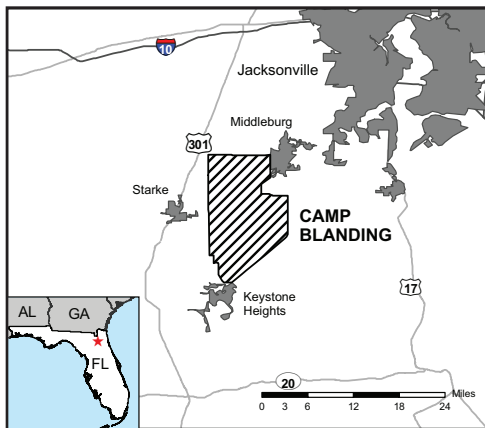




## CAMP BLANDING

**As the Joint Training Center home to Florida's Army National Guard and Air National Guard, Camp Blanding also provides live-fire and maneuver training for Active and Reserve forces from around the country.**

The post is also home to a civil engineering squadron that can rapidly deploy to repair heavy damage to runways, facilities, and utilities of the Air Force worldwide. Additionally, Camp Blanding is an important ecological hub that is home to several federal and state listed animal and plant species.



To ensure the listed species do not impact the installation's ability to test and train, Camp Blanding established the first partnership to use the 10 U.S.C. § 2684a authority to acquire conservation lands and easements through the Florida Forever program. The installation is also part of the Camp Blanding-Osceola Greenway initiative, which aims to ensure uninterrupted trainings at the installation by preserving 153,000 acres between Camp Blanding and Osceola National Forest.

With over \$60 million already spent to protect mission capabilities and the installation's neighboring natural habitat, the partnership is preventing regulatory burdens on the installation while also restoring damaged ecosystems and water resources. These efforts, which include the long-term goal of restoring longleaf pine habitats, help sustain species that have the potential to cause severe restrictions to be placed on training lands. Precluding development pressures also prevents noise, dust, and smoke complaints caused by training exercises. Also benefiting the public, the lands provide a variety of recreational opportunities and the county school board receives 15% of the proceeds from all timber sales from the state-managed forest lands in lieu of taxes.

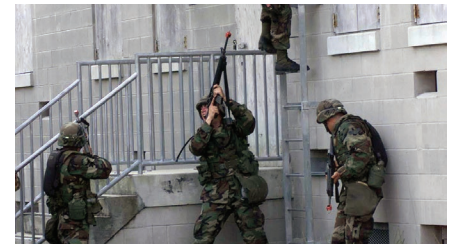
## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Supports existing regional planning efforts
- Provides habitat for endangered species and connects to a wildlife corridor
- Protects water supply

### MILITARY

- Preserves on-installation live-fire, maneuver, helicopter, and night flying training that produces significant noise or requires minimal light pollution
- Allows for multi-Service missions



An urban training exercise at Camp Blanding (top). A HIMARS Multiple Launch Rocket System fires during a training session at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Florida. (bottom).

## KEY PARTNERS

- Florida Defense Support Task Force
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Forest Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- North Florida Land Trust
- Prescribed Burn Association
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- Suwannee River Water Management District
- U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Forest Service

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## FAST FACTS FROM FY 2004 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	29	29,195	\$93.9 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding