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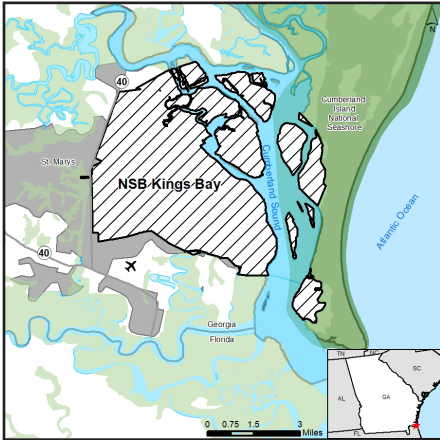
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE KINGS BAY

Located on the southeastern coast of Georgia, Naval Submarine Base (NSB) Kings Bay serves as an east coast homeport to Ohio-Class ballistic missile submarines and guided missile submarines and will be the first Navy base readied for the Columbia-Class submarine.



The primary mission of NSB Kings Bay is to service and refit these submarines for deployment into the Atlantic, where they serve as a vital component of the U.S. strategic defense deterrence.

The area surrounding NSB Kings Bay contains some of the largest undeveloped waterfront properties in the state of Georgia, increasing development pressure around the installation. This area is vulnerable to extreme weather events, coastal

flooding, and dangerous wildfires, which can be exacerbated by development pressures adjacent to or opposite NSB Kings Bay. Changing climate patterns can alter tidal effects, sedimentation, and storm surge, all of which threaten the installation's shoreline based mission. Additionally, failure to preserve habitat for threatened, endangered, and at-risk species—such as the gopher tortoise, eastern indigo snake, and flatwood salamander—could result in mission restrictions for NSB Kings Bay.

In order to combat these threats, NSB Kings Bay has partnered with numerous conservation organizations to purchase easements that will manage wildfire risk and preserve the coastal wetlands for threatened and endangered species, while protecting the invaluable mission at NSB Kings Bay. As part of the Georgia Sentinel Landscape and a participating member of the Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability, NSB Kings Bay has been successful in leveraging multiple partners' priorities and resources to achieve large-scale land protection immediately adjacent to the base.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Provides habitat for notable species including the gopher tortoise and eastern indigo snake
- Protects water resources
- Supports existing regional planning efforts, including a Compatible Use Plan and encroachment action plan

MILITARY

- Protects on-installation operational capacity
- Provides for future mission growth



NSB Kings Bay serves as one of the only east-coast homeports to Ohio-class submarines such as the USS Alaska and USS Georgia, pictured above.

KEY PARTNERS

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- Open Space Institute
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Forest Service

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED: 27,258
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED: 11
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED: \$85.8 million
- PROJECT STATUS: In Progress

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