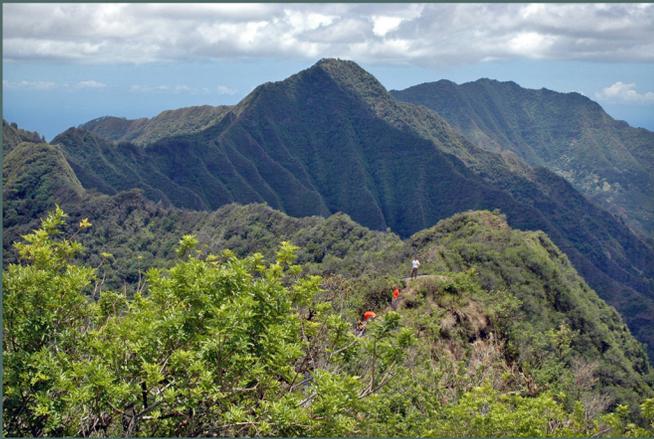




ARMY COMPATIBLE USE BUFFER PROGRAM

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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

U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) consists of 161,786 acres located on the island of O'ahu, Hawaii. USAG-HI is an essential power projection platform for the Pacific theater due to its ability to quickly deploy units to the west. USAG-HI sub-installations include the Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Range. The installations principle function is to serve as a training center for Soldier's of the 25th

Infantry Division (Light), which can mobilize quickly in support of combat operations, disaster relief missions, and other operations involving U.S. and foreign armed forces. USAG-HI training areas also support other Army, Army Reserve, Marine Corps, and Hawaii Army National Guard units, and are available for use by other U.S. forces stationed in the Pacific Region on an as-needed basis.

OBJECTIVE

USAG-HI and the land surrounding the installation provide habitat to approximately 100 threatened or endangered species. An increase in suburban sprawl is resulting in habitat being fragmented and destroyed, causing undeveloped training land on the installation to become an island of refuge for many species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service currently require the installation to protect the endangered species on post. Complaints of noise, dust, and over flight helicopter activity from neighboring communities also present a challenge to the installations training capacity.

USAG-HI initiated efforts to develop the ACUB project and partner with state agencies, local conservation groups, and land trusts in 2004. Preserving land that directly buffers

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military roads and firing ranges promotes ideal training scenarios. The primary ACUB partner, The Trust for Public Land, contributed to the program by securing conservation easements on several critical parcels. USAG-HI and its partners continue to seek out opportunities to protect tracts of land adjacent to the installation which buffer critical training areas and provide viable habitat.

**PRIMARY PARTNER:
THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND,
HAWAII FIELD OFFICE**

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national, nonprofit, land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, community gardens, historic sites, rural lands, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. Since 1972, TPL has worked with willing landowners, community groups, and national, state, and local agencies to complete more than 3,000 land conservation projects in 46 states, protecting more than 2 million acres. For more information on the Trust for Public Land, visit <http://www.tpl.org/>.



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