

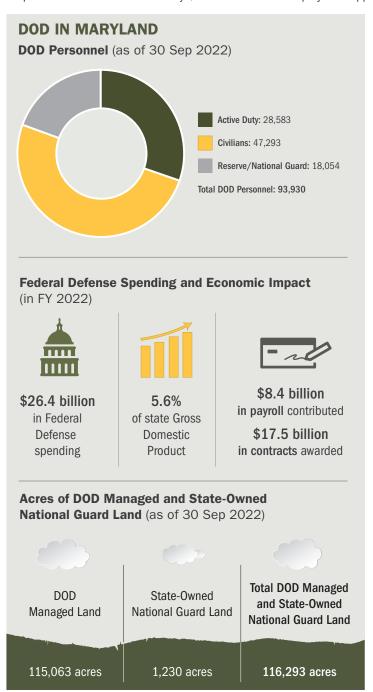
Total 10 U.S.C. § 2684a Expenditures: \$106.6 million

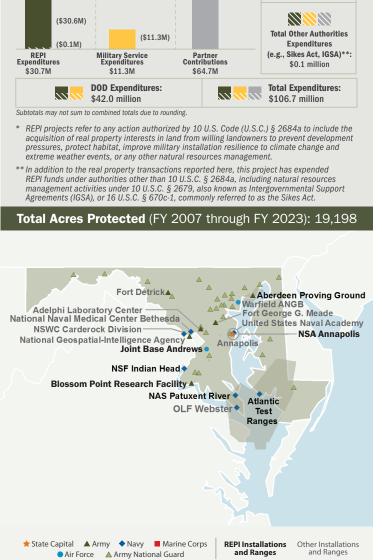
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## **OVERVIEW**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the state of Maryland received \$26.4 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 2007 through FY 2023, DOD and its partners have contributed nearly \$106.7 million to REPI projects supporting six installations in Maryland.





**REPI PROJECTS\* IN MARYLAND** 

Funding Summary (from FY 2007 through FY 2023)

# **MILITARY PRESENCE**

- Naval Support Facility Indian Head recently made a conscious effort to protect Maryland's environment by upgrading the Navy Support Facility's power and steam capability system. The system is expected to reduce about 40 tons of particulate matter and other harmful carbon emissions per year.
- Joint Base Andrews has an annual economic impact of over \$1.2 billion to the National Capital Region. The 11<sup>th</sup> CONS is responsible acquiring the supplies, services and construction support needed to meet mission requirements for Air Force organizations at Joint Base Andrews.
- Aberdeen Proving Ground stands as the 6<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Maryland and the largest in Harford County, boasting over 39,000 jobs and \$2 billion in wages, while serving as the home to 6 Centers of Excellence, 11 major commands, and over 90 units and tenant activities, with an economic impact of \$1.6 billion to Maryland.

- Naval Air Station Patuxent River and Atlantic Test Range provides critical services for the Navy such as aircraft research, test/simulation, development and acquisition capabilities while partnering with environmental stakeholders in the surrounding communities.
- Because of its proximity to Washington,
  D.C., Maryland has a large
  concentration of military facilities.
  Rather than serving as the base for self-contained armed services
  combat or support units, many of the military facilities in Maryland perform administrative, medical and research functions to support the overall operations of the nation's military and the DOD.
- Fort Meade is Maryland's largest employer and is the third largest workforce of any Army installation in the U.S.

# **REPI PROJECTS**

Installation	County	<b>Congressional District</b>
Aberdeen Proving Ground	Harford	2nd
Atlantic Test Ranges (with Naval Air Station Patuxent River)	Dorchester, St. Mary's	1st, 5th
Blossom Point Research Facility	Charles	5th
Joint Base Andrews (Air Force)	Prince George's	5th
Naval Support Activity Annapolis	Anne Arundel	3rd
Naval Support Facility Indian Head	Charles	5th

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





Varied and hilly terrain allows for testing of maneuver vehicles at the Churchville Test Area, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, located northeast of Bel Air, Maryland. (left and right).

