OVERVIEW

New Jersey received $7.5 billion in Defense spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, which provides direct funding for DoD personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DoD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investment, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DoD and its partners to protect the military’s ability to train, test, and operate in the state. DoD created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through REPI, DoD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DoD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has enjoyed broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. Through FY 2019, DoD and its partners have spent over $44 million on REPI projects at 3 installations in New Jersey.

Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2018)

- $7.5 billion in Federal Defense spending
- 1.2% of state GDP
- $1.7 billion in payroll contributed
- $5.8 billion in contracts awarded

Acres of DoD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land (as of 30 Sep 2017)

- DoD Managed Land: 71,882
- State-Owned National Guard Land: 693
- Total DoD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land: 72,515

REPI PROJECTS* IN NEW JERSEY

Funding Summary (through FY 2019)

- REPI Expenditures: $15,542,745
- Military Service Expenditures: $571,840
- Partner Expenditures: $28,171,076
- Total Expenditures: $44,285,661

* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 USC §2684(a) to include the acquisition of interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development and protect habitat or any other natural resources management. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible partners include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

Total Acres Protected (through FY 2019): 9,372
**MILITARY PRESENCE**

- Military installations in New Jersey are strategic in developing opportunities for the State’s workforce to address the military and defense industry’s current and future needs. According to the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, New Jersey bases employ 70,000 residents every year and brings more than $6 billion in economic benefit to the state.
- New Jersey is home to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB–MDL), the nation’s only tri-Service military base and the second largest employer in New Jersey, after the state itself.
- JB-MDL houses the largest and most advanced unit in the world for aircraft-launching missions, and is the world’s only base equipped to handle the entire spectrum of operations related to aircraft recovery and launch.
- Warren Grove Range is one of the most heavily utilized Air National Guard training ranges in the U.S. and is a key Northeast training asset for all four Services, with its remote location providing unique operational capabilities.

**REPI PROJECTS**

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For all REPI Project Profiles visit: [http://www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx](http://www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx)

**Key REPI Partners**

- Burlington County
- Burlington County Farmland Protection Program
- Monmouth County
- Monmouth Conservation Fund
- New Jersey Conservation Foundation
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- New Jersey Green Acres Program
- New Jersey Pinelands Commission
- Ocean County
- State of New Jersey

**Data Sources**

- For Economic Impact Information: New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: [https://www.nj.gov/military/](https://www.nj.gov/military/)

For more information about the REPI Program, visit [www.repi.mil](http://www.repi.mil)

![Controlled burns help prevent wildfires, which reduce visibility for air exercises.](image)

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