

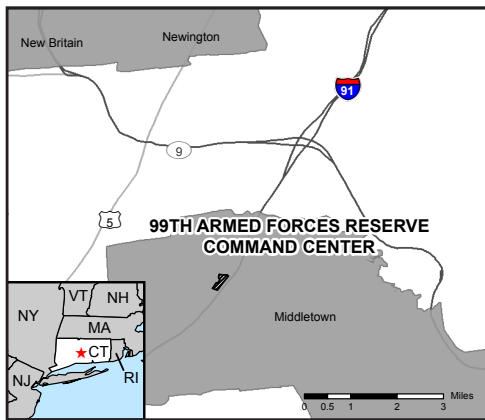


U.S. ARMY :

# 99<sup>TH</sup> ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER : CONNECTICUT



**T**he 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command’s Middletown Armed Forces Reserve Center is home to soldiers from the Army Reserve and Connecticut National Guard. The Armed Forces Reserve Center was constructed after the Base Realignment and Closure recommendation to consolidate all Army Reserve and National Guard facilities in Connecticut. The new, state-of-the-art facility provides Reserve and National Guard units training and classroom resources, while boosting the local economy.



Unfortunately, construction of the Armed Forces Reserve Center impacted approximately 1.6 acres of wetlands. Therefore, to obtain the necessary approval under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Army Corps of Engineers required a wetlands mitigation process to address the impacted wetlands. With no wetland banks or in lieu fee programs in the

state of Connecticut, the Army decided to work with the Middlesex Land Trust to protect an appropriate site in perpetuity suitable for wetland mitigation.

The acquisition of 54 acres of wetlands will directly compensate for the loss of wetlands on-post. The Middlesex Land Trust will own and manage the property for conservation purposes, meeting the mutual goals of the land trust and the Army. Their management will include long-term habitat management and ensuring that the terms of the deed are met in accordance with the final mitigation plan, providing opportunities to enhance water quality and control invasive species. Through this project, the Army and its partners have benefited the local community, the environment, and national defense.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Brings together new partners
- Preserves habitat and wetlands
- Helps preserve water quality

### MILITARY

- Supports new training facility for physical fitness and weapons simulation training



The new Armed Forces Reserve Center serves as a “virtual installation” for Army Reserve soldiers from Maine to Virginia (top). Construction of the new building prompted wetlands mitigation efforts (bottom).

## KEY PARTNERS

- Middlesex Land Trust

## FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2019

- » Acres preserved: **54**
- » Transactions conducted: **1**
- » Total funds expended: **\$1.7 million**
- » Project status: **Completed**

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