OVERVIEW

New York received $9.1 billion in Defense spending in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, which provides direct funding for DoD personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DoD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investment, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DoD and its partners to protect the military’s ability to train, test, and operate in the state. DoD created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through REPI, DoD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DoD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has enjoyed broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. Through FY 2016, DoD and its partners have spent over $11 million on REPI projects at 1 installation in New York.

**Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact**

(in FY 2015)

- $9.1 billion in Federal Defense spending
- 0.6% of state GDP
- $2.6 billion in payroll contributed
- $6.5 billion in contracts awarded

**Acres of DoD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land**

(as of 30 Sep 2014)

- DoD Managed Land: 110,507
- State-Owned National Guard Land: 2,835
- Total DoD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land: 113,342

**REPI PROJECTS* IN NEW YORK**

**Funding Summary**

(through FY 2016)

- REPI Expenditures: $4,705,646
- Military Service Expenditures: $4,295,421
- Partner Expenditures: $2,321,872
- Total Expenditures: $11,322,938

* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 USC §2684(a) to include the acquisition of interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development and protect habitat or any other natural resources management. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible partners include conservation organizations and state and local governments.
**MILITARY PRESENCE**

- Fort Drum's positive economic impact on its surrounding community exceeded $1.2 billion for FY 2015.
- The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is a four-year academic institution, nationally renowned historic site, and the oldest continually occupied military post in America.
- Fort Hamilton is home to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division, one of eight regional business centers that deliver projects and services to the Armed Forces.
- Fort Drum is the largest employer in Northern New York with 15,457 soldiers and 3,857 civilians (including contractors) working on or near the installation.

**REPI PROJECTS**

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**Key REPI Partners**
- Agricultural Development Corporation
- Development Authority of the North Country
- Ducks Unlimited
- Jefferson County
- State of New York
- Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust

**Data Sources**


Soldiers at Fort Drum practice medical evacuations for when deployed in a combat zone.
Fort Drum is home to the 10th Mountain Division and is the only installation in the Northeast from which the military can project its power by supporting the mobilization and deployment of high priority, active units. With the installation’s mission expanding in the years ahead, nearby residential and commercial construction is increasing. Noise and smoke from live-fire weapons, as well as use of ordnance, tanks, and aircraft all present potential conflicts with this increasing development.

As its partners acquire conservation easements through REPI, Fort Drum is greatly reducing the need for workarounds necessary to minimize training impacts on the nearby population. Additionally, the post is actively pursuing wetlands mitigation sites in conjunction with preserving open space along its border. Partnering with Ducks Unlimited, the project will help accomplish these multiple goals.

An important aspect of the efforts at Fort Drum includes preserving habitat for the endangered Indiana bat. Connecting remaining habitat off-post can ensure Fort Drum is not the primary remaining bat habitat, can provide regulatory relief, and also protects corridors for migratory birds. Meanwhile, wetlands mitigation off-post allows the base to offset streams impacted by on-post construction without setting aside valuable training lands. Preventing residential development sustains the resiliency of training lands that benefit all four military Services, a significant asset for our national defense.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY
- Preserves working lands and local character
- Provides habitat for endangered species
- Protects water supply

MILITARY
- Preserves live-fire and maneuver training capacity through the buffering of high-noise areas
- Preserves night flying training capacity, which requires minimal light pollution
- Reduces the need for less-realistic workarounds

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2016
- Acres preserved: 6,913
- Transactions conducted: 24
- Total funds expended: $11.3 million
- Project status: In Progress

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