

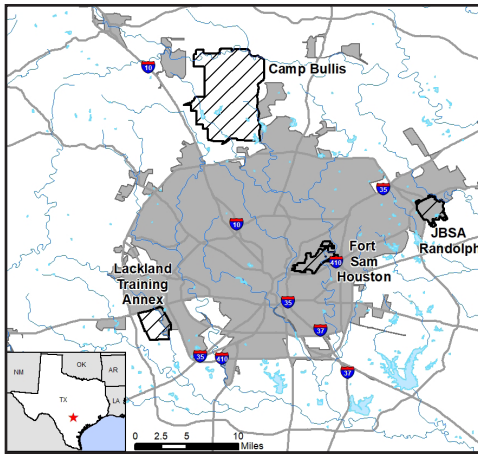


U.S. ARMY - U.S. AIR FORCE :

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND : TEXAS



Centrally located between U.S. coastlines, Joint-Base San Antonio (JBSA) is comprised of four primary locations: Randolph, Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, and Lackland (LAK). Known as the “Gateway to the Air Force,” JBSA-LAK’s primary mission is to train and educate the entire enlisted corps



of the U.S. Air Force. JBSA-LAK is the only site for enlisted Basic Military Training; disruption to its mission would have an adverse impact on overall Air Force readiness.

Ongoing and planned incompatible development around JBSA-LAK threatens to limit or cease numerous training activities as outlined in a 2016 Installation Complex Encroachment Management Action Plan. This plan

concluded that noise complaints and light pollution, two likely side effects of increased development, would result in mission constraints such as reduced training days, limited use of new technologies, restricted nighttime training, and reduction of live-fire. Development in the area that serves as habitat to feral hogs, coyotes, and venomous snakes also has led to these species dispersing within the installation boundary, creating potential safety hazards to personnel. This REPI project will purchase development rights of lands adjacent to JBSA-LAK boundaries to promote compatible land use, strengthen the base’s mission, avoid costly work arounds and delays, and protect the safety of military personnel.

With the assistance from local partners such as Green Spaces Alliance and the San Antonio River Authority, this project will protect JBSA-LAK’s mission and the existing landscape; the proposed plan to protect buffer areas from incompatible development will help minimize the expansion of wildlife onto installation property due to loss of off-base natural habitat. The San Antonio Food Bank has also expressed interest in maintaining an urban farm on some of the land to benefit the local community.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Preserve off-base wildlife habitats
- Protects water resources

MILITARY

- Reduces the potential for lost training days
- Preserves aviation maneuver and night flying training that produce significant noise or require minimal light pollution
- Ensures that existing compatible areas remain compatible



Welcome sign to JBSA-Lackland (top). Airmen and military training instructors march in a basic military training graduation parade (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Green Spaces Alliance
- San Antonio Food Bank
- San Antonio River Authority
- Port of San Antonio

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2019

- » Acres preserved: **0**
- » Transactions conducted: **0**
- » Total funds expended: **\$0**
- » Project status: **Initiated**

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