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READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM



## 2024 Readiness and Recreation Initiative Help Session

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- Authority: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965, as amended
  - Codified at 54 U.S.C. §200301 et. seq.
- Authorized funds and financial assistance
  - Providing 50:50 cost-sharing grants to the States (and thru them to local governments) for planning, acquisition, and development of needed public outdoor recreation §200305 (a) & (c)



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## Cornerstone LWCF Act Provisions

### Eligibility

1. Governor must designate agency official to represent State to accept and administer funding §200305(f)(2)
2. State must prepare and keep current a 5-year SCORP to identify recreation needs and priorities §200305(d)(1)

### Implementation

3. Financial assistance (grants) for planning, acquisition and development of outdoor recreation §200305(a)
4. Assisted parks cannot be converted to non-public outdoor recreation use unless approved by the Secretary, which is conditioned on replacing the lost recreation §200305(f)(3)



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## How does a LWCF project work?

### NPS

- Technical assistance and approval for SCORP/OPSP
- Annual apportionment
- Approving applications and obligating funds
- Monitoring and closing out completed projects

### State

- SCORP and Open Project Selection Process
- Evaluating and selecting projects
- Preparing and submitting applications to NPS
- Site inspections during and after grant project (every 5 years)

### Local

- Subrecipient

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## Who are the LWCF partners:

Governor designated agencies that represent State to accept and administer LWCF funding.

- State Park Agencies
- State Department of Natural Resources
- State Office of Outdoor Recreation
- State Recreation and Conservation Offices



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## The LWCF Program



- Over 42,000 grants awarded
- Over \$4 billion in grants
- Ongoing protection of over 3 million acres
- LWCF protected parks are impacting millions of people each and everyday.
- Chances are that your favorite State or Local park has received LWCF support in the past and is protected in perpetuity by LWCF.

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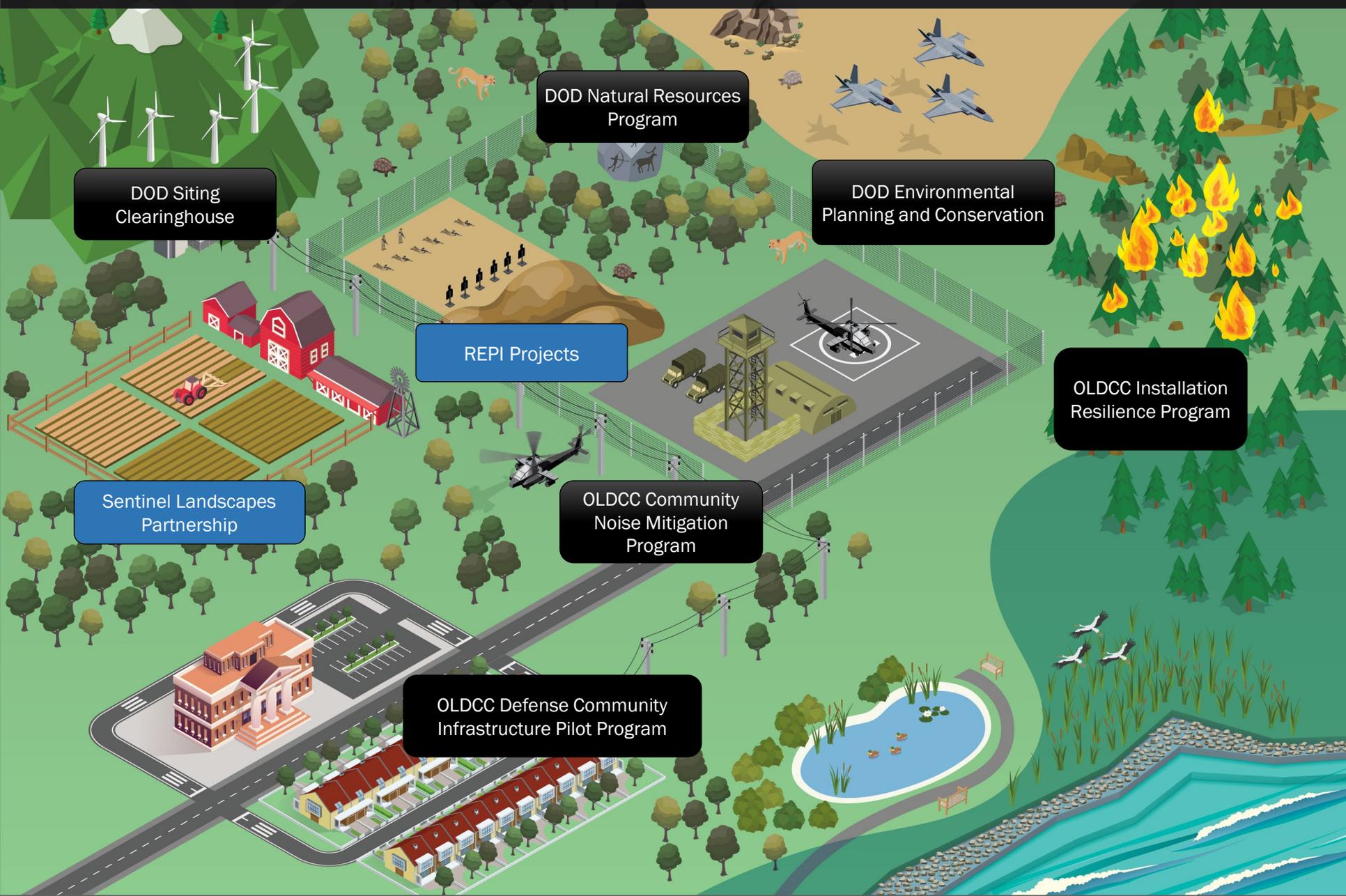


## Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program Overview



# Preserving Community and Installation Missions – DOD Programs and Tools

An installation or partner organization can leverage several programs and tools to promote compatible land uses and increase community and installation resilience.



DOD Siting Clearinghouse

DOD Natural Resources Program

DOD Environmental Planning and Conservation

OLDCC Installation Resilience Program

Sentinel Landscapes Partnership

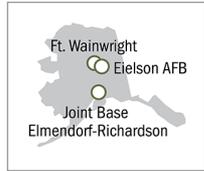
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OLDCC Community Noise Mitigation Program

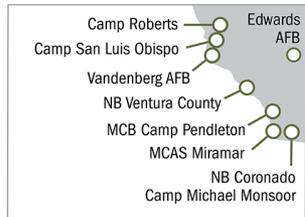
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# Fiscal Year 2023 REPI Project Locations

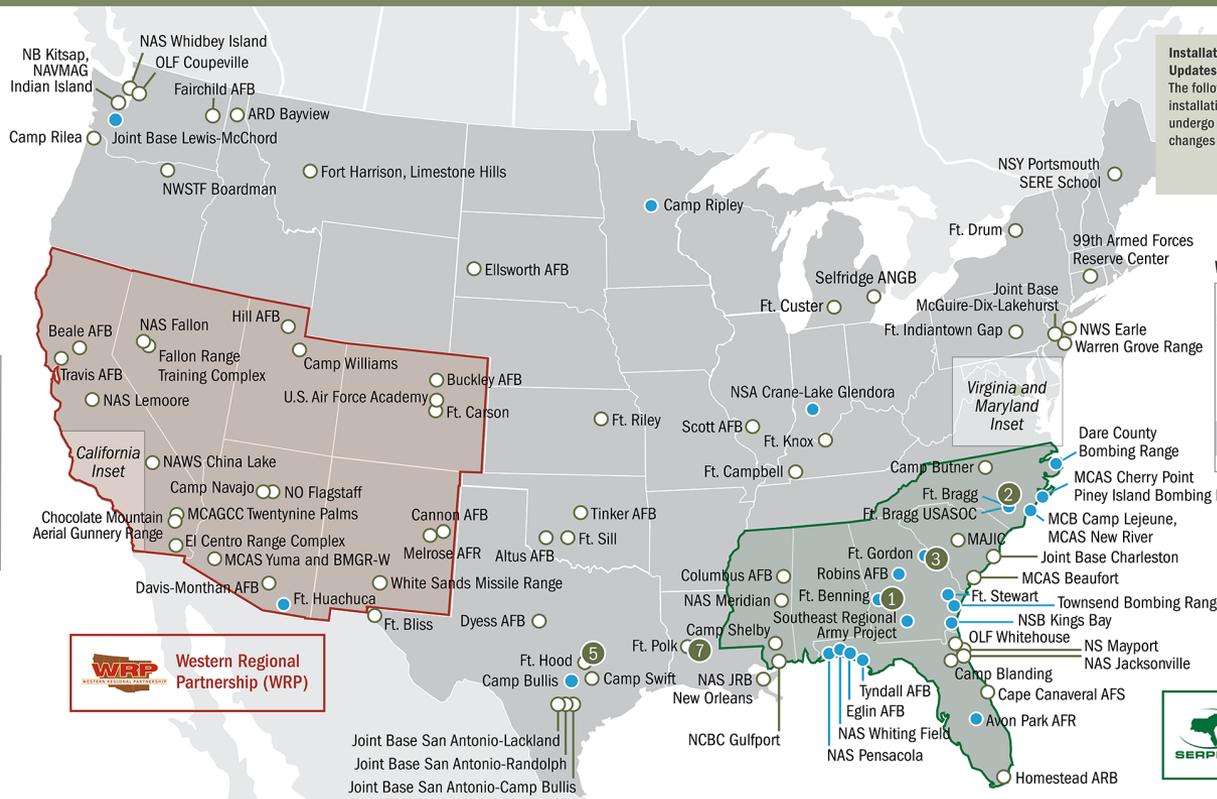
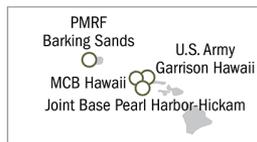
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## California Inset:

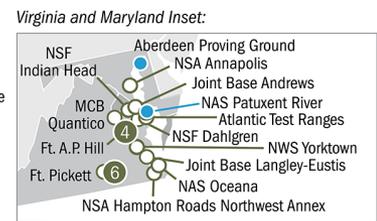


## Hawaii Inset:



**Installation Name Updates:**  
The following Army installations will undergo name changes in 2023.

- 1 Fort Benning (Future Fort Moore), Georgia
- 2 Fort Bragg (Future Fort Liberty), North Carolina
- 3 Fort Gordon (Future Fort Eisenhower), Georgia
- 4 Fort A.P. Hill (Future Fort Walker), Virginia
- 5 Fort Hood (Future Fort Cavazos), Texas
- 6 Fort Pickett (Future Fort Barfoot), Virginia
- 7 Fort Polk (Future Fort Johnson), Louisiana



**WRP** Western Regional Partnership (WRP)

**SERPAS** Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)

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- Avon Park AFR
  - Camp Bullis
  - Camp Ripley
  - Eastern North Carolina
  - Fort Huachuca
  - Georgia
  - Joint Base Lewis-McChord
  - Middle Chesapeake
  - Northwest Florida
  - South Carolina Lowcountry
  - Southern Indiana



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# Relevant REPI Authorities

## 10 U.S.C. § 2684a

- Authorizes agreements between the Military Services, private conservation groups, and state and local governments to acquire real property interests or water rights for property in the vicinity of, or ecologically related to, a military installation, range, or airspace to:
  1. Limit development or use of the property that is incompatible with the installation's mission and/or
  2. Preserve habitat to relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions on military activities and/or
  3. Maintain or improve military installation resilience to climate change

## 10 U.S.C. § 2684a(h): DOD Funds as Match Authority

- Allows the recipient of REPI funds to use such funds as the match or cost-sharing requirement for ANY conservation or resilience program of ANY federal agency

## 10 U.S.C. § 2679: Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA)

- Authorizes the Military Departments to enter into agreements with eligible entities to provide, receive, or share installation support activities



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# What is Required Under the 2684a Authority?

Legal Requirement	Purpose
Partnership with eligible entities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State or local government</li><li>Conservation organization</li></ul>	Partners own land or hold easements, partners must have interest and responsibility to manage land and abide by terms of agreement. REPI never increases DOD acreage.
Encroachment justification <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Incompatible development</li><li>Habitat preservation</li><li>Military installation resilience</li></ul>	Validates the use of the authority, alleviation of encroachment threat, benefit to the military mission
Cost-share	Best use of taxpayer dollars
Willing seller	NOT eminent domain
Demand clause	Services must be able to enforce the terms of partner agreements



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# REPI Resilience Authority

Authorized by 10 U.S.C. § 2684a REPI resilience projects **promote and enhance off-installation nature-based solutions** to protect and sustain military mission capabilities and critical infrastructure.

