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REPI Newsletter | August 2022 Edition

Please see below for exciting news and announcements relevant to the REPI community! If you would like to have an announcement featured in next month's newsletter or are interested in ways to partner with the REPI program, connect with us at osd.repi@mail.mil. For more information about the REPI program and supportive DoD efforts, please visit www.repi.mil.

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Message from the Director

Dear REPI Partners and Stakeholders,

Over the past several months, the REPI Office has been working with federal, local, and academic partners and stakeholders to preserve and enhance the Department of Defense (DoD)'s mission while protecting critical landscapes, habitats, and species. By creating mutually beneficial projects with partners, DoD can efficiently and cost-effectively maintain testing and training capabilities while developing new, innovative partnerships.

One such partnership that I'm thrilled to highlight is with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program (BRIC). On August 12, the BRIC Program released the next Notice of Funding Opportunity

(NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 application cycle. For FY 2022, FEMA will distribute nearly \$2.3 billion through the BRIC grant program and anticipates prioritizing projects that incorporate nature-based solutions, including those designed to reduce carbon emissions; enhance climate resilience and adaptation, and reduce risks posed by natural hazards. The REPI Program is pleased to serve as one of the federal programs listed in the FY 2022 NOFO that can satisfy the BRIC program's non-federal cost-sharing requirement. This unique authority supports the Military Services' ability to create valuable partnerships, enhance conservation and resilience efforts, and protect critical military capabilities. The BRIC program's guiding principles are supporting communities through capability and capacity-building, encouraging and enabling innovation, promoting partnerships, enabling large projects, maintaining flexibility, and providing consistency.

More information on the BRIC program's background, timing, eligibility, and other available FEMA programs can be found in the new REPI-FEMA fact sheet, [REPI-FEMA fact sheet](#). The newly updated fact sheet highlights how collaboration among government agencies is critical to enhancing and preserving military readiness and improving resilience to climate change.

I hope you'll continue reading as we're eager to share what's new on the horizon for the REPI Program, including partner highlights, upcoming partner funding opportunities, and the latest REPI events and news. If you're looking to get involved or are interested in learning more about the REPI Program, the REPI Program's natural infrastructure projects, or the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership, visit www.REPI.mil or www.sentinellandscapes.org to stay connected.

Best,

Kristin Thomasgard
REPI Program Director

Partner Funding Opportunities & Announcements



**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Announces
2022 Longleaf Stewardship Fund Grant Awards**

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) officially announced that the Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund (LLSF) would award \$7.5 million through 22 grants to restore, enhance, and protect longleaf pine forests in nine southern states. This year's grant slate, the largest in the program's history, will leverage \$9 million in matching contributions to generate a total conservation impact of \$16.5 million. For every dollar DoD invests, approximately \$11 million in matching partner funds will help establish more than 9,000 acres of new longleaf pine, implement prescribed fire on more than 347,000 acres, and enhance an additional 10,000 acres of existing longleaf pine through management treatments. Altogether, 12 military installations in the Southeast will directly benefit from LLSF projects, including Fort Benning and Fort Stewart, Georgia; Camp Blanding, Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, and Tyndall AFB, Florida; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Camp Lejeune, Fort Bragg, and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina; Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The 2022 grant slate will impact more than 400,000 acres of longleaf pine habitat, benefitting at-risk wildlife across nine southern states. The LLSF is a landmark public-private partnership between NFWF, federal agencies, private industry, and charitable organizations that leverage funding to execute projects to restore forest health and manage key natural resources that benefit military testing and training at installations and ranges across the Southeast.

To learn more about the 2022 LLSF grants, [read the full announcement from NFWF](#).

OLDCC Announces DCIP Grant Awardees

The DoD's Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) recently announced the award of 14 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) grants totaling \$52.8 million. These infrastructure projects benefit local installations, supporting service members, their families, and the Department's missions. To learn more about the OLDCC DCIP grant process or grant award information, [click here](#).

FEMA BRIC Fiscal Year 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity

The REPI Program is pleased to serve as one of the federal programs that can satisfy the BRIC program's non-federal cost-sharing requirement. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, FEMA will distribute nearly \$2.3 billion through the BRIC grant program and anticipates prioritizing projects that incorporate nature-based solutions, including those designed to reduce carbon emissions; enhance climate resilience and adaptation, and reduce risks posed by natural hazards. If you are interested in working with a defense community to submit a BRIC project proposal, the application period to apply for BRIC funding will open on September 30, 2022, and close on January 27, 2023, at 3:00 PM Eastern Time. If your community is not prepared to apply for funding this year, there is also non-financial Direct Technical Assistance available to up to 40 communities. This assistance can provide holistic planning support to counties, townships, and cities to develop future BRIC projects. Applications for Direct Technical

Assistance are uploaded directly to FEMA's website and require completing a short questionnaire to describe the community's needs.

More information on the BRIC program and the NOFO is available [here](#).

REPI Partner Highlights



Join the REPI Program at LTA Rally 2022

The REPI Program is excited to participate in the upcoming Land Trust Alliance (LTA) Rally 2022 from September 15–17 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Rally is the exciting annual gathering of inspired and passionate land conservation practitioners from around the world who are dedicated to conserving cherished places in our communities. Serving as the premier training and networking conference, Rally offers educational sessions focused on land conservation topics, networking events, exhibits, plenary sessions, and an awards presentation celebrating conservation leadership. The REPI Program will host a session on Saturday, September 17, titled “Joining Forces with the Military to Combat Climate Change Threats,” and will also host an informational breakfast for new and existing REPI partners on Friday, September 16.

Please visit the [LTA Rally 2022 website](#) for additional information and schedule of events.

The National Association of Counties Annual Conference

On Saturday, July 23, the REPI Office presented alongside representatives from the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse (the Clearinghouse) and the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) at the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Conference. The offices presented

opportunities for counties to engage with DoD to promote compatible land uses, preserve critical landscapes, and enhance military installation resilience to climate change. County representatives and NACo serve as vital partners to the REPI program and help local officials explore and pursue technical and financial assistance from REPI, OLDCC, and the Clearinghouse. On Friday, July 22, Kristin Thomasgard, REPI Program Director, was invited to address the NACo Board of Directors, including county leaders from across the country.

The REPI Office looks forward to continuing partnering with NACo to develop a new Military Counties network that will encourage knowledge-sharing across counties that are interested in pursuing REPI funding and engaging with DoD to promote mission sustainability and resilience.

To find out if your county has an existing REPI project, visit [NACo's County Explorer Tool here!](#)

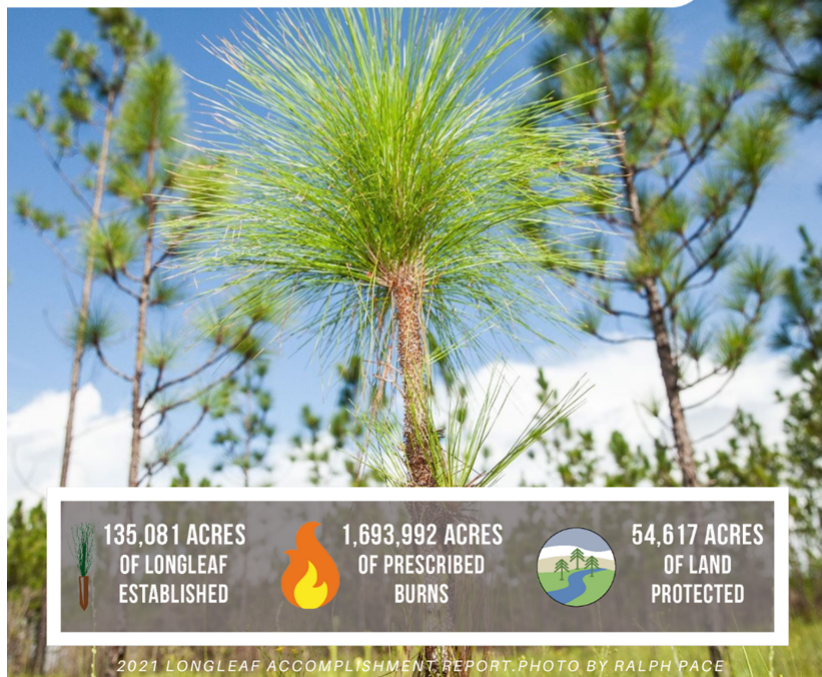
National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit

The REPI Office participated in the 2022 National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Legislative Summit from July 31 through August 1. During the Summit, NCSL hosted a Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force Meeting, which focused on examining issues affecting military-community relations, including development near military installations, military-community partnerships, and veteran hiring and procurement preferences. The REPI Office also participated in a Risk and Resilience session with representatives from the Colorado Resiliency Office and the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management. This panel highlighted ongoing resilience efforts across Colorado and North Carolina and detailed how the REPI Program is positioned to assist states and communities with disaster risk mitigation.

