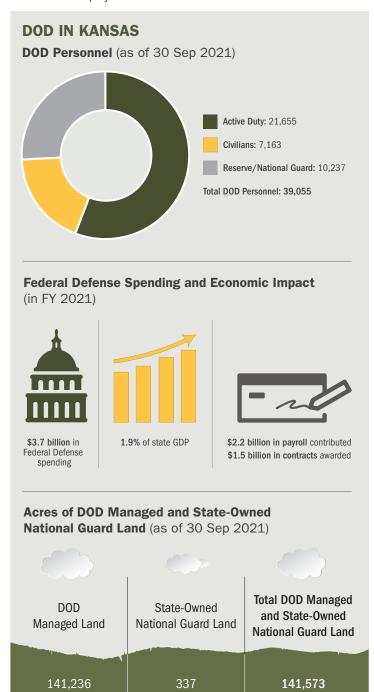
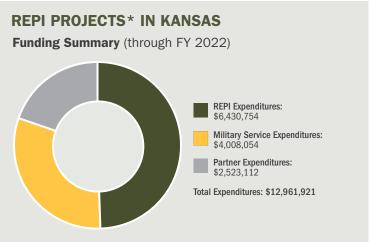


OVERVIEW

Kansas received \$3.7 billion in Defense spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, 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.

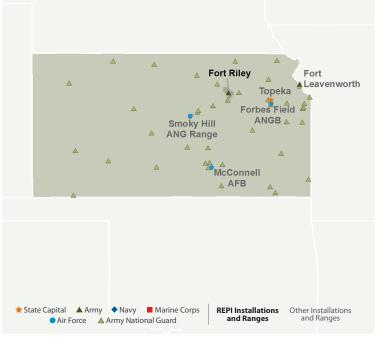
The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DOD and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. DOD created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting 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 2022, DOD and its partners have spent nearly \$13 million on REPI projects at one installation in Kansas.





* 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 2022): 15,962



MILITARY PRESENCE

- Fort Leavenworth generates \$2.3 billion in annual economic impact throughout the region via salaries and the supplies and services it buys from Kansas Cityarea companies.
- Established in 1827, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is the oldest military post in continuous operation west of the Mississippi.
- Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range near Salina, Kansas, is the largest bombing range in the Air National Guard inventory at 34,000 acres.
- McConnell AFB supports worldwide aerial refueling and airlift operations, thus providing global reach for troops, equipment, and supplies in support of global contingency and conventional operations.
- Fort Riley is home to the 1st Infantry Division, which is the oldest continuously serving division in the U.S. Army. In FY 2020, Fort Riley had a direct economic impact of \$1.8 billion and a total population of over 67,000 individuals.

REPI PROJECTS

Project Installation	County	Congressional District
Fort Riley	Geary, Riley	1st, 2nd

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



Open space preserved near Fort Riley preserves local character and allows ground vehicle maneuver training to continue.

Kev REPI Partners

- Kansas Land Trust
- Kansas Department of Natural Resources
- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Department of Agriculture— Natural Resources Conservation Service

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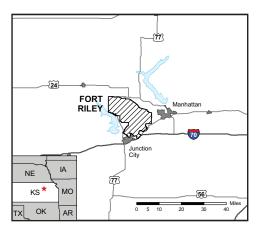
- For Economic Impact Information:
 - U.S. Army "Fort Riley, Kansas, FY20 Economic Impact Summary": https://home.army.mil/ riley/application/files/5016/1065/0342/ EIS_FY20_FINAL.pdf
 - Kansas Department of Commerce: https://www.kansascommerce.gov/
- For Military Impact Information: Fort Riley Web Site, January 2019: https://home.army.mil/riley/ index.php/about
- For Land Information: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report — FY22 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2021)
- For Federal Spending and Personnel Information: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State Fiscal Year 2021": https://oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2021
- For REPI Projects Information:

 "2023 REPI Report to Congress": https://www.
 repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_
 Congress/REPI2023RTC.pdf

FORT RILEY

Working lands owned by ranchers near Fort Riley provide a situation that is conducive to maintaining ideal training conditions on-post.

Located in northeastern Kansas, Fort Riley trains over 30,000 soldiers predominantly in live-fire exercises and vehicle maneuver training in which every weapons system in a heavy artillery division's inventory may be fired. Such training generates significant amounts of noise, so for Fort Riley's mission to



continue, development around the post must remain compatible with this requirement.

Building on an early partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Department of Defense, the post is sustaining the military mission and providing far-reaching benefits to the community's way of life. Together with the Kansas Land Trust, the

partners are protecting family-owned ranches consisting of prime soils and the largest remaining tracts of native tallgrass prairie in Kansas. Preserving the most altered ecological community in North America helps buffer important high-noise activities such as Howitzer and demolition training.

Also of note at Fort Riley was an effort that prevented the incompatible siting of a 100-turbine wind farm project that would have interfered with the operation of a Digital Airport Surveillance Radar station at Marshall Army Air Field. All told, the post's efforts help allow combined air and ground operations to continue and to protect the disappearing tallgrass prairie rangelands.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands and local character that benefit the economy
- Supports existing regional planning efforts, including the development of a Joint Use Land Study to better coordinate planning efforts among various government entities

MILITARY

- Protects live-fire artillery, ground vehicle maneuver, helicopter, and night flying training that produces significant amounts of noise or requires minimal light pollution
- Prevents the loss of training days and less-realistic workarounds
- Provides for future mission growth and multi-Service efforts





Open space (bottom) preserved near Fort Riley preserves local character and allows ground vehicle maneuver training (top) to continue.

KEY PARTNERS

- Kansas Department of Natural Resources
- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
- Kansas Land Trust
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED: 15,962
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED:25
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED: \$12.9 million
- PROJECT STATUS: In Progress

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