



REPI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

PROJECT PROFILES

U.S. ARMY | MINNESOTA



CAMP RIPLEY

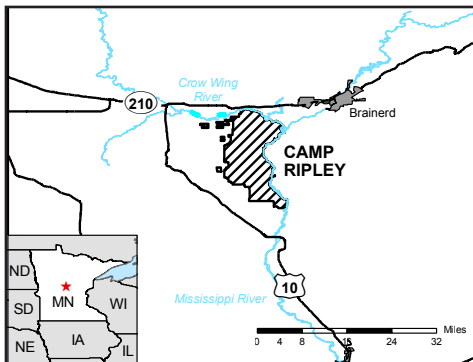
The primary U.S. winter training site for the National Guard, Camp Ripley is an Army National Guard post that supports ground vehicle maneuver training and live-fire artillery and bombing training, ranging from small arms to large caliber weaponry.

Camp Ripley also hosts training exercises of foreign units on a regular basis as well as for active duty components and civilian agencies. Located along the Crow Wing and Mississippi Rivers, the surrounding riverfront parcels are very desirable for residential development, which could cause complaints from training activities.

To prevent conflicts with residential development from the noise of its ranges, artillery, maneuver exercises, and airfields, Camp Ripley came together with various partners in the Prairies to Pines Partnership. Leveraging the REPI Program, the

partnership is creating buffers on private agricultural land and lands near the Little Nokasippi Wildlife Management Area to secure the installation's continued ability to train on its ranges.

In addition to protecting the military mission, the REPI program is helping to maintain working lands, provide the public with recreational opportunities, and protect a refuge for large game.



The Crow Wing River (bottom) has been a target for developers, which could interfere with the ability to conduct ground training (top).

KEY PARTNERS

- Cass County
- Cass Soil and Water Conservation District
- Crow Wing County
- Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District
- Ducks Unlimited
- Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
- Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Minnesota Deer Hunters Association
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Land Trust
- Morrison County
- Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- The Nature Conservancy
- Parks and Trails Council
- The Conservation Fund
- The Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands and local character that benefit the economy
- Supports existing regional planning efforts
- Protects water supply and improves water quality

MILITARY

- Protects live-fire artillery, ground vehicle maneuver, and helicopter training that produces significant amounts of noise
- Protects night flying capability, which requires minimal levels of light pollution
- Prevents the use of less-realistic workarounds

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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	306	31,489	\$101.0 million
Other (e.g., Sikes Act, IGSA)	—	—	\$0.2 million
TOTAL	306	31,489	\$101.2 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding