



ARMY COMPATIBLE USE BUFFER PROGRAM

ACUB

FORT PICKETT 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 Pickett is located on 45,160 contiguous acres in the lower piedmont of southeastern Virginia near the town of Blackstone. The primary mission at Fort Pickett is to provide a training site capable of handling up to brigade-size elements in the conduct of live fire and maneuver training for reserve and active components of the U.S. Army. The main uses of the installation include live fire and maneuver training by combat, combat support, and combat service support units from all uniformed services. The installation is heavily utilized regionally as well, being especially important to the Virginia State Police, other federal and local law enforcement agencies, and to Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs in the region.

OBJECTIVE

The residential population adjacent to Fort Pickett is rapidly increasing as nearby forests and farmlands are being transformed into suburban housing areas. Complaints of noise and smoke from new neighbors could lead to training restrictions on the installation. Fort Pickett also faces potential restrictions from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service due to its large population of Michaux's sumac, a federally endangered shrub. The ACUB program at Fort Pickett is designed to protect vital habitat off-post, as well as support the increase in military training that is resulting from range modernization, higher operations tempo, and amplified utilization from other services. The project priority areas are adjacent to the northeastern and southwestern sectors of the installation. Additionally, the ACUB goals for Fort Pickett are in conjunction with the state of Virginia's mission to preserve 400,000 acres by 2010.

For more information

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**PRIMARY PARTNER:
THE WARD BURTON
WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

The mission of the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation (WBWF) is to conserve America's land and wildlife through wise stewardship while educating children and adults about the natural resources that will shape America's future. The WBWF offers a unique benefit to Fort Pickett since the organization is located in southern Virginia and can best relate to property owners and local governments. The WBWF is creating and leading a local community advisory board, providing public outreach, assisting local governments in zoning, planning, and development requirements, helping enact the existing state compatible land use legislation, and providing required long-term monitoring of easements. For more information on The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation, visit <http://www.twbwf.org/>.



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