

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

STATE FACT SHEETS | PENNSYLVANIA



## **OVERVIEW**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the state of Pennsylvania received \$21.8 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 2014 through FY 2024, DOD and its partners have contributed nearly \$46.3 million to REPI projects supporting one installation in Pennsylvania.





12.871 acres

77,680 acres

# REPI PROJECTS\* IN PENNSYLVANIA

Funding Summary (from FY 2014 through FY 2024)



Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding

\* 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 incompatible development or improve military installation resilience. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army REPI partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible entities include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

## Total Acres Protected (FY 2014 through FY 2024): 9,505



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

National Guard Land

90.551 acres

## **MILITARY PRESENCE**

- Fort Indiantown Gap is one of the busiest National Guard training sites in the country, with a military mission that annually supports 20,000 Pennsylvania National Guard personnel and more than 120,000 additional personnel from other branches of service; inter-agency partners at the federal, state, and local level; and multinational partners.
- Fort Indiantown Gap serves as headquarters for the Pennsylvania National Guard, is a major reserve component training post, and is the second largest employer in Lebanon County.

- Pennsylvania currently has 12 military installations in the state that contribute over \$37 billion to the state economy.
- Letterkenny Army Depot is located near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and comprises **17,500 acres**. The depot is a top three employer in Franklin County.
- Pennsylvania's 12 major military installations and dozens of smaller facilities across the state contribute more than \$36 billion to the state's economy.

# **REPI PROJECTS**

Installation	County	Congressional District
Fort Indiantown Gap	Lebanon, Dauphin	9th

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



Fort Indiantown Gap engages in prescribed burns to reduce the risk of wildfire and to manage and improve the forested ecosystem.

## **Key REPI Partners**

Audubon Pennsylvania
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The Appalachian Trail

The Conservation Fund

The Kittatinny Ridge

The Lebanon Valley

Conservancy

Conservancy

Foundation

Trout Unlimited

Service

U.S. Department of

Agriculture - Natural

**Resources Conservation** 

The Nature Conservancy

The Ward Burton Wildlife

The Manada

Conservancy

Coalition

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Ever Green Team
- Lebanon County Conservation District
- Lebanon County Conservation District – Farm Preservation Board
- Pennsylvania State Armory Board
- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Pennsylvania Game Commission

### **Data Sources**

- For Economic Impact Information:
  - Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission 2021 Annual Report: www.dced. pa.gov/download/pmcec-2021-annualreport/?wpdmdl=121818
- For Installation-Specific Information:
  Fort Indiantown Gap: www.ftig.ng.mil/
- For Land Information: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report – FY24 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2023)
- For Federal Spending and Personnel Information: Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2023": www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023
- For REPI Projects Information: "2025 REPI Report to Congress": www.repi.mil/ Portals/44/Documents/Reports\_to\_Congress/ REPI2025RTC.pdf



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## PROJECT PROFILES U.S. ARMY | PENNSYLVANIA

# FORT INDIANTOWN GAP

# Fort Indiantown Gap (FIG) National Guard Training Center is one of the busiest National Guard training sites in the country with over 100,000 troops training there annually.

Home to the headquarters of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard—the nation's second largest National Guard—FIG is a world-class, commander-centric, combat-focused installation that supports active duty and reserve unit training across all the Services.



FIG is home to the Eastern Army Aviation Training Site, which provides a combination of virtual simulations and hands-on experience in an array of procedural training areas, aircraft qualifications, and instructional training on utility and cargo helicopters to aviators. Aircraft stationed at FIG's airfield execute the largest Flying Hours Program in the Army National Guard, averaging over 9,000 flight hours annually, making it one of the Army's busiest heliports. FIG also provides ground training support ranging from individual warrior tasks to brigade-level collective

training exercises. The installation hosts multiple military equipment maintenance facilities, artillery exercises, and a live-fire air-to-ground training range.

Much of the land buffering FIG and underneath its aviation training areas is agricultural, forested, or wetlands located within the Kittatinny Ridge, an important migratory bird route and habitat for a variety of rare neo-tropical birds such as the cerulean and golden-winged warblers, and the threatened northern long-eared bat. Maintaining forested and undeveloped areas in and around FIG helps minimize noise and night-lightning conflicts, and provides high quality drinking water for multiple communities in the Susquehanna River watershed.

## **BENEFIT SUMMARY**

## COMMUNITY

- Protects working agricultural and forest lands that benefit the local economy
- Supports recreational activities such as hunting, trapping, and fishing

### MILITARY

- Protects high-noise live-fire training, including small arms and artillery firing
- Protects ground maneuver capabilities
- Supports aviation activities such as aerial gunnery, bombing, and maneuver training





Fort Indiantown Gap hosts multiple groundbased training activities such as joint armored war fighting exercises (top), and multiple aviation-related training activities (bottom).

## **KEY PARTNERS**

- Audubon Pennsylvania
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Ever Green Team
- Lebanon County Conservation District/Farm Preservation Board
- Pennsylvania Armory Board/Commonwealth of Pennysylvania
- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Pennsylvania Game Commission
- The Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- The Conservation Fund
- The Kittatinny Ridge Coalition
- The Lebanon Valley Conservancy
- The Manada Conservancy
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation
- Trout Unlimited
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service

## CONTACT

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### FAST FACTS FROM FY 2014 THROUGH FY 2024 | Pro

24	Project Status: In Progress	

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	22	9,505	\$46.3 million

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