



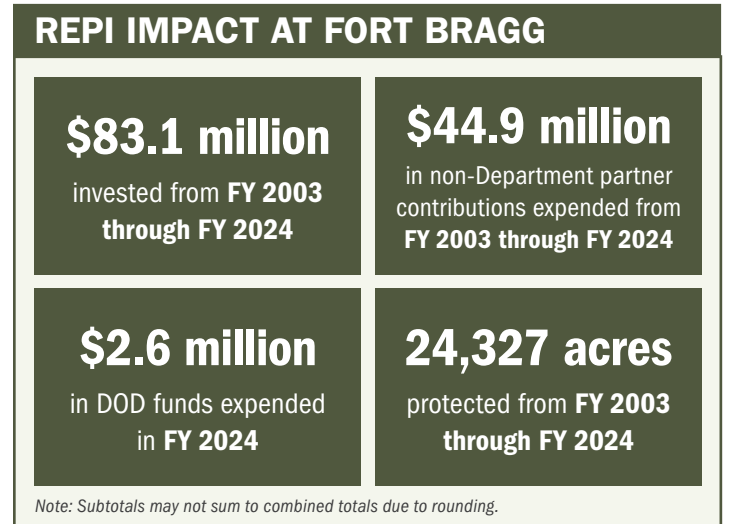
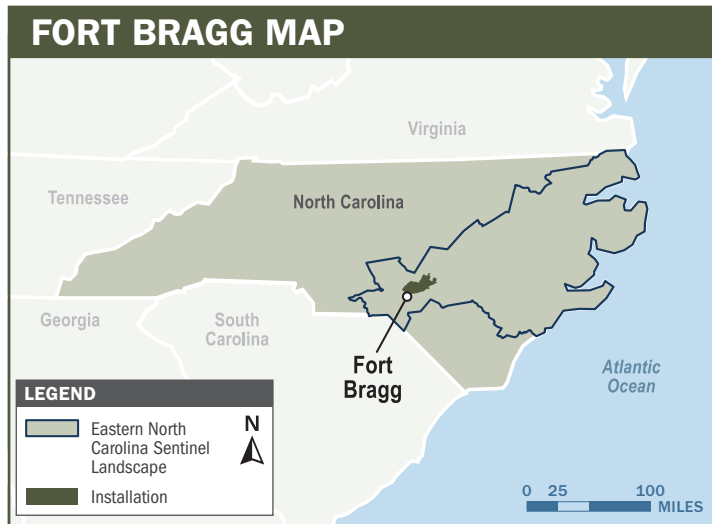
FORT BRAGG

ABOUT THE INSTALLATION

Fort Bragg is located in North Carolina and within the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape. The installation is one of the U.S. Army's premier installations and among the most actively utilized military complexes worldwide. It serves as the headquarters for the 82nd Airborne Division and U.S. Army Special Operations Forces, including the U.S. Army Special Operations Command and Joint Special Operations Command. Known as the "Home of the Airborne and Special Operations Forces," Fort Bragg plays a vital role in rapid deployment, global crisis response, and national defense readiness.

STRENGTHENING MISSION READINESS THROUGH REPI INVESTMENTS

The Department of Defense's (DOD) Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program has played a critical role in supporting Fort Bragg's long-term operational success. Through strategic land conservation and partnership-driven investments, REPI funding has helped prevent incompatible development, preserve training flexibility, and sustain critical capabilities beyond the installation boundary.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Incompatible Development—10 U.S.C. § 2684a

- Fort Bragg's national defense mission depends on unrestricted access to training areas and rapid deployment readiness. However, urban growth and incompatible land use around the installation poses risks to airborne operations, maneuver training, and long-term sustainability.
- Population increases in adjacent communities directly affect training activities, particularly exercises involving detonations, low-altitude flights, and nighttime operations, due to complaints, safety concerns, and light pollution.
- To address these threats, Fort Bragg is leveraging the REPI Program funds under 10 U.S.C. § 2684a to protect critical training land. These efforts safeguard key training corridors and enable the development of ranges for advanced weapons systems, preserving readiness for Gray Eagle Unmanned Aircraft Systems operations and other strategic capabilities.



Army paratroopers assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, bound toward cover during a live-fire exercise as part of Devil Avalanche at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Matthew Keegan)



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PROJECT OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

Natural Resources Management—10 U.S.C. § 2684a

- Urban Development at Fort Bragg increases habitat loss, wildfire risks, and environmental constraints that threaten military training operations and jeopardize compliance with species management mandates critical to installation operations.
- Leveraging authority under 10 U.S.C. § 2684a, this initiative builds upon Fort Bragg's proven conservation record, including successful habitat restoration for the endangered Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, and reinforces long-term sustainability of the installation's training mission.
- The project also expands the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem, enhancing ecological buffers and increasing habitat for defense-relevant keystone species, such as the Bachman's Sparrow and the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker. By proactively preventing environmental degradation, Fort Bragg avoids regulatory training restrictions that otherwise could halt testing, training, and operations.



Soldiers in a CH-47 simulate conducting an engagement lane using an M240B at Fort Bragg, NC. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eli Baker)

KEY REPI MILESTONES AT FORT BRAGG*

2000



The REPI Program evolved from an effort at Fort Bragg called the Private Lands Initiative.

2005



Fort Bragg successfully restored the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker's habitat through innovative conservation and partnerships, achieving recovery goals ahead of schedule and lifting military training restrictions.

2016



Officially designated as the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape with Fort Bragg as one of the anchoring installations.

2022



The first **REPI Challenge** project established at Fort Bragg.

* These milestones demonstrate how the installation is strategically utilizing the REPI Program to mitigate encroachment risks and enhance mission assurance. While not exhaustive, the list highlights the various approaches installations are using to preserve critical testing and training capabilities essential to national defense.



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