



## DOVER AIR FORCE BASE

Dover Air Force Base sits on 3,177 acres in Kent County Delaware, just outside of the state's capital of Dover. The base is located in a low-lying region, with a 28-foot elevation at its highest point. Dover's mission focus is to safely fix and fly aircraft, prepare and deploy Airmen, move cargo, and return America's fallen heroes with dignity, honor and respect. Dover Air Force Base also operates as the Department of Defense's busiest air terminal, providing supplies to operations in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.



Dover Air Force Base has two active runways which support 25,000 annual flights. The runways support the 436th Aerial Port Squadron, which moves more than 100,000 tons of cargo annually, relying solely on Jet A fuel provided through the Port Mahon Fuel Depot. Port Mahon Fuel Depot is impacted by riverine and coastal flooding due to its low-lying topography and proximity to the Delaware Bay coastline. Flooding threats impact Dover Air Force Base's supply of Jet A fuel and all flying missions. To combat this,

Dover Air Force Base partnered with The Conservation Fund and Delaware Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to purchase a parcel for stormwater drainage, improvements to the wetland storage capacity of the parcel, and to construct a living shoreline to stabilize Port Mahon Road.



Staff Sgt. Broden McDonald, 9<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron flight engineer, looks at a C-5M Super Galaxy engine while performing a preflight inspection at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware (top) (U.S. Air Force photo by Roland Balik). Maintainers from Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, work on a C-17 Globemaster III in preparation of scheduled maintenance. The base recorded an inch of snow overnight (bottom) (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Joshua Williams).

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Wetland and habitat preservation

### MILITARY

- Supports national and global flight missions

## KEY PARTNERS

- Coastal Conservation League
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- Delaware Department of Transportation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- North Carolina Coastal Federation
- The Nature Conservancy
- University of Delaware

## CONTACT

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## FAST FACTS THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
No expenditures	—	—	—

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding