



# REPI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

PROJECT PROFILES  
U.S. NAVY | FLORIDA



## NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA

**Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola is the initial training base for all Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard aviators and Naval Flight Officers.**

It is also the advanced training location for most Naval Flight Officers and home of the famous Blue Angels demonstration squadron. This “Cradle of Naval Aviation” sits along the Gulf Coast, providing access to overwater ranges. However, its location just southwest of the Pensacola city limits also leaves it susceptible to expanding urban growth.

One of the earliest REPI projects, NAS Pensacola partnered with Escambia County for the Navy’s first transaction using the REPI authority. The county acquired a plantation adjacent to the installation’s airfield, with the Navy receiving a restrictive



easement to permanently prevent incompatible land uses. The plantation is within the airfield accident potential zone, where planned residential development would have severely impacted NAS Pensacola’s important aviator training mission.

This project highlights the partnership’s concerted coordinated planning efforts, and the preservation of the plantation meets the goals of a Joint Land Use Study by the county and air station.

Escambia county also passed an Airfield Environs Overlay ordinance to ensure that any future development applications are reviewed for compatibility with NAS Pensacola’s safety zones and buffers. The buffered land can now be used for public recreation and open space, benefiting the military and public alike.

### BENEFIT SUMMARY

#### COMMUNITY

- Brings together new partners to coordinate with existing regional planning efforts, including a Joint Land Use Study
- Provides recreational opportunities

#### MILITARY

- Preserves maneuver, helicopter, and night flying training that produces significant noise or requires minimal light pollution
- Prevents workarounds that would have otherwise limited training capacity
- Reduces lost training days



*The Blue Angels demonstration squadron performs a maneuver over NAS Pensacola (top). U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Ellis Williams gets ready to participate in a ship-clearing exercise (bottom).*

### KEY PARTNERS

- Coastal Conservation League
- Escambia County
- Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Division of State Lands
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- North Carolina Coastal Federation

### CONTACT

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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	10	128	\$3.1 million

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