



ACUB Fact Sheet

Fort Riley



Background

Fort Riley provides Army-wide strategic training capability. Its mission is to provide training, readiness, and deployment support for two Heavy Brigade Combat Teams, one Light Brigade Combat Team, one Combat Aviation Brigade, and other Corps forces. Fort Riley facilities provide year-round support for live-fire exercises and maneuver training for most weapons systems in the Army. Fort Riley already requires workarounds in order to train at the Battalion Task Force level. By 2008, Fort Riley will grow significantly as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure. Current and future mission requirements would likely be jeopardized if growth-related encroachment continues.

Smoke and noise from heavy weapon fire, demolitions, and rotary-winged aircraft operation are the primary off post impacts to the nearby commercial airport and residential areas. Local residents have already requested restrictions on timing and types of training. The Fort Riley ACUB will initiate a long-term plan to minimize encroachment impacts and prepare for increased mission requirements.

In addition, Fort Riley is addressing the training implications if the US Fish and Wildlife Service changes the status of the Topeka shiner, regal fritillary, Henslow's sparrow, and the greater prairie chicken from threatened to endangered. The ACUB will preserve their habitats thereby preventing habitat degradation and potential training restrictions.

Fort Riley's ACUB was approved in May, 2006. Fort Riley and its partner, the Kansas Land Trust completed easements on two parcels with Natural Resources Conservation Service funds. During the ACUB proposal development, Fort Riley's ACUB completed a no-cost transfer to the Army of four parcels of excess lands along its western boundary. This action prevented the sale and future development of parcels adjacent to key training areas.

Objective

The Fort Riley ACUB program will protect and enhance the installation's mission readiness by controlling incompatible development along Fort Riley's boundary and promoting conservation initiatives to protect Topeka shiner streams and grassland bird habitat.

Partners

KANSAS LAND TRUST

The Kansas Land Trust is a nonprofit organization that protects and preserves lands of ecological, scenic, historic, agricultural, or recreational significance in Kansas. For further information call 785-749-3297 or visit <http://www.klt.org/>.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

Provides leadership in a partnership effort to help America's private land owners and managers conserve their soil, water, and other natural resources. For further information call 785-823-4500 or visit <http://www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

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