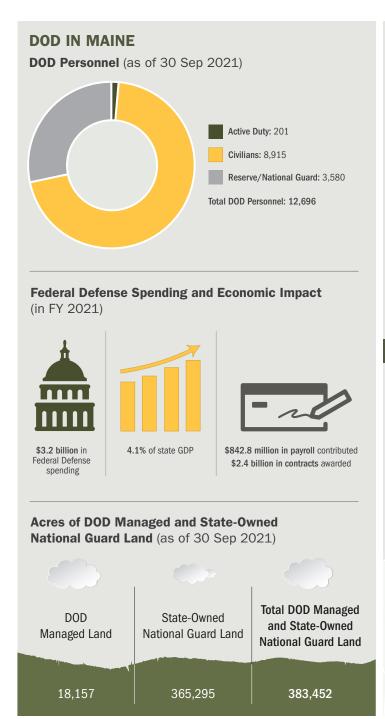
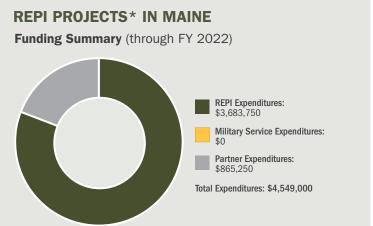


OVERVIEW

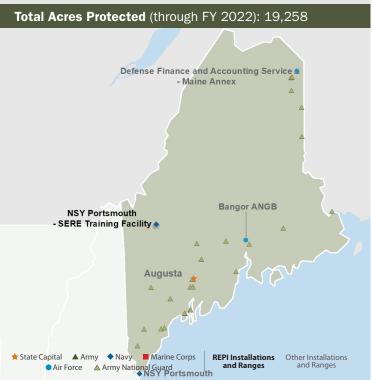
Maine received \$3.2 billion in Defense spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, which provides direct funding for DOD personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DOD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, 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. As of FY 2022, DOD and its partners have spent over \$4 million on REPI projects at one installation in Maine.





* 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.



MILITARY PRESENCE

- In 2018, the total economic impact of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard was over \$882 million, an increase of 41.6% since 2013. This includes over \$314 million in payroll for Maine residents.
- The Navy's Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) School moved from Naval Air Station Brunswick to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in 2010 and trains an average of 1,200 students per year.
- SERE training is 12 days and is split between the Portsmouth Shipyard and the 12,500 acre Ralph Odem Training Facility in Redington, Maine.
- Ships, small craft, pontoons, and docks make up 69% of product and service contract awards in the state of Maine.

Key REPI Partners

- High Peaks Alliance
- Mahoosuc Initiative
- Maine Audubon Society
- Mountain Conservancy Collaborative
- The Nature Conservancy

- The Trust for Public Land
- Trout Unlimited
- U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service

REPI PROJECTS

Project Installation	County	Congressional District
Naval Shipyard Portsmouth, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) School	Franklin	2nd

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



USS New Hampshire arriving at NSY Portsmouth for scheduled maintenance. Photo credit: U.S. Navy photo by Jim Cleveland (8 February 2017).

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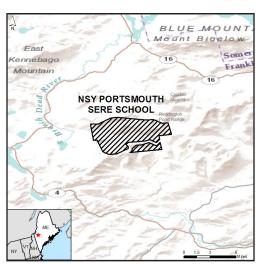
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NAVAL SHIPYARD PORTSMOUTH SERE SCHOOL

The Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) School mission is to provide training to pilots, flight officers, intelligence officers, air crew, and other personnel deemed at high risk of capture.

While classroom training is at Naval Shipyard (NSY) Portsmouth, the Navy's East Coast SERE School field training is located in Redington Township, Maine, where the remote environment and harsh climate are essential to the effective



execution of its training mission. The training emphasizes the basic skills necessary for long-term land survival; effective rescue methods; evasion of capture by hostile forces; resistance to interrogation, indoctrination, and exploitation; and escape from detention when held by enemy forces.

This type of training requires isolated wilderness to provide the most realistic and undisturbed training environment. Even minimal development can affect SERE

training realism, and the Redington property is already located next to three major ski resorts and snowmobiling trails, as well as commercial logging activities. Therefore, the Navy is working with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to acquire conservation easements on large properties adjacent to the SERE School training land and protect the forested, mountainous habitat.

These properties represent a keystone in TPL's White Mountains to Moosehead Lake Initiative to protect a large unbroken corridor of climate-resilient forests across New Hampshire and Maine. Project partners will also work to develop sustainable forest management plans to benefit wildlife habitat management, improve timber harvesting practices, and ensure compatibility with SERE School operations.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Preserves open space and habitat
- Supports a landscape-scale "green corridor" for wildlife
- Supports ongoing regional planning efforts

MILITARY

- Protects the ability to perform sensitive training
- Improves operational security
- Preserves a realistic isolated training environment





SERE School field training at the Redington property in Maine (top) provides sailors with basic survival skills like starting a fire in harsh, remote environs (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

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FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2022

- ACRES PRESERVED: 19,258
- TRANSACTIONS CONDUCTED:3
- TOTAL FUNDS EXPENDED: \$4.5 million
- PROJECT STATUS: In Progress

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