# **Key REPI Partners**

- Calvert County
- Calvert County Nature Society
- Charles County
- Chesapeake Conservancy
- Conservancy for Charles County
- Delaware Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- Dorchester County
- Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
- Green Trust Alliance Harford County
- Harford Land Trust
- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Environmental Trust
- Nanticoke River Watershed Conservancy
- Northern Neck Land Conservancy

- The Conservation Fund
- The Lower Shore Land Trust
- The Nature Conservancy
- Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust
- Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)
- St. Mary's County
- State of Delaware
- The Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Department of Agriculture -Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation

#### **Data Sources**

- For Economic Impact Information: Maryland Military Installation Council Annual Report for 2023: www.commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/ MMIC.Annual.Report.2023.pdf
- For NSF Indian Head Information: www.dcmilitary. com/south\_potomac\_pilot/features/nsf-indian-head-s-new-steam-distribution-system-showing-efficiencies/article\_2ec60fa9-fac3-5c1e-adc0-77b5657fa6f6.html
- For Patuxent River and Atlantic Test Range Information: www.navair.navy.mil/nawcad/ atlantictestranges
- For Land Information: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report — FY23 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2022)
- For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:
  Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation:
  "Defense Spending by State Fiscal Year 2022":
  www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2022
- For REPI Projects Information:
  "2024 REPI Report to Congress": www.repi.mil/
  Portals/44/Documents/Reports\_to\_Congress/
  REPI2024RTC.pdf

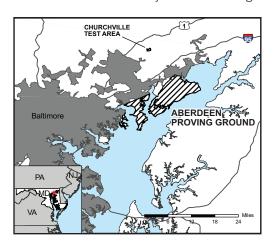


# ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

Aberdeen Proving Ground is the Department of Defense's oldest active proving ground, where military weapons, vehicles, and other technology or military strategies are tested.

Aberdeen is the Department's lead for automotive testing for all manned and unmanned, wheeled, and tracked vehicles. Due to the region's temperate climate, the Army can test vehicles in 80 percent of real-world environments using world-renowned test tracks. These tracks, a national asset, are irreplaceable and critical to present and future testing of vehicles.

However, significant regional suburban growth stretching out from the city of Baltimore and other nearby towns is causing conflict due to noise, dust, and other



issues. The combined efforts of the Aberdeen Test Center staff and concerned local stakeholder Harford Land Trust helped alleviate this threat to the nearby Churchville Test Area. This location is a hilly set of cross-country road test tracks providing a variety of steep inclines and tight turns designed to stress engines, drivetrains, and suspension systems for vehicles such as tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles, and the Humvee.

Of added concern is the potential for residential development along

the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, an area threatened by sea level rise and changing coastal patterns. Residential development would create new impervious surfaces, which could exacerbate flooding at properties that intersect with Maryland Route 7, a major thoroughfare into and out of Aberdeen. Conserving this land in its current state will reduce the risk of flash floods along Route 7 and protect those traveling to and from Aberdeen on a daily basis.

## **BENEFIT SUMMARY**

#### COMMUNITY

- Preserves working lands and local character
- Supports existing regional planning efforts
- Provides recreational opportunities for area residents
- Protects water supplies

#### **MILITARY**

- Preserves maneuver training capacity through the buffering of high-noise areas
- Increases operational safety
- Provides for future mission growth





Varied and hilly terrain allows for testing of maneuver vehicles at the Churchville Test Area (top and bottom).

#### **KEY PARTNERS**

- Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, Inc.
- Harford County
- Harford Land Trust
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## CONTACT

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE:** (410) 278-1147

FAST FACTS FROM FY 2007 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

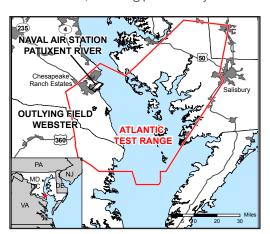
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10 U.S.C. § 2684a	25	3,855	\$34.7 million



# ATLANTIC TEST RANGES WITH NAVAL AIR STATION PATUXENT RIVER

The Atlantic Test Ranges (ATR), consisting of land, air, and sea ranges in the Chesapeake Bay area, is the Navy's principal location for the research, development, test, and evaluation of Naval aircraft.

The range's restricted airspace is a critical national asset that allows for training missions and the concurrent testing of multiple new aircraft, including unmanned aerial systems. This restricted airspace, as well as Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River (ATR's host installation) and Outlying Field (OLF) Webster, encompasses a vast ecologically sensitive area, including part of Maryland's Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay.



Due to the inherent risk in test flights, as well as the noise from aircraft (including supersonic operations), the Navy is working to limit development pressures underneath the test range airspace and installation flight routes to increase safety and quality of life. Another benefit to the mission is preventing increased conflicts in the use of frequency spectrum, allowing for testing of communications equipment and other electronics.

