



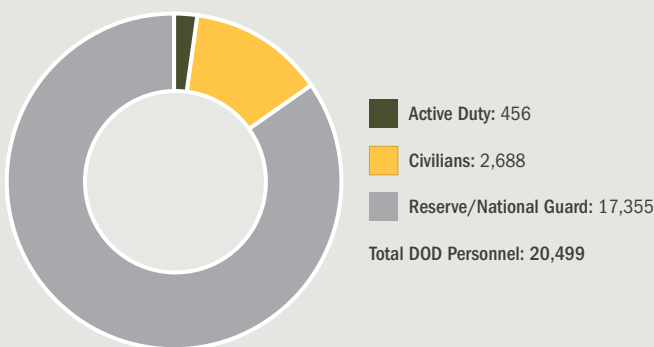
### OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, the state of Minnesota received \$2.0 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 2004 through FY 2023, DOD and its partners have contributed over \$99.2 million to REPI projects supporting one installation in Minnesota.

### DOD IN MINNESOTA

**DOD Personnel** (as of 30 Sep 2022)



### Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact

(in FY 2022)



**\$2.0 billion**  
in Federal  
Defense  
spending



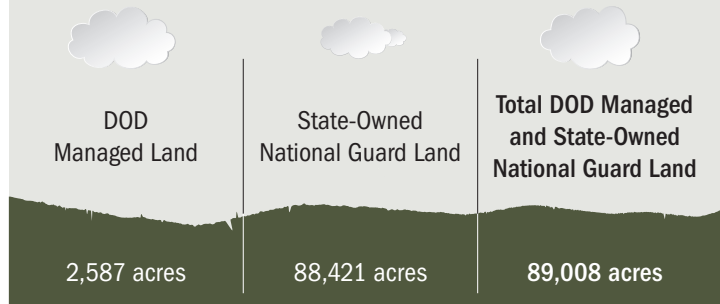
**0.4%**  
of state Gross  
Domestic  
Product



**\$659 million**  
in payroll contributed  
**\$1.2 billion**  
in contracts awarded

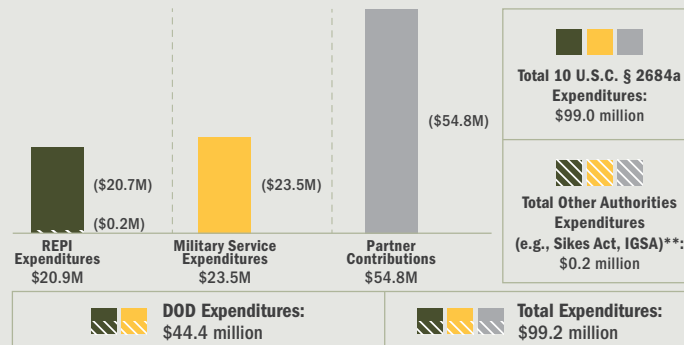
### Acres of DOD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land

(as of 30 Sep 2022)



### REPI PROJECTS\* IN MINNESOTA

**Funding Summary** (from 2004 through FY 2023)

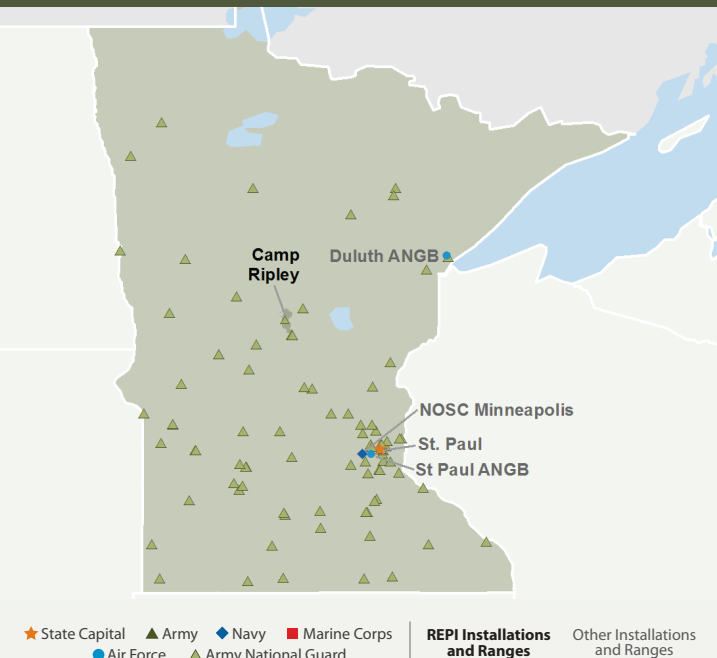


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\* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 2684a to include the acquisition of real property interests in land from willing landowners to prevent development pressures, protect habitat, improve military installation resilience to climate change and extreme weather events, or any other natural resources management.

\*\* In addition to the real property transactions reported here, this project has expended REPI funds under authorities other than 10 U.S.C. § 2684a, including natural resources management activities under 10 U.S.C. § 2679, also known as Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSA), or 16 U.S.C. § 670c-1, commonly referred to as the Sikes Act.

