Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB) is part of a complex of installations, ranges, military operating areas, and airspace in Northwest Florida and the Gulf of Mexico and is essential to maintaining U.S. air dominance with its contingent of F-22 Raptors, the largest in the Department. The Tyndall AFB airspace will also see an increase in operations by F-35s, including those stationed at nearby Eglin AFB. This airspace connects to the vast Gulf of Mexico Water Ranges that span from Tyndall to Key West and overlays mostly undeveloped lands, offering a unique locational asset.

Given Tyndall’s easy access to range assets and its heavy use, with 250 training days a year, the Air Force is working to protect and maintain the unencumbered nature of its mission footprint. This includes protecting agricultural land, wetlands, and other coastal areas within high noise zones, the runway approach-departure corridor, and the base boundary, along with preventing tall structures in sections of Tyndall’s operating area used for low-level flights. Protecting these areas allows Tyndall to fully utilize unique training capabilities, such as a Precision Approach Radar system for pilots to train to land in bad weather or with a damaged aircraft, or testing air-to-air missile capabilities.

The REPI partnership at Tyndall AFB has numerous mission benefits as well as environmental benefits. Tyndall AFB’s partners are adding to the Northwest Florida Greenway, a wildlife corridor of conservations lands stretching from Eglin AFB through the Apalachicola National Forest to the Gulf of Mexico. This regional effort will also leverage a variety of federal and state funding sources, including the Longleaf Stewardship Fund, Gulf RESTORE Act, and Florida Forever.

**BENEFIT SUMMARY**

**COMMUNITY**
- Supports a designated green wildlife corridor
- Protects agricultural land, wetlands, and other coastal areas
- Encourages coordination among federal, state, and local partners

**MILITARY**
- Ensures that existing compatible areas remain compatible
- Protects aviation maneuver capabilities
- Promotes continued operational safety

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