



FORT CAVAZOS

Fort Cavazos is the largest active duty armored post in the entire Armed Services, encompassing 218,823 acres in central Texas.

Home to nearly 41,000 soldiers, the post supports the most intensive and varied training programs of any installation in the contiguous United States. Headquarters III Corps, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Army Division West, and many other units and organizations call Fort Cavazos home. Training can include individual weapons

qualification through extensive battalion/brigade task force and joint operations, mechanized maneuver exercises, and air operations. The size and capabilities of Fort Cavazos's land and ranges support the full spectrum of training requirements.

The heavy and constant training load at Fort Cavazos creates a number of encroachment concerns with the city of Killeen, Copperas Cove, Gatesville, and other adjacent communities. Development pressures can lead to restrictions on training that causes noise, dust or smoke, uses pyrotechnics, or

requires a dark-night sky. To alleviate these concerns, Fort Cavazos is partnering with the Compatible Lands Foundation to protect undeveloped and compatibly used lands, particularly near heavily used maneuver lanes and live-fire ranges.

The Fort Cavazos project aims to protect the local agricultural heritage and maintain the military mission so important to the local economy. By preserving farms, ranches, and important natural resources in the area, while supporting recreational opportunities, the project is helping avoid potential conflicts with training activities and protecting military readiness.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Preserved working farm and ranch lands
- Provides economic benefits and protects local character

MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire and maneuver training capacity through the buffering of high-noise areas
- Prevents workarounds that would reduce training realism or effectiveness
- Protects night training capabilities that require minimal levels of light pollution

FAST FACTS FROM FY 2009 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	29	6,036	\$23.3 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding



Fort Cavazos's training lands support intensive and varied training requirements, such as a convoy training exercise containing a road block scenario (top). Buffers help protect against noise conflicts from live-fire exercises with the M1A2 Abrams tank (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- American Farmland Trust
- City of Copperas Cove
- Compatible Lands Foundation
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service

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