Acquiring easements under the restricted airspace and around NAS Patuxent River and OLF Webster also limits development of waterfront parcels, and protects the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. In addition, these projects also help sustain local agriculture and commercial and recreational fishing economies. Meanwhile, ATR and NAS Patuxent River can continue providing the test and evaluation capabilities that ensure safe and effective high-performance aircraft and aviation systems.

## **BENEFIT SUMMARY**

#### **COMMUNITY**

- Preserves working lands and local character
- Supports existing regional planning, including a Joint Land Use Study
- Provides recreational opportunities
- Protects habitat within an existing wildlife corridor

#### **MILITARY**

- Preserves night flying and helicopter capacity that generates significant amounts of noise
- Reduces the potential for lost test and training days and the need for lessrealistic workarounds
- Reduces electromagnetic interference
- Allows for future mission growth and multi-Service missions



NAS Patuxent River and the Atlantic Test Ranges serve as an important flight testing site.

### **KEY PARTNERS**

- Calvert County, MD
- Calvert Nature Society
- Delaware Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation
- Delaware Department of Agriculture
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- Dorchester County
- Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Environmental Trust
- Nanticoke River Watershed Conservancy
- Northern Neck Land Conservancy
- Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust
- Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Board
- St. Mary's County
- State of Delaware
- The Conservation Fund
- The Lower Shore Land Trust
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- USDA Forest Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Chesapeake Conservancy
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation

#### CONTACT

COMMUNITY PLANS AND LIAISON OFFICE: (301) 757-4799

FAST FACTS FROM FY 2011 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	107	14,888	\$61.7 million
Other (e.g., Sikes Act, IGSA)	_	_	\$0.1 million
TOTAL	107	14,888	\$61.8 million

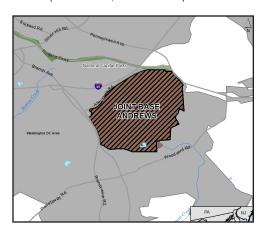


# JOINT BASE ANDREWS

In 2009, Andrews Air Force Base and Naval Air Facility Washington combined to become Joint Base (JB) Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, or JB Andrews.

Located outside of Washington, D.C and known as "The Gateway to the Capital," JB Andrews has grown to support over 80 Federal, state, and commercial tenants in the National Capital Region. While the installation hosts a broad range of critical security missions, it is most widely recognized as the home of Air Force One.

The installation's ability to fulfill its national defense mission is contingent on having strong, safe, and state-of-the-art infrastructure. In its most recent Installation Development Plan, JB Andrews put forward several capital improvement projects,



including a proposal to regrade its airfield. In order to offset the project's adverse impacts to wetlands on the base, JB Andrews partnered with GreenTrust Alliance and its affiliated organization, GreenVest LLC, to create a wetlands mitigation bank. Under the partnership, JB Andrews, GreenTrust Alliance, and GreenVest LLC are working together to preserve and manage a wetlands site outside of the installation at Mattawoman Creek in Charles County, Maryland.

This project will allow JB Andrews to support mission critical infrastructure improvements while also fulfilling its responsibility to be a good steward of the land. Furthermore, this effort will promote compatible development outside of JB Andrews; protect wildlife and flora within the Mattawoman Creek watershed area; and mitigate adverse impacts to the Chesapeake Bay. By creatively partnering with the GreenTrust Alliance, the U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Maryland Department of Environment, and others, JB Andrews will successfully strengthen military readiness while simultaneously protecting natural resources.

### **BENEFIT SUMMARY**

## **COMMUNITY**

- Protects water resources, including the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- Preserves habitat for species
- Supports existing regional planning and regulatory objectives

## MILITARY

- Supports mission required airfield improvements
- Provides for future mission growth and multi-Service missions
- Increases operational safety





Preserving wetlands outside of JB Andrews (top) enables the installation to carry out mission-critical infrastructure improvement projects (bottom).

## **KEY PARTNERS**

- Charles County
- GreenVest, LLC
- GreenTrust Alliance, Inc.
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Environmental Trust
- Prince George's County
- The John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

## CONTACT

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE: (240) 612-4428

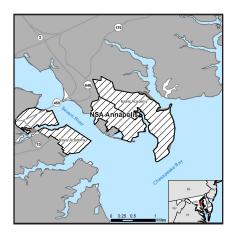
FAST FACTS FROM FY 2016 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority		Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	2	142	\$1.3 million



# NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY ANNAPOLIS

Naval Support Activity Annapolis (NSAA) is home to the Naval Research Laboratory - Chesapeake Bay Detachment and the United States Naval Academy, which has been educating Midshipmen in preparation for naval careers since 1845.



