



# REPI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

## 2024 READINESS AND RECREATION INITIATIVE FUNDING RECIPIENTS



### The Readiness and Recreation Initiative

The Department of Defense's (DOD) Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool for the Military Services to maintain compatible land use outside installations and ranges. In 2023, DOD and the Department of the Interior (DOI) established the Readiness and Recreation Initiative to support projects that provide outdoor recreation opportunities for military families and the public while also promoting military readiness and installation resilience. Through the initiative, DOI's National Park Service provides funding from unobligated Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) balances as a potential match to REPI Program funding.

### REPI Program Investments in the 2024 Readiness and Recreation Initiative

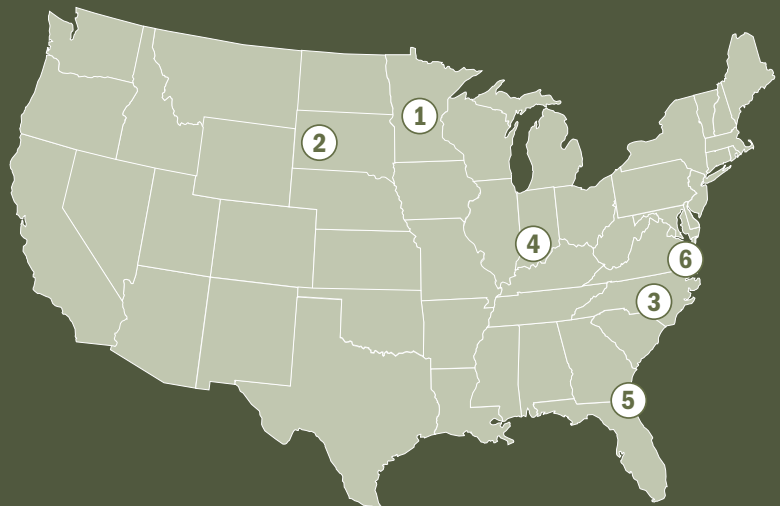
This year, the National Park Service will award over \$7.4 million from the LWCF to five projects across five states and territories. To this \$7.4 million, the REPI Program is contributing \$6.8 million as match in a combination of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 funds.



Members of the 148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Minnesota Air National Guard perform Render Safe Procedure Operations at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. (Photo by U.S. Air National Guard photo by MSgt Megan Shaner)

### 2024 Readiness and Recreation Initiative Project Locations

1. Camp Ripley Military Training Center (Minnesota)  
FY 2024 REPI Funds: \$2.5M
2. Ellsworth Air Force Base (South Dakota)  
FY 2025 REPI Funds: \$2M
3. Fort Bragg (North Carolina)  
FY 2025 REPI Funds: \$1.1M
4. Naval Support Activity Crane (Indiana)  
FY 2025 REPI Funds: \$2.3M
5. Naval Station Mayport (Florida)  
FY 2024 REPI Funds: \$660K
6. Naval Weapons Station Yorktown (Virginia)  
FY 2025 REPI Funds: \$276K





## Project Summaries

### 1. Camp Ripley Military Training Center, Minnesota

Mississippi Overlook Park

- Camp Ripley is located near Little Falls and within the Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape. The installation spans 53,000 acres and serves as a regional training center equipped with numerous ranges and state-of-the-art facilities. Supporting a wide range of agencies, from local law enforcement to all branches of the DOD, Camp Ripley is a primary training facility for Minnesota National Guard units.
- The City of Baxter will create public outdoor recreational opportunities through the design and construction of 2.5 miles of paved trail, two trailhead interpretive parking areas, a roadway, and utilities to provide accessibility and services to Mississippi Overlook Park within the Camp Ripley Military Training Center buffer zone.



1437<sup>th</sup> Engineer Multi-Role Bridge Company out of the Michigan National Guard conducts bridging operations across the Mississippi River at Camp Ripley Training Center in Little Falls, Minnesota. (Minnesota National Guard Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Jorden Newbanks)

#### PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



■ REPI Funds: \$2.5M  
■ LWCF: \$2.5M

Total: \$5M

### 2. Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota

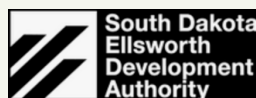
Box Elder Creek Greenway

- South Dakota's Ellsworth Air Force Base (AFB), located just outside of Box Elder, serves approximately 15,900 military members, family members, retirees, and civilians. Providing rapid, decisive, and sustainable combat air power and expeditionary combat support, Ellsworth AFB combines legacy aircraft and the cutting-edge technology of unmanned weapons systems.
- The City of Box Elder will acquire land within the floodway of Box Elder Creek to create a new biking and hiking trail across the city that connects to existing trail networks. This will also mitigate future flood event impacts via erosion control, strengthening the city's infrastructure and resilience.



