

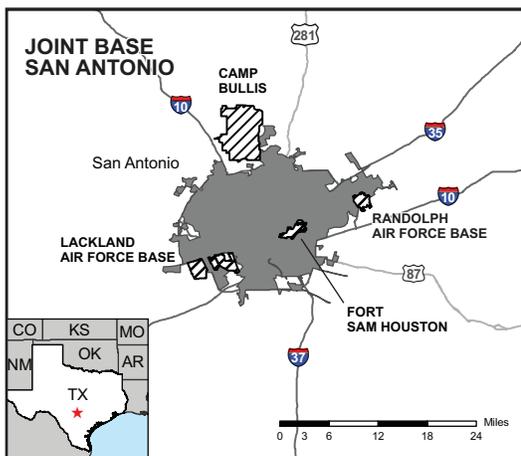


U.S. ARMY - U.S. AIR FORCE :

# JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO : TEXAS



**H**ome to “the combat medic” and part of the newly formed Joint Base San Antonio, Camp Bullis hosts all student medic field training for the Department of Defense, as well as other training for Army and Air Force units. The post is the only field training location for the Joint Base, which is otherwise a heavily urbanized installation. With San Antonio’s quickly expanding suburbs threatening regional habitat for the golden-cheeked warbler (GCW), the resulting on-post endangered species restrictions are threatening Camp Bullis’s ability to conduct



training for its unique and critical mission.

To address these concerns and limit development, Camp Bullis’s partners are acquiring conservation lands and easements for GCW habitat, some as far as 25 miles away. Through a consultation under the Endangered Species Act, the post will be credited for promoting

conservation of GCW habitat, thereby helping thousands of acres of key training lands to be released from restrictions. This is allowing the post to clear dense, unoccupied habitat and increase its training area, enhancing training capabilities.

The efforts at Camp Bullis are also particularly noteworthy for the partnership with the city of San Antonio. The city donated over 3,000 acres valued at approximately \$15 million to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to be managed as habitat. Additionally, San Antonio introduced an endangered species ordinance that holds developers to strict species survey standards and other protections—a cutting-edge approach that has only been tried in one other state.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands that benefit the local economy
- Supports existing regional planning efforts, including “green corridor” habitat connections for wildlife
- Protects endangered species and local water supplies

### MILITARY

- Protects live-fire artillery and ground vehicle maneuver training on-installation
- Mitigates noise concerns and improves operational safety



Preserving habitat for the golden-cheeked warbler (bottom) allows ground training sites at Camp Bullis to continue operation (top).

## KEY PARTNERS

- City of San Antonio
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2017

- » Acres preserved: **7,687**
- » Transactions conducted: **6**
- » Total funds expended: **\$33.8 million**
- » Project status: **Completed**

## CONTACT

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