains uninterrupted mission operations, Avon Park AFR is leveraging REPI funding to protect land within aquifer areas that hold critical water supplies, conduct prescribed burns to reduce wildfire risks, and increase planting of cover crops to improve groundwater retention.



KEY FISCAL YEAR MILESTONES AT AVON PARK AFR *

2011 Received its first REPI Program funding, initiating long-term efforts to safeguard mission-critical training lands.

2016 The Avon Park AFR Sentinel Landscape was established, strengthening partnerships to protect airspace and sustain operational readiness.

2024 In partnership with WildPath, a Florida Grasshopper Sparrow documentary highlighted conservation efforts that directly support training flexibility and reduce environmental restrictions.

2024 Avon Park AFR became a REPI Challenge funding recipient with Archbold Biological Station, advancing installation resilience projects that protect installation capabilities.

* These milestones demonstrate how the installation is strategically utilizing the REPI Program to mitigate encroachment risks and enhance mission assurance. While not exhaustive, the list highlights the various approaches installations are using to preserve critical testing and training capabilities essential to national defense.



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