



ARMY COMPATIBLE USE BUFFER PROGRAM

ACUB

FORT A.P. HILL ACUB



The Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program creates land conservation partnerships between the Army and outside organizations to protect land from development that is incompatible with the military mission.

INSTALLATION BACKGROUND

Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH) is a world-class training facility committed to providing the highest quality training lands, state of the art live fire ranges, as well as modern training facilities and camp sites. The installation provides realistic joint and combined arms training and logistics and support, enabling America's defense forces to win in the modern era of warfare. Located on over 74,000 acres of land

in eastern Virginia, FAPH is one of the largest military installations on the east coast and is the closest training center to the National Capitol Region. The installation's range and training facilities operate 365 days a year and are used by all services, Reserve units, as well as many civilian organizations.

For most of its history, FAPH has been surrounded by rural lands. Large unfragmented forests supporting a number of exemplary ecosystems still border the installation today. Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation rated FAPH and the adjoining forest lands as one of only six large natural landscape cores of outstanding ecological significance. In recent years, Caroline and Essex counties have been experiencing significant growth in close proximity to FAPH. Once dominated by forests and small farms, both counties are quickly growing in population. Continued growth adjacent to the installation will ultimately lead to restrictions on the future use of range and training lands.

For more information

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OBJECTIVE

The goal of the ACUB program at FAPH is to create a buffer area comprising of approximately 16,000 acres on the northeastern boundary of the installation, 8,300 acres along the southern boundary, and 11,000 acres on the western boundary. The Fort A.P. Hill ACUB program sustains the military mission by ensuring that open lands surrounding the installation are protected from incompatible land use that could limit or disrupt operational readiness and training activities. Conservation of these lands will also assist in preserving the ecological integrity of the region.

PRIMARY PARTNERS:

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, CHESAPEAKE & CENTRAL APPALACHIANS FIELD OFFICE

The Trust for Public Land is a national, nonprofit, land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, community gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. Since 1972, TPL has worked with willing landowners, community groups, and national, state, and local agencies to complete more than 3,000 land conservation projects in 46 states, protecting more than 2 million acres. For more information on the Trust for Public Land, visit <http://www.tpl.org/>.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The mission of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. For more information on the Virginia Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, visit <http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/virginia/>.

THE CONSERVATION FUND

The Conservation Fund is the nation's foremost environmental nonprofit dedicated to protecting America's most important landscapes and waterways for future generations. The Conservation Fund pioneers a balanced, non-advocacy, non-membership approach to conservation, one that blends environmental and economic benefits and objectives. For more information on The Conservation Fund, visit <http://www.conservationfund.org/>.



For more information on ACUB accomplishments, funding and other stakeholders please view the ACUB website at <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/acub/acub00.html>

