Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI)

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Overview

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P4 Initiatives

Partnership Program Types

Federal
- Innovative Readiness Training
- Intergovernmental Service Agreement
- Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI)

State
- Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (DEAAG)

Focus Areas:
- Military value, encroachment, security, construction, service contracts
REPI Background

• Tool to mitigate encroachment restricting military training, testing, and operations

• Protects military missions thru:
  – Removal or avoidance of land-use conflicts
  – Addressing regulatory restrictions on military activities

• Enhances military readiness by promoting compatible development and protecting valuable habitat
The Department of Defense’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool for promoting innovative and land conservation partnerships that benefit national defense, neighboring communities and the environment.

Realistic combat training, pristine test environments, and operational capability are keys to keeping our service members safe. However, encroachment issues are creating obstacles that threaten military activities.

Parachute training is halted when housing developments are built near drop sites.

80% of military bases have surrounding development that is higher than the national average.

Weapons testing and training causes noise, dust, and smoke complaints from nearby communities.

Urban sprawl decreases habitat and may cause Federally protected species to seek sanctuary on military lands.

Night training is compromised when light pollution from nearby commercial areas spreads.

Flight testing, training, and operations are impeded by cellphone towers, wind farms, and developments.
REPI Process

Program Management: Office of the Secretary of Defense
- REPI guidance
- Interpret law
- Fund proposals
- Reports progress to Congress

Program Implementation: Military Services & Installations
- Identify mission priorities
- Submit projects to OSD
- Identify partners and WILLING sellers
- Conduct transactions
Buffer Partnership Locations
Example Stakeholders in Texas

Conservation Groups

The Nature Conservancy
Compatible Lands Foundation
The Conservation Fund

Example State & Local Governments

The State of Texas
Texas Parks & Wildlife
San Antonio Deep in the Heart
NAS Fort Worth JRB Strategy

• Regional Focus
  – NAS Fort Worth JRB (Lead)
  – Fort Wolters (Texas Military Department)
  – Ancillary training areas

• Cost sharing: federal, state, local, private

• Capture environmental & conservation opportunities where able

• Complement Joint Land Use Study

• Model multiple datasets to guide data-driven analysis to identify focus areas
Thank you!