REPI READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM
STATE PROFILE | CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT

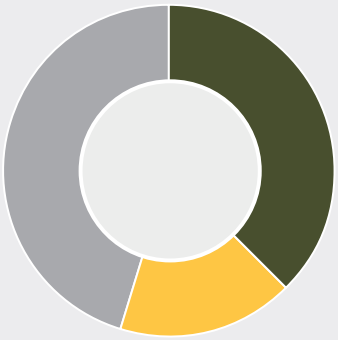
OVERVIEW

Connecticut received $15.9 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 $1.7 million on REPI projects at 1 installation in Connecticut.

DOD IN CONNECTICUT

DoD Personnel (as of 30 Sep 2018)



Active Duty: 5,547

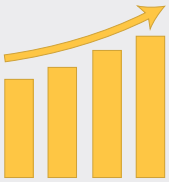
Civilians: 2,636

Reserve/National Guard: 6,608

Total DoD Personnel: 14,791

Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2018)

$15.9 billion in Federal Defense spending



5.7% of state GDP

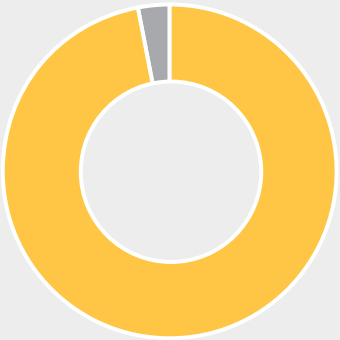
$700 million in payroll contributed
$15.2 billion in contracts awarded

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

DoD Managed Land	State-Owned National Guard Land	Total DoD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land
1,753	2,304	4,057

REPI PROJECTS* IN CONNECTICUT

Funding Summary (through FY 2019)



REPI Expenditures: $0

Military Service Expenditures: $1,700,000

Partner Expenditures: $49,000

Total Expenditures: $1,749,000

** 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): 54

MILITARY PRESENCE

- New London, Connecticut, is home to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, **one of the five U.S. federal military academies. Every year, approximately 200 graduates are commissioned as Coast Guard Officers to help ensure the safety, security, and stewardship of the nation's waters.**
- Naval Submarine Base New London, "Home of the Submarine Force," is the **primary East Coast submarine base.**
- The 99th Regional Support Command's Middletown Armed Forces Center is home to soldiers from the Army Reserve and Connecticut National Guard and includes a **state-of-the-art facility to provide units training and classroom resources** while boosting the local economy.
- As of 2018, Connecticut had 900 suppliers for submarine contracts, more than any other state. These suppliers have received more than **$1 billion in purchase orders** over the past five years.

REPI PROJECTS

Project Installation	County	Congressional District
99th Armed Forces Reserve Center	Fairfield	3rd

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

Construction of the new Armed Forces Reserve Center prompted wetlands mitigation efforts.

Key REPI Partners

- Middlesex Land Trust

Data Sources

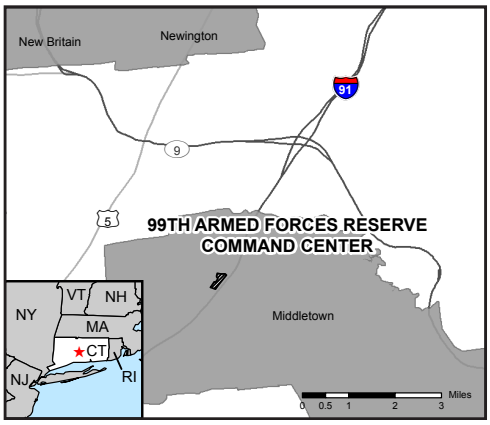
- **For Economic Impact Information:** State of Connecticut's Office of Military Affairs Annual Report, 2018: https://www.ct.gov/oma/lib/oma/oma_annual_report_fy_2018-19.pdf
- **For Federal Spending and personnel Information:** Office of Economic Adjustment: "Defense Spending By State Fiscal Year 2018": https://www.oea.gov/sites/default/files/defense-spending-rpts/FY2018-Defense-Spending-by-State-Report_0_0.pdf
- **For Land Information:** Department of Defense: "Base Structure Report — Fiscal Year 2018 Baseline": https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/Downloads/BSI/Base%20Structure%20Report%20FY18.pdf
- **For REPI Projects Information:** "2020 REPI Report to Congress": https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2020RTC.pdf
- **Coast Guard Academy:** http://www.cga.edu/

For more information about the REPI Program, visit ***www.repi.mil***

U.S. ARMY :

99TH ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER : CONNECTICUT

The 99th Regional Support Command's Middletown Armed Forces Reserve Center is home to soldiers from the Army Reserve and Connecticut National Guard. The Armed Forces Reserve Center was constructed after the Base Realignment and Closure recommendation to consolidate all Army Reserve and National Guard facilities in Connecticut. The new, state-of-the-art facility provides Reserve and National Guard units training and classroom resources, while boosting the local economy.



Unfortunately, construction of the Armed Forces Reserve Center impacted approximately 1.6 acres of wetlands. Therefore, to obtain the necessary approval under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Army Corps of Engineers required a wetlands mitigation process to address the impacted wetlands. With no wetland banks or in lieu fee programs in the state of Connecticut, the Army decided to work with the Middlesex Land Trust to protect an appropriate site in perpetuity suitable for wetland mitigation.

The acquisition of 54 acres of wetlands will directly compensate for the loss of wetlands on-post. The Middlesex Land Trust will own and manage the property for conservation purposes, meeting the mutual goals of the land trust and the Army. Their management will include long-term habitat management and ensuring that the terms of the deed are met in accordance with the final mitigation plan, providing opportunities to enhance water quality and control invasive species. Through this project, the Army and its partners have benefited the local community, the environment, and national defense.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Brings together new partners
- Preserves habitat and wetlands
- Helps preserve water quality

MILITARY

- Supports new training facility for physical fitness and weapons simulation training

The new Armed Forces Reserve Center serves as a "virtual installation" for Army Reserve soldiers from Maine to Virginia (top). Construction of the new building prompted wetlands mitigation efforts (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Middlesex Land Trust

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2019

» Acres preserved:
54

» Transactions conducted:
1

» Total funds expended:
$1.7 million

» Project status:
Completed

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