

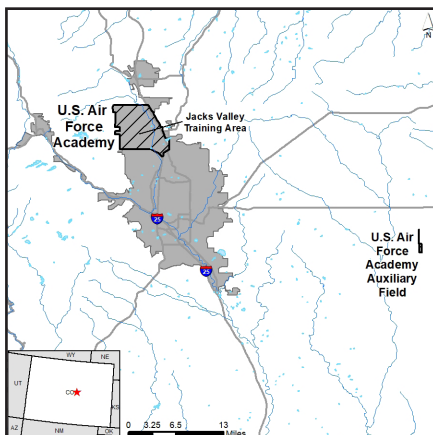


U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The U.S. Air Force Academy (USAF) provides an immersive Air Force experience for its Cadets. USAFA is the only commissioning source that provides the day-to-day fundamentals of flight and military training.

Flying programs have been a significant part of Academy education for more than 50 years and are necessary to continue recruiting the best pilots to the Air Force and combating our national pilot shortage. Using the 1,100-acre USAFA Airfield, approximately 650 Cadets complete Powered Flight Training, 500 complete Soaring Training, and 750 complete Parachute Training annually.

Flight training is at risk due to increased urban higher-rise development and increased demand for wind turbines under flight training areas and around Bullseye



Auxiliary Airfield to the east of USAFA. USAFA is working with the Trust for Public Land to establish conservation easements protecting the existing agricultural use and flight training operations on approximately 48,000 acres of land around Bullseye Airfield and under two of the aerial Training Areas. This REPI project will strengthen military readiness and help conserve agricultural land, and help protect nearly \$1 billion in annual economic contributions USAFA makes to the community.

In addition to pursuing REPI projects for these priority areas, USAFA will continue to engage local developers and community leaders to increase awareness on encroachment impacts to the installation's mission.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Brings together new partners
- Protects agricultural land that provides economic benefit

MILITARY

- Prevents workarounds that would reduce training capacity
- Increases operational safety
- Reduces lost training



U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel (top). The T-53 represents the backbone of the Academy's Powered Flight training program in which over 600 cadets participate annually (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Palmer Land Conservancy
- The Nature Conservancy
- Trust for Public Land

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FAST FACTS THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

| Authority | Transactions | Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved | Total Funds Expended |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 10 U.S.C. § 2684a | 1 | 11,900 | \$8.3 million |

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding