Robins Air Force Base (AFB) hosts multiple flying missions and performs depot-level maintenance and avionic overhaul for aircraft, weapons systems, and missiles. Located in central Georgia, Robins AFB is the largest industrial complex in the state and economically vital to Houston, Bibb, and Peach counties. To protect the base’s ability to carry out post-maintenance test flights from current and future incompatible development, the three counties are working together as a part of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission with the state’s Central Georgia Joint Development Authority.

These partners are acquiring parcels near the base’s aircraft approach and departure corridor to ease mission restrictions, such as nighttime flying restrictions. This project stems from a 2004 Joint Land Use Study recommendation and includes the removal of buildings on protected parcels that violate safety and noise zone compatibility recommendations. The partnership is protecting a valuable economic engine that provides a $4.1 billion annual impact.

To date the project has rectified incompatible development in Accident Potential Zone (APZ) I by 90%, APZ II by 75%, and high level noise contours by 90%. Once complete, the project will have near 100% compatibility within these three areas. The project also will benefit agricultural and habitat uses around the base. These parcels offer strategic preservation of significant wetlands and recreational opportunities along the Ocmulgee River, and the sale of state- or county-owned parcels for agricultural or limited industrial use puts the land back into the local tax base.

**BENEFIT SUMMARY**

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**KEY PARTNERS**

- Bibb County
- Central Georgia Joint Development Authority
- Houston County
- Middle Georgia Regional Commission
- Peach County
- State of Georgia

**FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2019**

- Acres preserved: 737
- Transactions conducted: 216
- Total funds expended: $19.7 million
- Project status: In Progress

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