REPI READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM
STATE PROFILE | MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA

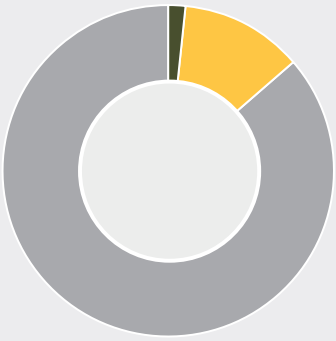
OVERVIEW

Minnesota received $3.6 billion in Defense spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, 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 2019, DoD and its partners have spent over $112 million on REPI projects at 1 installation in Minnesota.

DOD IN MINNESOTA

DoD Personnel (as of 30 Sep 2018)



Active Duty: 457

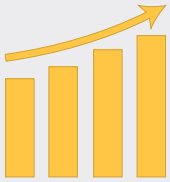
Civilians: 2,586

Reserve/National Guard: 18,474

Total DoD Personnel: 21,517

Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2018)

$3.6 billion in Federal Defense spending



1.0% of state GDP

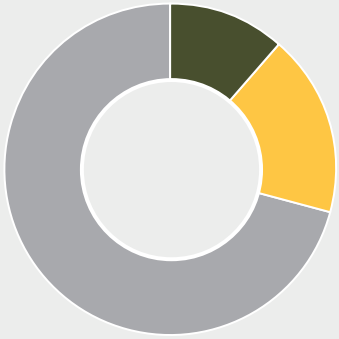
$500 million in payroll contributed
$3.1 billion in contracts awarded

Acres of DoD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land (as of 30 Sep 2017)

DoD Managed Land	State-Owned National Guard Land	Total DoD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land
2,736	53,801	**56,537**

REPI PROJECTS* IN MINNESOTA

Funding Summary (through FY 2019)



REPI Expenditures: $12,526,509

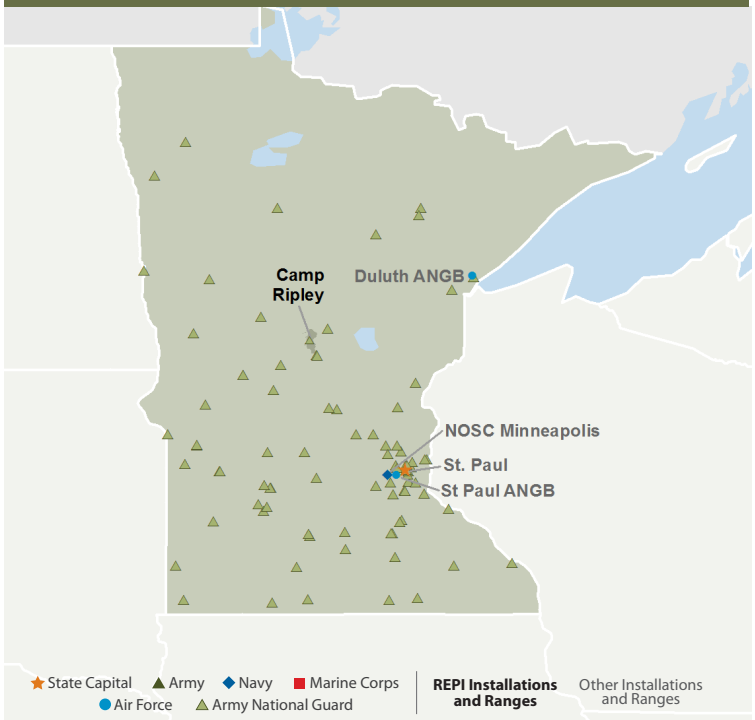
Military Service Expenditures: $19,885,416

Partner Expenditures: $79,678,869

Total Expenditures: $112,060,794

** 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 2019): 40,811



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.
- In 2018, the Camp Ripley environmental office **won the Cultural Resources Management Team award for large installation** at the National Guard Bureau, Army and Department of Defense levels. Also in 2018, the Environmental Protection Agency selected the Minnesota Army National Guard as the Federal Green Challenge award winner in the leadership category for fiscal year 2017.
- Minnesota is home to the 55th 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.
- During 2017, Camp Ripley sustained military readiness by organizing **60,500 training days** for local and state inter-agency partners.
- More funding has been spent to protect land around Camp Ripley than any other REPI project, and was recognized as a Sentinel Landscape in July 2016.

REPI PROJECTS

Project Installation	County	Congressional District
Camp Ripley	Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison	8th

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

Ground co-training at the Crow Wing River.

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

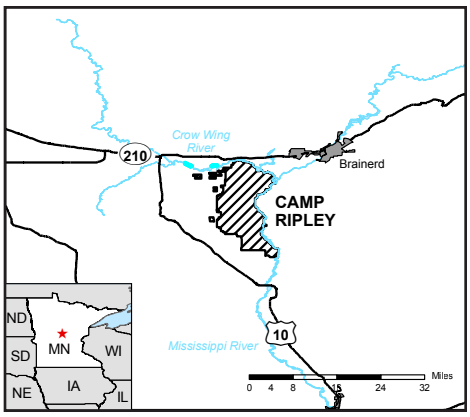
- **For Economic Impact Information:**
  - Minnesota National Guard 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Objectives: https://minnesotanationalguard.ng.mil/documents/2018/12/2018-annual-report.pdf/
- **For Federal Spending and personnel Information:** Office of Economic Adjustment: "Defense Spending By State Fiscal Year 2018": https://www.oea.gov/sites/default/files/defense-spending-rpts/FY2018-Defense-Spending-by-State-Report_0_0.pdf
- **For Land Information:** Department of Defense: "Base Structure Report – Fiscal Year 2018 Baseline": https://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/Downloads/BSI/Base%20Structure%20Report%20FY18.pdf
- **For REPI Projects Information:** "2020 REPI Report to Congress": https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2020RTC.pdf
- **For Camp Ripley information:** https://minnesotanationalguard.ng.mil/crtc/

For more information about the REPI Program, visit ***www.repi.mil***

U.S. ARMY :

CAMP RIPLEY : MINNESOTA

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 recognition of the project's accomplishments, Camp Ripley with Morrison, Cass, and Crow Wing counties received Minnesota's 2009 County Conservation award. 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.

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

For more information about REPI, please see **http://www.repi.mil**.

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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FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2019

» Acres preserved:
40,811

» Transactions conducted:
219

» Total funds expended:
$112.1 million

» Project status:
In Progress

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