More information on NCSL and the 2022 National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit can be found by visiting www.ncsl.org.

Regional Partnership Updates

America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative 2021 RANGE-WIDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative 2021 Accomplishments Report

America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative (ALRI) has released its 2021 Range-wide Accomplishment Report, which highlights 2.29 million acres of longleaf management activities across the Southeast – the most acreage since America's Longleaf formed in 2010. Since 2013, ALRI has produced annual reports of accomplishments to provide a comprehensive look into longleaf restoration work on the ground, how public and private funds are being leveraged, and how the partnership's strategic priorities are measured. DoD participates in ALRI as a significant land manager of longleaf pine ecosystems because the protection of this rare forestland is vitally important to the national defense and operation of our military installations in the Southeast. The Report recognizes 2.29 million acres of accomplishments by the collective partners, resulting in positive outcomes for national defense, species protection, recreation, forest resiliency, wildfire risk reduction, and climate change mitigation. Out of total longleaf accomplishments, DoD contributed over 9,000 acres of planting, over 436,000 acres of prescribed fire, and over 23,000 acres of land protected. Additionally, the Georgia Sentinel Landscape Pilot Project received a prominent feature in the Report, which showcases its beneficial impacts on DoD and longleaf communities. For more information, [click here](#).

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The Western Regional Partnership 2022 Steering Committee Meeting

From July 20-21, the REPI Office participated in the Western Regional Partnership (WRP) Steering Committee Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting brought together committee co-chairs and key stakeholders from across the federal partner agencies to share information, network, and provide steering committee recommendations on various priorities. Discussions during the meeting included updates on WRP deep-dives and critical actions associated with climate resilience and energy resilience priorities; and focused dialogue on sentinel landscapes opportunities for the WRP region. For more information on WRP, visit wrpinfo.org.



Upcoming REPI Events



Managing Community Interests and Concerns

Don't miss out on the next REPI webinar, Managing Community Interests and Concerns, **Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 1:00 PM Eastern Time**. During this webinar, participants will learn about how to work with local communities to address encroachment concerns. By

working with communities, installations can sustain critical operations and protect the needs of the community.

If you missed the most recent REPI webinar, 2022 Sentinel Landscapes Achievements, or would like to view a past webinar, please visit the [REPI website](#) to view the 2022 Webinar Series and past webinar recordings.

Interested in a specific topic for the 2023 REPI Webinar Series? Email the REPI team at osd.repi@mail.mil.

REPI News Roundup



Below is media coverage featuring REPI partnerships that serve as an innovative way to address land use and resource challenges that threaten military readiness, while enhancing relationships with communities and preserving the environment.

Partnerships Vital to Sustain County-Military Coexistence

The National Association of Counties (NACo) (Washington, DC) reports that the Department of Defense's REPI program works with counties to mitigate land use concerns, water quality impacts, and encroachment threats near installations. The REPI program engages with counties through multiple existing partnerships, including the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership. This Partnership is a coalition of federal agencies, state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations that work with private landowners to advance sustainable land management practices around critical military installations. During NACo's Annual Western Interstate Region Conference, Kristin Thomasgard, REPI Program Director, shared, "REPI is working with hundreds of partners — dedicated agencies in different programs to help protect and ensure compatible land uses — helping to assist with natural resource management and then also helping to mitigate impacts from climate change and helping to ensure long term resilience of our communities and installations."

Navy Installations Receive State Partnership Dollars

Defense Visual Information Distribution Service (Fort Huachuca, AZ) reports that localities around five Navy Region Southeast Installations received more than \$2 million from the State of Florida to help protect vital base military missions. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced the funds as part of the Defense Infrastructure Grant, Defense Reinvestment Grant, and the Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant programs. Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, NAS Whiting Field, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City, NSA Orlando, and NAS Pensacola will benefit from the various programs. Funding for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program is provided from installation buffering initiatives and often paired with other funding, such as the REPI program.

Nearly \$15 Million To Protect the Waiawa Watershed Awarded to the State of Hawai'i in Partnership with The U.S. Navy

The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (Honolulu, HI) reports that the State of Hawaii, in partnership with Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, will receive \$14.8 million from DoD's REPI program to help safeguard Oahu's drinking water supplies. The project will help implement partnership efforts focused on improving coastal and forest resilience, which benefits long-term sustainability for local communities and the DoD mission.

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