- Nature-based solutions help installations prevent, prepare for, and recover from anticipated or unanticipated changes in environmental conditions.

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AQUIFERS



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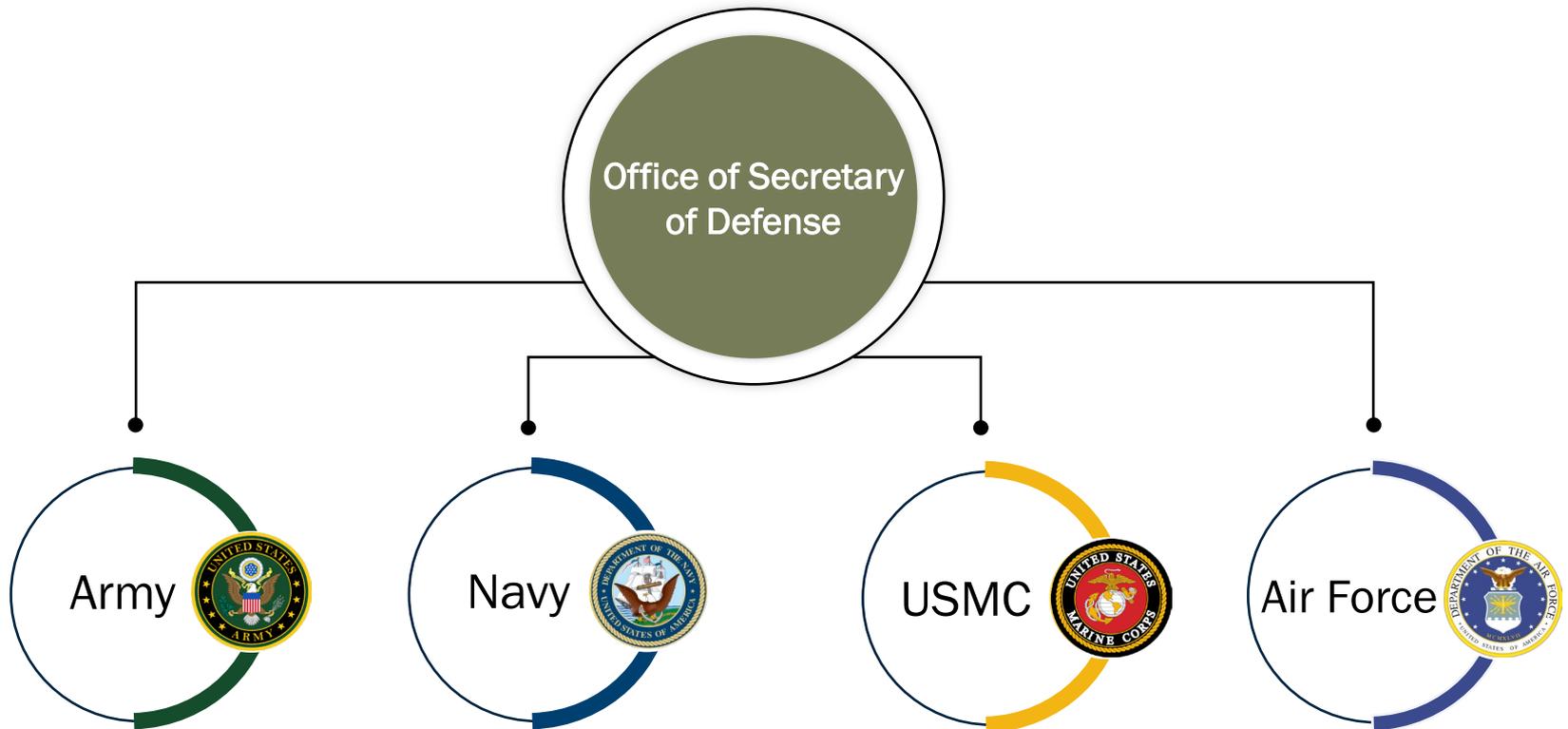
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# How Does a REPI Project Work?

Each Military Service runs its own encroachment management program, in which REPI is one tool in the encroachment management toolbox.