**Total Acres Protected (FY 2004 through FY 2023): 31,489**



## MILITARY PRESENCE

- Minnesota is home to Camp Ripley, a **53,000-acre National Guard training center** utilized by the military, federal, state, local, and civilian communities.
- Camp Ripley's environmental team **received the National Guard Bureau Environmental Award for its work to grow and preserve the Sentinel Landscape in central Minnesota.** Camp Ripley is the only National Guard facility to participate in this program which protects agricultural and recreational land surrounding military installations.
- Minnesota is home to the 55<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team, a 22-member group of full-time soldiers and airmen **on call 24 hours a day** in the event that a law enforcement agency needs specialized help in detecting, identifying, analyzing, or assisting when a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear hazard may be present.
- Camp Ripley is used by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, which holds Conservation Officer Academy and annual training events on post; the Minnesota State Patrol, which also holds its academy and training events there; Homeland Security Emergency Management; and the Minnesota Department of Transportation, for annual driver training events, like snow plow training.
- With over 400,000 person-days of training in 2023, Camp Ripley is a world class training center for military and civilian personnel of all military branches, international military partners, and first responders worldwide.
- More funding has been spent to protect land around Camp Ripley than any other REPI project.

## REPI PROJECTS

| Installation | County                    | Congressional District |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Camp Ripley  | Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison | 7th                    |

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



Ground co-training at the Crow Wing River site at Camp Ripley supports ground vehicle maneuver training and live-fire artillery and bombing training..

## Key REPI Partners

- Cass County
- Cass Soil and Water Conservation District
- Crow Wing County
- Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District
- Ducks Unlimited
- Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
- Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Minnesota Deer Hunter's Association
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Land Trust
- Morrison County
- Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Parks and Trails Council
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Department of Agriculture—Natural Resources Conservation Service

## Data Sources

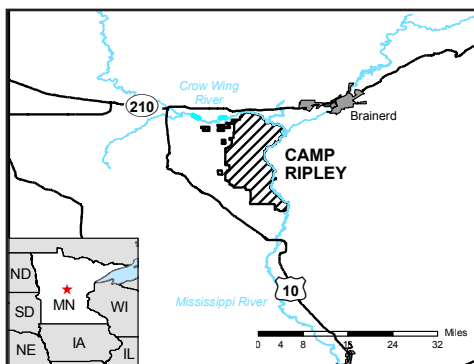
- **For Camp Ripley information:** [www.minnesotanationalguard.ng.mil/crtc/](http://www.minnesotanationalguard.ng.mil/crtc/)
- **For Economic Impact Information:** Minnesota National Guard 2023 Annual Report: [www.ngmnpublish.azurewebsites.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023\\_Minnesota\\_National\\_Guard\\_Annual\\_Report\\_Web-1.pdf](http://www.ngmnpublish.azurewebsites.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023_Minnesota_National_Guard_Annual_Report_Web-1.pdf)
- **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](http://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](http://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2024RTC.pdf)



## CAMP RIPLEY

The primary U.S. winter training site for the National Guard, Camp Ripley is an important Army National Guard post that supports ground vehicle maneuver training and live-fire artillery and bombing training, ranging from small arms to large caliber weaponry.

Camp Ripley also hosts training exercises of foreign units on a regular basis as well as for active duty components and civilian agencies. Located along the Crow Wing and Mississippi Rivers, the surrounding riverfront parcels are very desirable for residential development, which could cause complaints from training activities.



To prevent conflicts with residential development from the noise of its ranges, artillery, maneuver exercises, and airfields, Camp Ripley came together with various partners in the Prairies to Pines Partnership. Drawing on REPI, the partnership is creating buffers on private agricultural land and lands near the Little Nokasippi Wildlife Management Area, securing the installation's continued ability to train soldiers on its ranges.

In addition to protecting the military mission, REPI is helping to keep farmers working their lands, providing the public with recreational opportunities, and protecting a refuge for large game. Camp Ripley is also working to protect land vulnerable to the effects of climate impacts, with a focus on areas identified by The Nature Conservancy's Resilient Sites for Terrestrial Conservation. Preserving this landscape will allow Camp Ripley to recover from and adapt to extreme weather events and retain high quality habitat, species composition, and landscape connectivity beyond the installation.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands and local character that benefit the economy
- Supports existing regional planning efforts
- Protects water supply and improves water quality

### MILITARY

- Protects live-fire artillery, ground vehicle maneuver, and helicopter training that produces significant amounts of noise
- Protects night flying capability, which requires minimal levels of light pollution
- Prevents the use of less-realistic workarounds



The Crow Wing River (bottom) has been a target for developers, which could interfere with the ability to conduct ground training (top).

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## CONTACT

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## FAST FACTS FROM FY 2004 THROUGH FY 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

| Authority                     | Transactions | Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved | Total Funds Expended  |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10 U.S.C. § 2684a             | 305          | 31,489                                | \$99.0 million        |
| Other (e.g., Sikes Act, IGSA) | —            | —                                     | \$0.2 million         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>305</b>   | <b>31,489</b>                         | <b>\$99.2 million</b> |

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