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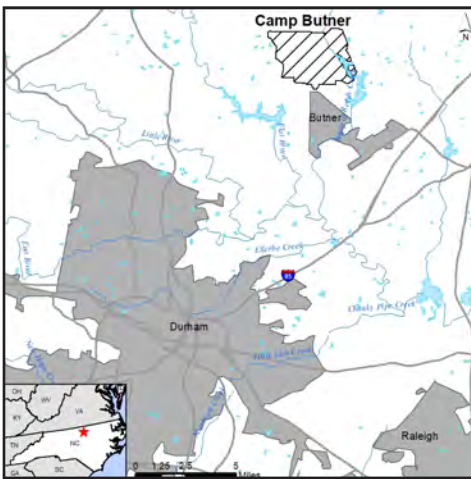
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CAMP BUTNER

Camp Butner Training Center (CBTC) contains 98% of the North Carolina Army National Guard (NCARNG)'s field training acreage and all of its small arms ranges.

CBTC also supports training for the North Carolina Air National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, Reserve Officer Training Corps, and active units from Fort Bragg (future Fort Liberty) and Camp LeJeune. Located about 15 miles north of two of North Carolina's largest and fastest-growing cities, Raleigh and Durham, and in the heart of those cities' watersheds, CBTC is at risk of having its training capabilities



limited due to looming encroachment challenges.

CBTC seeks to protect 80% of the land within a 1-mile radius of the installation together with its partners. By limiting development in this area the installation can continue its operations without disturbing its neighbors, currently rural agricultural and low-density residential. Noise complaints, urban light pollution degrading nighttime training, and civilian trespassing and the resulting

safety issues have steadily increased over the past two decades at other military bases in the state as its population has grown. These problems have not significantly affected CBTC yet; however, NCARNG is being proactive to prevent these issues in the future.

CBTC's location within the watersheds of Raleigh and Durham, and those cities' interest in permanently protecting their clean water sources, have forged a partnership to benefit everyone. By cooperating to preserve the lands within a mile of CBTC's boundary, CBTC maintains its training capabilities while the local governments protect over 10,000 acres of prime watershed, an increasingly critical resource. The action also preserves a local timber rattlesnake habitat, a species which has almost disappeared from the State's Piedmont. Protecting the 1-mile buffer minimizes the remaining rattlesnake populations dispersing within CBTC's boundary and affecting its mission.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Preserves water resources
- Protects working lands
- Preserves habitat for threatened species
- Supports local coordinated planning efforts

MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire and helicopter training capacity
- Ensures the ability to conduct training or testing activities that generate noise
- Prevents the loss of training days and the use of less-realistic workarounds



Soldiers compete in annual Sniper Match at Camp Butner (top). Dickens Creek at Camp Butner (photo by Tar River Land Conservancy) (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Tar River Land Conservancy
- Triangle Land Conservancy
- NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund
- City of Raleigh (Watershed Protection Program)
- Durham County
- Granville County
- Durham Soil and Water Conservation District

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED:
1,614
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED:
14
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED:
\$5.7 million
- PROJECT STATUS:
In Progress

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