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# Examples of REPI Project Partners



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The Nature Conservancy 



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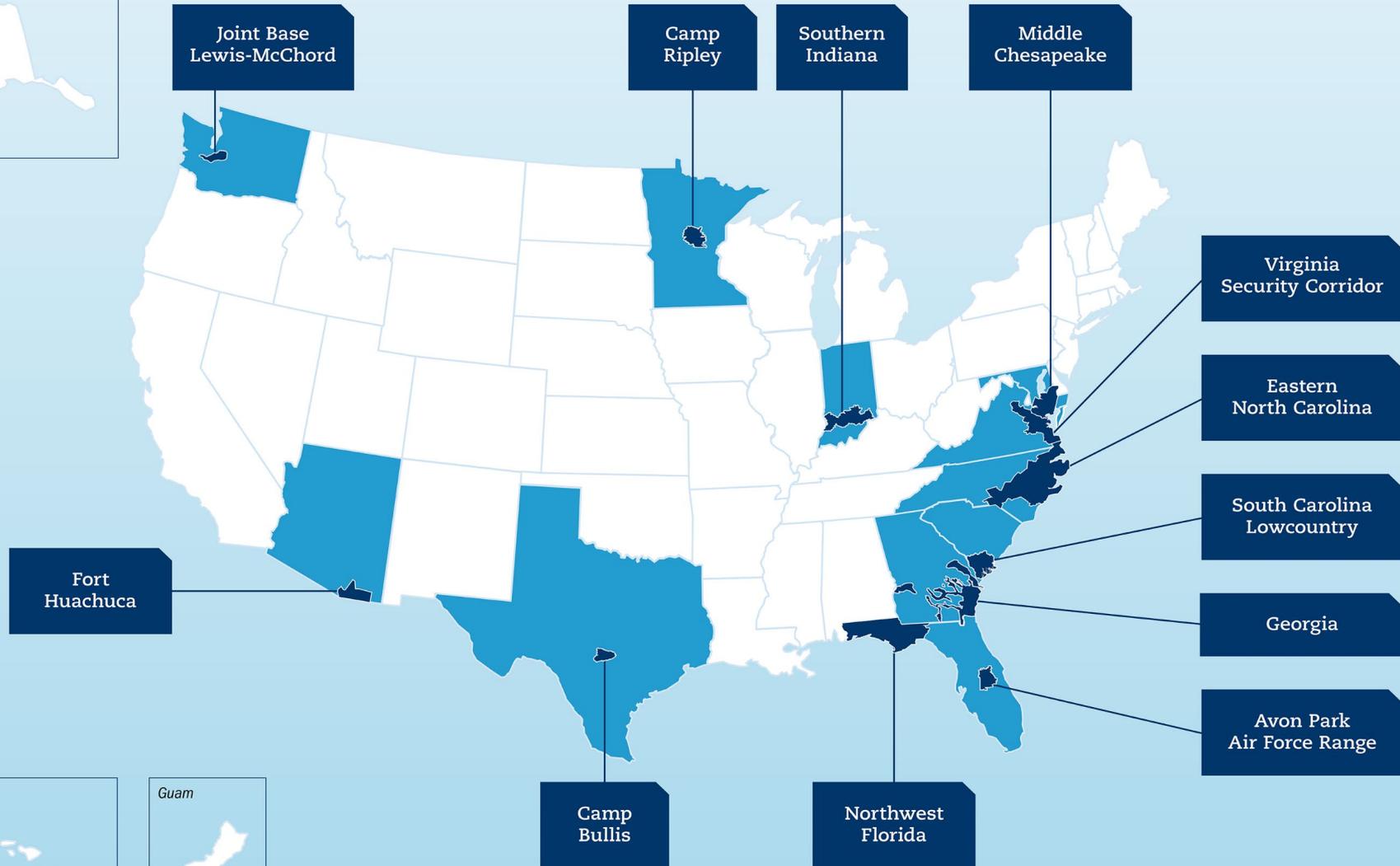
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- The U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Defense, and U.S. Department of the Interior established the Partnership in 2013 through a Memorandum of Understanding (updated in 2022).
- The Partnership's goals are to:
  - Strengthen military readiness
  - Bolster agricultural and forestry productivity
  - Conserve natural resources
  - **Improve outdoor recreation access**
  - Enhance climate change resilience



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# 2024 Readiness and Recreation Initiative Notice of Funding Opportunity Overview

