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DOD REPI Program | 2022 Year in Review



REPI Partners and Stakeholders:

As 2022 draws to a close and we reflect on the past year, our office would like to highlight some of the REPI Program's many accomplishments. 2022 was a year of milestones as the Program made great strides in working with partners to continue strengthening military readiness at installations and ranges across the country. This year further proved that the support and collaboration of our committed partners are key to the success of the REPI Program.

This year, local, state, and federal partnerships continued to provide expanded resources for installations to leverage funding and expertise from organizations with shared priorities. Across the federal government, the REPI Program continued accelerating initiatives while establishing new connections with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In particular, the REPI Program was pleased, for the first time, to be listed as one of the federal programs that can satisfy FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program's non-federal cost-sharing requirement.

As the Indo-Pacific region continues to grow in strategic importance, the REPI Program has worked hard this year to accelerate several projects across the region to protect cultural, natural, and land resources that benefit partner priorities and DOD mission capabilities.

Across the entire Indo-Pacific region, the REPI Program funded projects at eight installations facing increased residential development, endangered species restrictions, and climate change hazards. For fiscal year 2022, the REPI Program contributed nearly \$15 million to the State of Hawai'i, in partnership with the Navy, for the restoration and protection of the Waiawa Watershed. On the mainland, the Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability and the Western Regional Partnership continued providing the REPI Program a forum for building working relationships, promoting collaborative decision-making, and supporting the conservation and resilience of national defense across both six-state regional partnerships.

In 2022, the REPI Office was thrilled to announce newly expanded partnering efforts with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Through NFWF's National Coastal Resilience Fund and America the Beautiful Challenge, the REPI Program helped advance landscape restoration, natural infrastructure development, and species recovery in support of military missions by leveraging funding from multiple local, state, federal, and private partners. The REPI Program also continued its partnership with the NFWF Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund to leverage funding towards projects that restore forest health and manage vital natural resources to benefit military testing and training at installations and ranges across the Southeast.

The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership had another successful year with the designation of three new sentinel landscapes, including the Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape in Texas, the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape, and the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape. Sentinel Landscapes continue to be critical in strengthening the Nation's military readiness while addressing natural resource and climate resilience concerns. To read more about the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership, visit www.sentinellandscapes.org.

Finally, we're thrilled to announce that this year we distributed a record-high amount of funding to projects at installations and ranges across the country. In 2022, the REPI Program contributed over \$132 million in funds towards projects at over 60 locations to develop projects that limit development pressures, enhance military installation resilience, and relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions on military testing, training, or operations.

Looking ahead, 2023 is shaping up to be another exciting year for the REPI Program. Between releasing the annual Report to Congress, launching a new Sentinel Landscapes designation cycle, hosting a DOD Climate Resilience Workshop, and continuing partner and stakeholder engagements, our staff is looking forward to meeting the goals of the new year and reaching new milestones! With the ongoing support and innovative solutions from our committed partner organizations, the REPI Program continues to enhance the Nation's defense capabilities and positively impact surrounding communities.

Wishing everyone happy holidays and a joy-filled new year!

Best,
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