



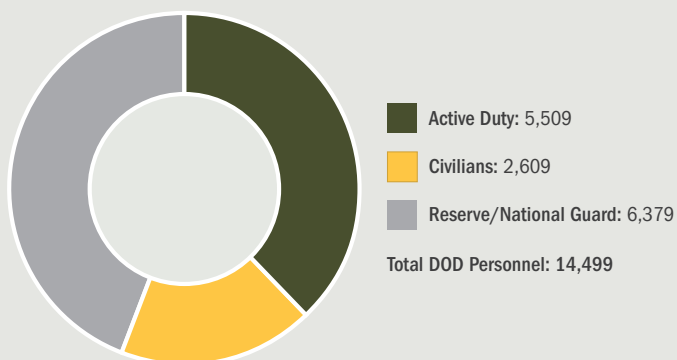
### OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the state of Connecticut received \$25.3 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of Defense (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 investments, 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. The Department 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 the REPI Program, 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 benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2011 through FY 2024, DOD and its partners have contributed over \$1.7 million to REPI projects supporting one installation in Connecticut.

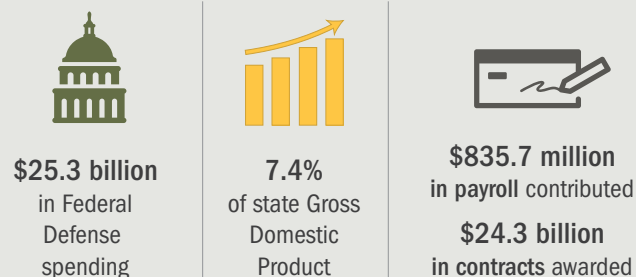
### DOD IN CONNECTICUT

**DOD Personnel** (as of 30 Sep 2023)



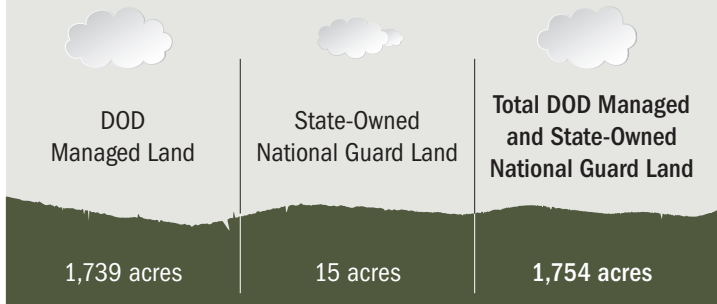
### Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact

(in FY 2023)



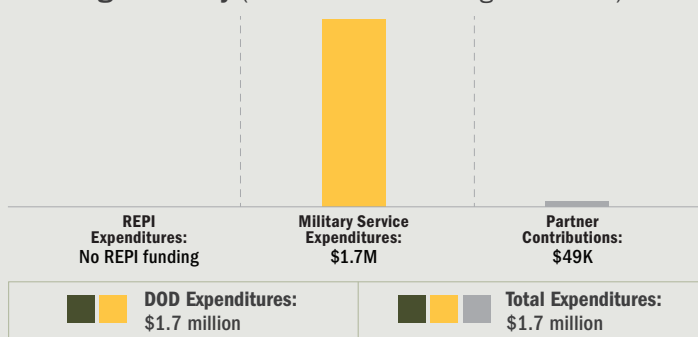
### Acres of DOD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land

(as of 30 Sep 2023)



### REPI PROJECTS\* IN CONNECTICUT

**Funding Summary** (from FY 2011 through FY 2024)



Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding.

\* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 2684a to include the acquisition of real property interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development or improve military installation resilience. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army REPI partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible entities include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

**Total Acres Protected** (FY 2011 through FY 2024): 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 99<sup>th</sup> 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.
- The defense portion of the FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act allocates \$6.5 billion for the two-per-year build rate of Virginia-class submarines, comprising \$4.5 billion for two submarines in 2023 and \$2 billion in advance procurement for submarine construction in 2024 and 2025. In Connecticut, these appropriations signify a substantial investment in naval capabilities.

## REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
99th Armed Forces Reserve Center	Fairfield	1st

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

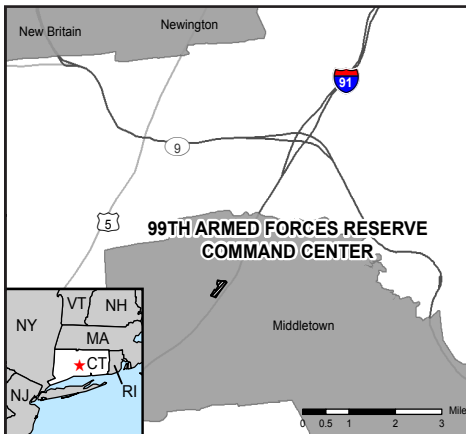
- **For Economic Impact Information:**  
State of Connecticut's Office of Military Affairs Annual Report, 2022 - 2023: [www.portal.ct.gov/-/media/OMA/OMA-Annual-Reports/OMA-Annual-Report-FY-2022-23-FINAL.pdf](http://www.portal.ct.gov/-/media/OMA/OMA-Annual-Reports/OMA-Annual-Report-FY-2022-23-FINAL.pdf)
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report – FY24 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2023)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:**  
Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2023": <https://oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023>
- **For REPI Projects Information:**  
"2025 REPI Report to Congress": [www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports\\_to\\_Congress/REPI2025RTC.pdf](http://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2025RTC.pdf)



## 99<sup>TH</sup> ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER

### The 99<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 a neighboring site in perpetuity suitable for wetland mitigation.

The acquisition of 54 acres of wetlands will directly compensate for the loss of wetlands on-post and ensure uninterrupted use of the critical training facilities. 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 and national defense.

### BENEFIT SUMMARY

#### COMMUNITY

- Preserves habitat and wetlands
- Helps ensure clean 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

### CONTACT

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### FAST FACTS FROM FY 2011 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: Completed

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	1	54	\$1.7 million

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## DOVER AIR FORCE BASE

Dover Air Force Base sits on 3,177 acres in Kent County Delaware, just outside of the state's capital of Dover. The base is located in a low-lying region, with a 28-foot elevation at its highest point. Dover's mission focus is to safely fix and fly aircraft, prepare and deploy Airmen, move cargo, and return America's fallen heroes with dignity, honor and respect. Dover Air Force Base also operates as the Department of Defense's busiest air terminal, providing supplies to operations in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.



Dover Air Force Base has two active runways which support 25,000 annual flights. The runways support the 436th Aerial Port Squadron, which moves more than 100,000 tons of cargo annually, relying solely on Jet A fuel provided through the Port Mahon Fuel Depot. Port Mahon Fuel Depot is impacted by riverine and coastal flooding due to its low-lying topography and proximity to the Delaware Bay coastline. Flooding threats impact Dover Air Force Base's supply of Jet A fuel and all flying missions. To combat this,

Dover Air Force Base partnered with The Conservation Fund and Delaware Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to purchase a parcel for stormwater drainage, improvements to the wetland storage capacity of the parcel, and to construct a living shoreline to stabilize Port Mahon Road.



Staff Sgt. Broden McDonald, 9<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron flight engineer, looks at a C-5M Super Galaxy engine while performing a preflight inspection at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware (top) (U.S. Air Force photo by Roland Balik). Maintainers from Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, work on a C-17 Globemaster III in preparation of scheduled maintenance. The base recorded an inch of snow overnight (bottom) (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Joshua Williams).

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Wetland and habitat preservation

### MILITARY

- Supports national and global flight missions

## KEY PARTNERS

- Coastal Conservation League
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- Delaware Department of Transportation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- North Carolina Coastal Federation
- The Nature Conservancy
- University of Delaware

## CONTACT

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## FAST FACTS THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
No expenditures	—	—	—

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