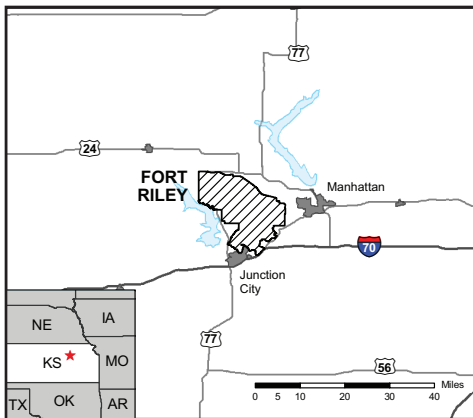




FORT RILEY

Fort Riley builds and maintains combat-ready forces and deploys these forces in an expeditionary manner to conduct Decisive Action to fight and win in complex environments as members of a Joint, Inter-organizational, and Multinational team.

Located in northeastern Kansas, Fort Riley trains over 30,000 soldiers predominantly in live-fire exercises and vehicle maneuver training in which every weapons system in a heavy artillery division's inventory may be fired. Such training generates significant



amounts of noise, so for Fort Riley's mission to continue, development around the installation must remain compatible with this requirement.

Building on an early partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Department of Defense, the post is sustaining the military mission and providing far-reaching benefits to the community's way of life. Together with the Kansas Land Trust, the partners are protecting family-owned ranches

consisting of prime soils and the largest remaining tracts of native tallgrass prairie in Kansas. Preserving the most altered ecological community in North America helps buffer important high-noise activities such as Howitzer and demolition training.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands that benefit the economy

MILITARY

- Protects live-fire artillery, ground vehicle maneuver, helicopter, and night flying training that produces significant amounts of noise or requires minimal light pollution
- Prevents the loss of training days and less-realistic workarounds
- Provides for future mission growth and multi-Service efforts



Open space (bottom) preserved near Fort Riley preserves local character and allows ground vehicle maneuver training (top) to continue.

KEY PARTNERS

- Kansas Department of Natural Resources
- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
- Kansas Land Trust
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Department of Agriculture–Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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FAST FACTS FROM FY 2007 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	25	15,962	\$13.1 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding