



ARMY COMPATIBLE USE BUFFER PROGRAM

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FORT CAMPBELL ACUB



The Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program creates land conservation partnerships between the Army and outside organizations to protect land from development that is incompatible with the military mission.

INSTALLATION BACKGROUND

Fort Campbell encompasses 103,854 contiguous acres on both sides of the Kentucky-Tennessee border, approximately 50 miles northeast of Nashville, Tenn. The mission at Fort Campbell is to support training, mobilization, deployment, and redeployment of mission-ready forces. While Fort Campbell primarily supports the 101st Airborne division as well as other assigned

active component combat units, more than 50,000 military personnel train at the installation annually. In order to maintain the required level of mission-readiness, the installation must have the continued ability to conduct realistic ground training and aviation operations on and around the installation – particularly at night.

Increased urbanization in the four-county metropolitan area surrounding Fort Campbell challenges the installation's ability to sustain military training requirements. These areas have historically served as buffers to the installation's training activities. An increased number of workarounds are being utilized by the installation to avoid noise, dust, and smoke impacts on adjacent communities from weapons, vehicles, and aircraft. In addition, the environment in and around the installation provides critical habitat for two endangered species: the gray bat and the Indiana bat. Further incompatible development, increased light pollution, and habitat destruction associated with the region's growth will ultimately result in the degradation of Fort Campbell's training and deployment capabilities.

For more information

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OBJECTIVE

The objective of the ACUB program at Fort Campbell is to prevent development of lands adjacent to the installation which currently serve as high noise zones and aircraft over-flight areas. Preserving these properties will prevent light pollution from interfering with night operations, as well as protect key natural habitats and their associated flora and fauna. Initial efforts are focused on acquiring a buffer immediately surrounding Fort Campbell's primary night-vision Device Airfield, Sabre Army Heliport. Over a ten year period, the Fort Campbell ACUB goal is to protect nearly 80,000 acres of land in areas of Kentucky and Tennessee that will sustain military training and readiness.

PRIMARY PARTNERS:

LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE

The Land Trust for Tennessee works with communities and individuals to identify and protect important lands and sites in Tennessee. They are working with the ACUB program to preserve the unique character of the natural and historic landscapes of the area near Fort Campbell for future generations. For more information on the Land Trust for Tennessee, visit <http://www.landtrusttn.org/>.

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture has a primary objective to preserve, protect and enhance land in its natural, scenic, agricultural, forested, and/or open space condition. For more information on the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, visit <http://www.kyagr.com/>.

For more information on ACUB accomplishments, funding and other stakeholders please view the ACUB website at <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/acub/acub00.html>