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## FY24 Opportunity Overview

- Objective: Provide \$40 million in unobligated funding from the LWCF as a potential match to up to \$40 million REPI Program funds to support projects that provide recreation opportunities to military families and the public while also promoting military readiness and installation resilience.
- What: Competitive grants to States and through States to local governments to fund projects. *Available LWCF funds are in addition to state formula funding.*
- Award Range: \$250,000 to \$5.0 million
- National NOFO Closes: July 12, 2024
  - **NOTE: State Lead Agencies will set state their own “announcement for applicants” deadlines in advance of this national NOFO deadline.**

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## Project Eligibility Factors

- Two eligible project types:
  - **Land acquisition only**
  - **Acquisition with compatible recreation development** (“combination” projects)
- REPI Partner Agreement must be in place at participating installation.
- Projects are located within a REPI Partnership Opportunity Area and/or a sentinel landscape.
- Proposed recreation development or use must be coordinated with the military installation(s) to ensure that it is compatible with military mission activities.
- REPI has perpetual protection requirements and does not allow conversions (exchanges in lands).

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## Project and Application Requirements

- Standard LWCF full application.
- Narrative containing specific responses related to the program purpose and the five review criteria in the NOFO.
- Commitment letter from DOD detailing support for the project and matching REPI funds.
- *Note: NPS staff will review the project for compliance with Federal law, most notably compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Act.*

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## Application Review Criteria

Criterion	Priority
1. Improving Access to and Benefits of Public Outdoor Recreation Opportunities	Creating new, significantly expanding, or improving recreation opportunities that are lacking in the target area
2. Promotion of Compatible Military Goals or Initiatives	Protecting the military installation(s) from incompatible uses and/or advancing goals such as climate resilience
3. Partnering and Leveraging Resources	Engaging the target community(ies) in project's design. Collaboration with military installation(s). Leveraging matching resources
4. Project Alignment with SCORP and Other Applicable Plans	Meets at least one goal or need identified in the SCORP and a goal or need identified in a state or local plan
5. Project Feasibility and Likelihood of Success	Support from military installation(s). Can be acquired and open for recreation in 3 years. Demonstrate a clear capacity for long-term successful management.

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## Types of REPI Funding Match

### REPI Annual Funding

What: Annual funding requests submitted by the Military Services to the REPI Program for activities that will preserve operations, testing, and training capabilities.

When: Begin coordinating with installation as soon as possible as each installation has its own internal application deadline.

More information:

<https://www.repi.mil/Buffer-Projects/Project-List/>

### REPI Challenge

What: Annual competition with dedicated funding for REPI partners (e.g., state/local governments, NGOs, universities) to advance project outcomes through large-scale innovation and conservation.

When: FY 2025 REPI Challenge RFP will open in May with a two-stage process that will close in August 2024. Coordinate with your installation for further details.

More information:

