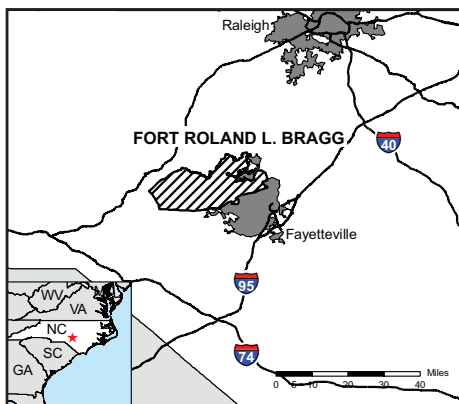




## FORT BRAGG

**Fort Bragg is one of the Army's premier installations and among the most actively used military complexes in the world, home to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne and U.S. Army Special Operations Forces.**

Fort Bragg is also home to rare, mature longleaf pine habitat for the federally threatened red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW). Meanwhile, the 2005 Base



Realignment and Closure realigned up to 40,000 troops and their families to the post, increasing the challenges of managing growth in the North Carolina Sandhills area.

When residential development occurred immediately adjacent to Fort Bragg's training areas, particularly along the southern installation border, the Army set aside training land exclusively to protect dwindling RCW habitat to avoid additional regulatory requirements and training restrictions.

Fort Bragg's efforts with local, state, and non-governmental stakeholders helped achieve the recovery target for the sandhills RCW population segment, the first such documented recovery of a RCW sub-population. Restrictions related to RCW placed on training at Fort Bragg are being virtually eliminated as the population recovers. The preserved habitat has provided other additional benefits including expanding Cumberland County's only state park. Other ongoing projects target lands that protect additional RCW habitat and focus on limiting development incompatible in the rapidly expanding areas adjacent to the installation.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Preserves working lands for forestry, benefiting the local economy
- Provides habitat for endangered species
- Helps preserve water quality
- Augments regional planning objectives

### MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire and maneuver training capacity
- Prevents workarounds that would reduce training realism or effectiveness



*Development adjacent to the installation perimeter.*

## KEY PARTNERS

- Coastal Conservation League
- Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust
- North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund
- North Carolina Coastal Federation
- North Carolina Department of Agriculture
- North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation
- North Carolina Land and Water Fund
- North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership
- North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
- Sandhills Area Land Trust
- Sandhills Ecological Institute
- The Nature Conservancy
- Three Rivers Land Trust
- U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service

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## FAST FACTS FROM FY 2000 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	78	24,327	\$83.1 million

*Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding*