OVERVIEW

North Carolina received $9.8 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 2017, DoD and its partners have spent over $153 million on REPI projects at 6 installations in North Carolina.

REPI PROJECTS* IN NORTH CAROLINA

Funding Summary (through FY 2017)

* 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.

Total Acres Protected (through FY 2017): 55,912
**MILITARY PRESENCE**
- The North Carolina Department of Commerce reported that military related activities directly or indirectly generated 578,000 jobs, $34 billion in state personal income, and $66 billion in gross state product in FY 2014.
- Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point is the largest Marine Corps Air Station, occupying over 29,000 acres.
- Seymour Johnson Air Force Base houses the 4th Fighter Wing, as well as the multi-role, all-weather F-15E Strike Eagle and the 916th Air Refueling Wing.
- Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base is home to II Marine Expeditionary Force and the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command.
- Fort Bragg hosts the only U.S. airborne corps and airborne division, the “Green Berets” of the Special Operations Command, and the Army’s largest support command, with nearly 48,000 active duty personnel.
- As the only East Coast rotary wing installation, Marine Corps Air Station New River and tenant commands are vital in the training, readiness, and deployment of worldwide Marine Corps aviation forces.
- North Carolina is home to approximately 775,000 veterans who, collectively, represent every county in the state.
- Behind agriculture, the military is the second largest economic driver in the state.
- North Carolina is home to more than half of all U.S. special operations forces.

**REPI PROJECTS**

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**Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)**
- The REPI Program supports regional partnerships such as SERPPAS to identify common issues and solutions for mutual benefit.
- SERPPAS partners work to prevent encroachment around military lands, encourage compatible resource-use decisions, and improve coordination among regions, states, communities, and military services. For more information, visit [www.serppas.org](http://www.serppas.org).
- North Carolina is a member of SERPPAS, along with the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

**Key REPI Partners**
- Carteret County
- City of Havelock
- Ducks Unlimited
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- North Carolina Coastal Federation
- North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership
- Onslow county
- Sandhills Area Land Trust
- Sandhills Ecological Institute
- State of North Carolina
- The Conservation Forestry
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy
- Tobacco Trust Fund
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service

**Data Sources**

Development adjacent to the Fort Bragg perimeter (left). Landowner Julian Johnson values the protection of longleaf pine on his property (right).

For more information about the REPI Program, visit [www.repi.mil](http://www.repi.mil)