<https://www.repi.mil/Buffer-Projects/REPI-Challenge/>

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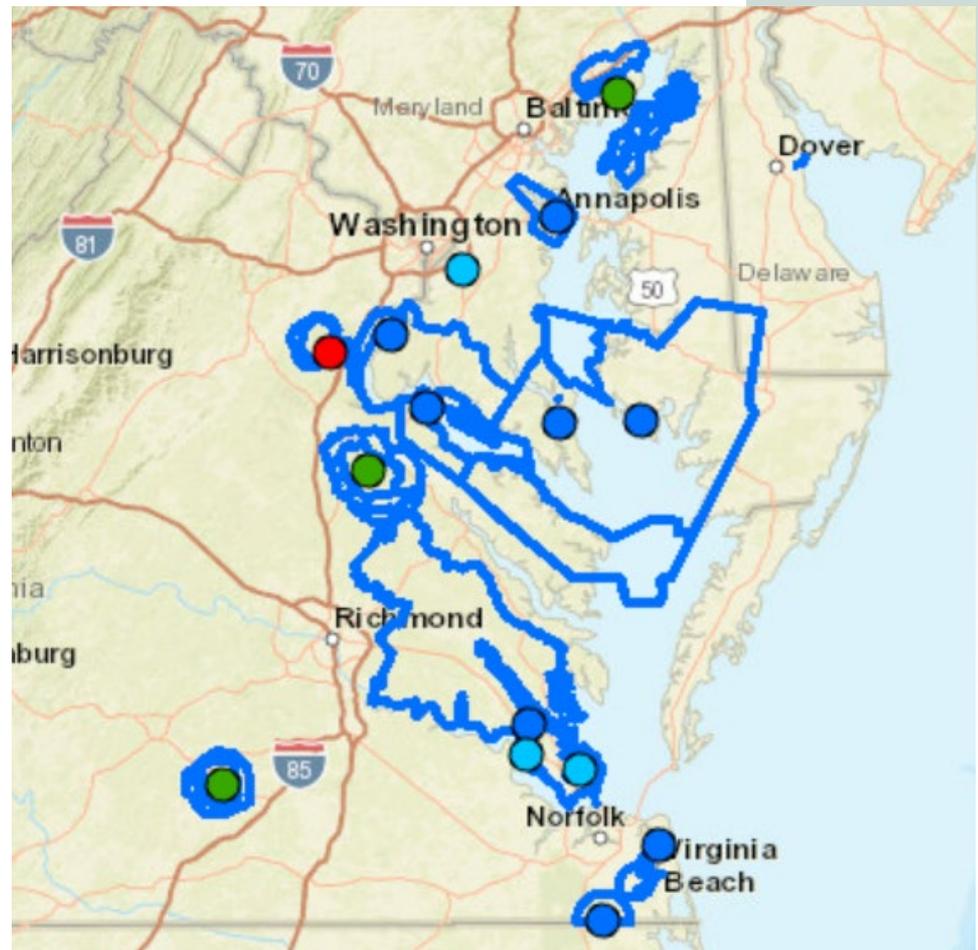
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## How to Develop a Project

### Step 1: Determine Project Eligibility

- Review FY24 NOFO, posted on grants.gov under P24AS00526
- Consult REPI Interactive Map to determine whether proposed project falls within a REPI installation's Partnership Opportunity Area and/or a sentinel landscape:  
<https://repi.osd.mil/map/>

*Note: Adjacent screenshot of the REPI Interactive Map displays REPI installations and their Partnership Opportunity Areas. Sentinel landscape boundaries are also available in the REPI Interactive Map.*



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## How to Develop a Project

### Step 2: Connect with your State Lead Agency

- Determine your State Lead Agency using NPS' State Liaison Offices contact list: [www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/contact-list.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/contact-list.htm)
- Contact your State Lead Agency to determine whether they plan to post an announcement for applicants or are accepting proposals for the FY24 Readiness and Recreation Initiative and, if so, their timeline for submissions.
- *Recommended: Review your project proposal with your State Lead Agency prior to submission.*

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## How to Develop a Project

### Step 3: Establish Installation Buy-In

- Review fact sheets on [repi.mil](http://repi.mil) for information on an installation's REPI Program, partners, and contact information:  
[www.repi.mil/Resources/Reports-and-Fact-Sheets/](http://www.repi.mil/Resources/Reports-and-Fact-Sheets/)
  - Note: Not all REPI installations have fact sheets. A full list of REPI projects is available here: [www.repi.mil/Buffer-Projects/Project-List/](http://www.repi.mil/Buffer-Projects/Project-List/)
  - Email [osd.repi@mail.mil](mailto:osd.repi@mail.mil) if you're unable to make contact with your target installation.
- Meet with installation representatives to confirm that the proposed project falls within their REPI Partnership Opportunity Area and/or a sentinel landscape that the installation participates in.

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## How to Develop a Project

### Step 4: Obtain Potential REPI Matching Funds

- Work with your partner installation to determine whether they would like to include your Readiness & Recreation project as part of their FY 2025 annual REPI funding request or REPI Challenge proposal.
- Applicants should obtain **Letters of Support** documenting secured contributions of matching share from their local military installation that supports the project.
- Should the installation's annual REPI request or REPI Challenge proposal be successful, REPI match funding for your Readiness & Recreation project would be available in early FY 2025.

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## How to Develop a Project

### Step 5: Submission

- **Submit your application to your State Lead Agency within the deadline set by the state. DO NOT submit to the national-level NOFO.**
- The Office of Secretary Defense will work with NPS to review project proposals after they are submitted. No separate proposal submission to DOD is required.

**Anticipated Award Date for LWCF funds: January 2025**



# Questions?



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