On a peninsula to the north of the Naval Academy is the North Severn Complex, which houses the armory, practice ranges, berthing and maintenance areas for training vessels, and NSAA command headquarters. The Naval Research Laboratory, located roughly 30 miles away, conducts mission critical research in naval technology that directly supports the National Defense Strategy.

NSAA is currently impacted by observability, safety zone infringements, and trespassing, all of which cause testing and training constraints and public

safety concerns. If private development of other waterfront areas in surrounding communities continues, encroachment on NSAA and pressure to allow public use of its waterfront land may increase, potentially resulting in a negative impact on overall readiness and fleet support. In order to mitigate these effects, NSAA has formed partnerships with local communities and organizations to preserve and expand public waterfront areas by acquiring easements on waterfront properties in the area surrounding NSAA.

Working with Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties as well as other key partners, NSAA aims to increase recreational opportunities around the county, provide alternative local waterfront access points, and mitigate areas that pose a safety concern to the public. This project, therefore, addresses larger community needs while protecting NSAA's mission and training capacity. In addition, this project will improve water quality by limiting urban development and protecting natural waterfront areas within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

# **BENEFIT SUMMARY**

#### COMMUNITY

- Provides recreational opportunities
- Preserves water resources
- Protects natural lands

#### **MILITARY**

- Reduces the potential for lost test and training days and the need for lessrealistic workarounds
- Protects live-fire training capabilities
- Increases operational safety





The United States Naval Academy is bordered on three sides by the Annapolis Harbor, Severn River and College Creek, the latter of which is shown in the top photo with Alumni Hall and the Naval Academy Chapel Dome. Pictured below is Memorial Hall which commemorates all alumni of the Naval Academy especially those who have fallen in combat or been awarded the Medal of Honor

#### **KEY PARTNERS**

- Anne Arundel County
- Calvert County
- Calvert Nature Society
- Chesapeake Conservancy
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- The Conservation Fund

### CONTACT

COMMUNITY PLANS AND LIAISON OFFICER: (410) 293-1084

FAST FACTS FROM FY 2020 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

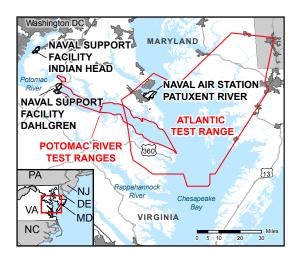
Authority		Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	1	19	\$7.8 million



# **NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY INDIAN HEAD**

Naval Support Facility (NSF) Indian Head supports the research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) activities of the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division.

Its mission is to provide RDT&E of energetics and energetics material for warheads, propulsion systems, and ordnance. NSF Indian Head is located on the Potomac River approximately 20 miles south of Washington, D.C. on the Maryland side of the river,



allowing for outdoor explosives testing over water. Although such testing occurs away from the main D.C. population centers, the sound waves travel up and down the river and impacts residents of Maryland and Virginia alike.

To prevent development pressures and protect NSF Indian Head's RDT&E mission, the Navy is working with a number of partners to preserve land on both banks of the Potomac River and up to several miles inland. In some cases the

partner may acquire the land in fee, but in all cases the Navy will acquire restrictive easements. These easements will remove the development rights on agricultural and forested lands.

Much of the land targeted for protection is already adjacent to public lands that cannot be developed. Preventing development on these private lands would help secure the isolation of NSF Indian Head and its mission activities, reducing the potential for complaints related to noise and shock waves from explosives and demolitions. Additionally, increasing protected lands in this area supports stream protection initiatives and supports goals for preserving habitat and species throughout the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem.

### **BENEFIT SUMMARY**

## COMMUNITY

- Protects working farm lands
- Preserves habitat for threatened, endangered, and at-risk species
- Protects water quality and water supply

### **MILITARY**

- Protects live-fire testing that produces significant amounts of noise and vibration
- Prevents workarounds that would reduce test and training capacity
- Improves operational safety





A technician practices a rope rescue exercise (top). Some research, development, test, and evaluation activities include detonating an improvised explosive device to develop better ways of combating them in the field (bottom).

# **KEY PARTNERS**

- Charles County
- Conservancy for Charles County
- Green Trust Alliance
- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Northern Neck Land Conservancy
- Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, Inc.
- St. Mary's County
- State of Delaware
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy
- Trust for Public Land
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation

## **CONTACT**

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FAST FACTS FROM FY 2015 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	2	294	\$1.1 million