



ARMY COMPATIBLE USE BUFFER PROGRAM

ACUB

FORT SILL 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 Sill is located on 93,279 acres within the heart of “Oklahoma’s Great Plains” country – a region of wide, open spaces and clear blue skies in southeastern Oklahoma. The installation houses the Army Field Artillery School and the Field Artillery Training Center, which are responsible for training artillery men for the Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force. Four artillery brigades stationed at Fort Sill compose the firepower of the III Corps Artillery, America’s largest artillery unit. Along with activated guardsmen and reservists, these combat-ready forces can be deployed around the world from the installation’s state-of-the-art power projection platform. Jet trainers from Sheppard Air Force Base, as well as military transport aircraft from Altus Air Force Base, participate in daily training missions over Fort Sill.

Training activities at Fort Sill create high noise levels which sometimes result in complaints from nearby residential communities. Continued incompatible development along the southern, eastern, and northern boundaries of Fort Sill will lead to training restrictions on the installation. Fort Sill also contains critical habitat for the federally listed Black-capped Vireo. Disturbance of the Black-capped Vireo’s habitat off post will likely cause the installation to become an island of refuge for the species, creating further restrictions on training.

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OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the ACUB program at Fort Sill is to protect the installation from encroachment due to urban sprawl and habitat destruction by establishing a buffer area around critical ranges and training lands. Maintaining agricul-

tural and other current land uses adjacent to the installation will provide a noise buffer and preserve valuable habitat, which will support the current and future training mission at Fort Sill.

PRIMARY PARTNER: LAND LEGACY

The primary objective of Land Legacy is to conserve and enhance urban and rural landscapes, thereby improving the quality of life. As a partner in the ACUB program at Fort Sill, Land Legacy is working to protect large tracts of privately owned land on the southern, eastern, and northern boundaries of the installation. Land Legacy and Fort Sill are working together to keep these lands in private open space uses to protect the installation's training areas. For more information on Land Legacy, visit <http://www.landlegacy.com/>.

For more information on ACUB accomplishments,
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