A B-1 bomber and EA-18G Growler bank to the left during a training sortie near Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. The training focused on further improving joint mission tactics between Air Force and Naval forces. (Courtesy Photo/Released)

#### PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



■ REPI Funds: \$2M  
■ LWCF: \$2M

Total: \$4M



### 3. Fort Bragg, North Carolina

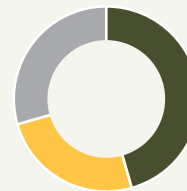
#### Weymouth Woods

- Fort Bragg, “the Home of the Airborne and Special Operations,” is the largest Army base by population with approximately 57,000 military personnel, 11,000 civilian employees, and 23,000 family members. Located just west of Fayetteville and within the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape, the installation uses innovative solutions to provide modernized capabilities, quality of life, and readiness to global response forces.
- The North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation will acquire roughly 306 acres of land to protect an area along the southern border of the Paint Hill section of Weymouth Woods State Natural Area in Moore County. This will expand hiking opportunities in one of North Carolina’s best examples of old-growth Longleaf Pine habitat.



A soldier fires a rifle during a night M4 qualification at Fort Bragg, N.C. The training keeps soldiers proficient in marksmanship. (Photo by Army Sgt. Benjamin D. Castro)

#### PARTNER ORGANIZATION



REPI Funds: \$1.1M  
LWCF: \$1.7M  
Partner Contributions: \$2M  
**Total: \$4.8M**

### 4. Naval Support Activity Crane, Indiana

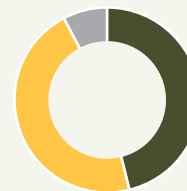
#### Westgate Park

- Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane is located within the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape. NSA Crane is the third-largest naval installation in the world by geographic area and helps tenant commands remain focused on their engineering, ammunition, and logistics missions. The installation is recognized worldwide as a modern leader in diverse and technical products aimed at meeting the needs of today’s warfighters in the defense of the nation.
- Westgate Authority will create a 191-acre county park in Martin and Greene counties offering activities like hiking, fishing, birdwatching, and picnicking. Conservation easements will also include an offset buffer for military protection while allowing public access to certain areas.



Rear Adm. Christopher Gray, Navy Region Mid Atlantic commander, visited Crane Army Ammunition Activity's demolition range on a tour of Naval Support Activity Crane. (Photo by Lindsay Grant, Crane Army Ammunition Activity Public Affairs Office)

#### PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



REPI Funds: \$2.3M  
LWCF: \$2.3M  
Partner Contributions: \$384K  
**Total: \$5M**



## 5. Naval Station Mayport, Florida

### Sherman Creek Park

- Since its commissioning in December 1942, Naval Station Mayport has grown to become the third-largest fleet concentration area in the United States. Located in Jacksonville's busy harbor, Mayport's unique operational composition is capable of accommodating 34 ships and any DOD aircraft on their 8,000-foot runway.
- The City of Jacksonville will preserve a 6-acre property adjacent to Naval Station Mayport which includes significant stretches of waterfront along Sherman Creek, providing scenic views and opportunities for recreational development. Upon completion, the park will feature a scenic overlook, kayak launch, trail system, parking area, and picnic shelters. This project also protects vital South Atlantic salt marsh habitat, offering natural flood mitigation and supporting wildlife.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District Park Ranger Megan Parson, and her volunteers restored a field of grass at the W.P. Franklin recreational area with native plants. (USACE photo by Brigida I. Sanchez)

### PARTNER ORGANIZATION



■ REPI Funds: \$660K  
■ LWCF: \$660K

Total: \$1.3M

## 6. Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia

### Robinson-Baker's Creek

- The Naval Weapons Station Yorktown is located at the northern end of the Virginia Peninsula and within the Tidewater Sentinel Landscape. The installation is bordered by the York River, Colonial National Historic Park, York County, City of Newport News, and James City County. Hosting 40 tenant commands, the weapons station provides quality support for explosive ordnance storage, maintenance, logistics, research and development, and other critical Navy support.
- The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will permanently protect approximately 450 acres of tidal wetlands and uplands in King and Queen County for conservation and to provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public. The project will further support the Coastal Wetlands Plan to conserve, restore, create, and enhance coastal wetland areas in the face of changing conditions and conserve tidal wetlands migration corridors.



Harbor Security Boat teams assigned to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown conducted security exercises on the York River in the vicinity of the installation's R-3 weapons pier. (U.S. Navy Photo by Max Lonzanida)

### PARTNER ORGANIZATION



■ REPI Funds: \$276K  
■ LWCF: \$276K

Total: \$552K