



The **Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative** (REPI) ensures that our military can conduct effective and realistic training and testing now and into the future.

BOTTOM LINE REPI funds innovative partnerships between Military Service departments and state and local governments or private conservation organizations to leverage public and private funds to preserve critical buffer areas and landscapes. This accomplishes multiple benefits:

MISSION

Protects accessibility, availability and capability of training and testing assets. Specifically, sustains operational capability and maximizes use of available land while minimizing environmental or other constraints.

COMMUNITY

Enhances quality of life by supporting regional planning and community growth management efforts; preserves working lands that can benefit the economy while mitigating the effects of climate change; promotes understanding of the military mission.

ENVIRONMENT

Conserves and protects ecological integrity, critical habitat, and endangered species through conservation stewardship; enhances water quality; provides for recreation and open space; and maintains biodiversity.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- More than **83,000 acres** of non-military public and private property conserved and protected
- Essential **training and testing capabilities preserved** (e.g. live-fire, maneuver, aviation, night training) at dozens of installations
- **Key habitat preserved** for numerous threatened, endangered, and at-risk species (e.g. Bald Eagle, Gray Wolf, Indiana Bat, Gopher Tortoise, and Red-Cockaded Woodpecker)
- **Partner contributions leveraged** are consistently greater than twice the value of REPI funds

OTHER BENEFITS

- Continued strong linkages with and support of DoD's **Sustainable Ranges Initiative** and other complementary Service efforts
- **Regional and landscape-level partnerships** to support and link community and other efforts, share mapping and decision tools, and promote the protection of rural landscapes and working lands
 - **2005:** Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)
 - **2007:** Western Regional Partnership (WRP)
- More successful projects have built **long-term positive relationships** with the community

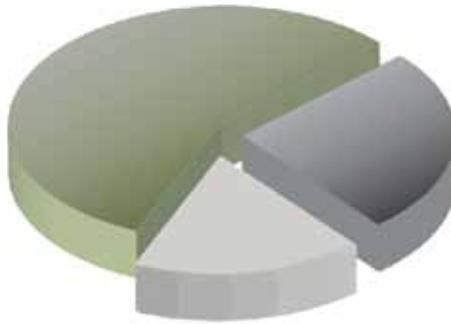


REPI LEVERAGES PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS:

REPI Funding Leverage

Fiscal Years 2005–2008

- Partner Contributions**
\$130.9m (58.4%)
- REPI Contributions**
\$59.1m (26.4%)
- Combined Service Contributions**
\$34.1m (15.2%)



Partners have included:

- The Nature Conservancy
- The Conservation Fund
- Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
(including Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service)
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
(including Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program)
- State and local governments
- Regional land trusts

REPI GETS PEOPLE TALKING

“Military bases are reaching out to local communities and environmentalists to become better neighbors...”
— USA Today

“... the Pentagon works with environmentalists and other local groups to achieve land conservation deals around military bases across the country.”
— The Wall Street Journal

“The Army will not have to worry about urban encroachment disrupting training and testing.”
— The Washington Post

“Great strides have been made to create a buffer zone around Fort Carson that will protect ... land ‘where the antelope roam.’”
— The Denver Post

“... the latest success story for an unusual nationwide alliance between environmentalists and the Pentagon ...”
— The San Diego Union-Tribune

“... buffering projects have provided many other benefits to communities, including economic ones ...”
— RAND Corporation