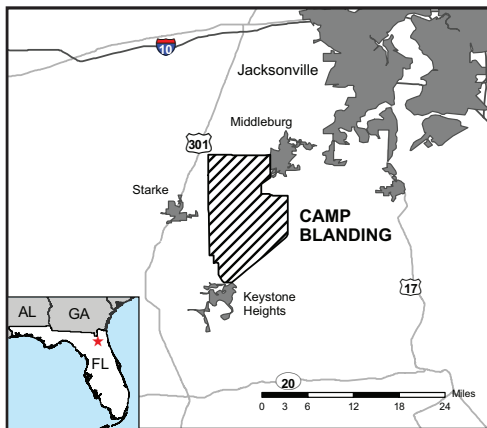




CAMP BLANDING

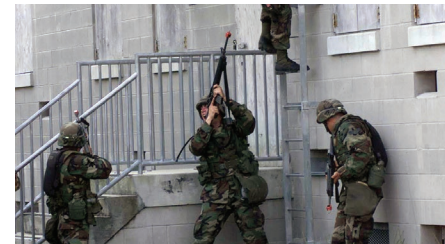
As the Joint Training Center home to Florida’s Army National Guard and Air National Guard, Camp Blanding also provides live-fire and maneuver training for Active and Reserve forces from around the country.

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 40 federal and state listed animal and plant species.



The importance of habitat on and around Camp Blanding enabled the post to establish the first partnership to use the REPI authority to acquire conservation lands and easements, primarily through the state’s Florida Forever program. The installation is also part of the Camp Blanding-Osceola Greenway initiative, which aims to preserve 153,000 acres between Camp Blanding and Osceola National Forest.

With over \$60 million already spent to protect habitat, the partnership is 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.



An urban training exercise at Camp Blanding (top). The red-cockaded woodpecker in its natural longleaf pine habitat (bottom).

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

KEY PARTNERS

- Florida Defense Support Task Force
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Forest Service
- North Florida Land Trust
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- Suwanee 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 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	28	28,964	\$92.9 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding