OVERVIEW

Pennsylvania received $12.7 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 $6 million on REPI projects at 1 installation in Pennsylvania.
**MILITARY PRESENCE**

- Fort Indiantown Gap is one of the busiest National Guard training sites in the country, training more than 100,000 troops each year.
- Fort Indiantown Gap serves as headquarters for the Pennsylvania National Guard, is a major reserve component training post, and is the second largest employer in Lebanon County.
- Pennsylvania currently has 12 military installations in the state that contribute nearly $30 billion to the state economy.
- Letterkenny Army Depot is located near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and comprises 17,500 acres. The depot is a top three employer in Franklin County.

**REPI PROJECTS**

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For all REPI Project Profiles visit: [http://www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx](http://www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx)

Fort Indiantown Gap engages in prescribed burns to reduce the risk of wildfire and to manage and improve the forested ecosystem.

**Key REPI Partners**

- The Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- Audubon Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Pennsylvania Game Commission
- The Conservation Fund
- The Kittatinny Ridge Coalition
- The Lebanon Valley Conservancy
- The Manada Conservancy
- Trout Unlimited

**Data Sources**

- For Installation-Specific Information: Fort Indiantown Gap: [http://ftig.png.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx#.VsX1PeaTRm0](http://ftig.png.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx#.VsX1PeaTRm0)

For more information about the REPI Program, visit [www.repi.mil](http://www.repi.mil)
Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center (FTIG) is one of the busiest National Guard training sites in the country with over 100,000 troops training there annually. Home to the headquarters of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard—the nation’s second largest National Guard—FTIG is a world-class, commander-centric, combat-focused installation that supports active duty and reserve unit training across all the Services.

FTIG is home to the Eastern Army Aviation Training Site, which provides a combination of virtual simulations and hands-on experience in an array of procedural training areas, aircraft qualifications, and instructional training on utility and cargo helicopters to aviators. Aircraft stationed at FTIG’s airfield execute the largest Flying Hours Program in the Army National Guard, averaging over 9,000 flight hours annually, making it one of the Army’s busiest heliports. FTIG also provides ground training support ranging from individual warrior tasks to brigade-level collective training exercises. The installation hosts multiple military equipment maintenance facilities, artillery exercises, and a live-fire air-to-ground training range. Protected lands help minimize noise and night-lighting conflicts.

Much of the land buffering FTIG and underneath its aviation training areas is agricultural, forested, or wetlands located within a global Important Bird Area known as the Kittatinny Ridge, an important migratory bird route and habitat for a variety of rare neo-tropical birds such as the cerulean and golden-winged warblers, and the threatened northern long-eared bat. Maintaining forested and undeveloped areas in and around FTIG helps ensure that military training capabilities are preserved, helps maintain the health of the Chesapeake Bay, and provides high quality drinking water for multiple communities in the Susquehanna River watershed.

**BENEFIT SUMMARY**

**COMMUNITY**
- Protects working agricultural and forest lands that benefit the local economy
- Preserves important ecological areas, water quality, and species of concern
- Supports recreational activities such as hunting, trapping, and fishing

**MILITARY**
- Protects high-noise live-fire training, including small arms and artillery firing
- Protects ground maneuver capabilities
- Supports aviation activities such as aerial gunnery, bombing, and maneuver training

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- The Nature Conservancy
- The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation
- Trout Unlimited

**FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2016**
- Acres preserved: **4,011**
- Transactions conducted: **2**
- Total funds expended: **$6.2 million**
- Project status: **In Progress**

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