

When we think of recycling we usually imagine sorting a few cans and newspapers into a container. But what do you do when it comes to something bigger, say a two-story building... Environmental Correspondent Jesse McGill has the answer.

At Fort Knox, Kentucky, the Army Recycles more than just cans... It recycles buildings. Through an open auction, bidders can own pieces of aging World War II-era buildings. The program was developed originally to find an economical and environmentally friendly way to remove the unused structures.

Mike Carnes/ Project Manager: "We finally got permission to start recycling contents of buildings before they were demolished and the building has just grown over the last six or seven years to where it is now an institution and considered to be a model for the Army"

Bidders carefully remove unusable parts such as windows, cabinets and doors... limiting Ft. Knox's amount of debris. The more that can be reused... the less that's' being sent to the landfill. In the past four years, the Fort Knox program has diverted around 150,000 tons of material from more than 700 buildings.

The tearing down at Fort Knox, may mean the building up in the local community—remodeling homes, building new structures and

providing one man the opportunity to set-up a local campground for children.

Raymond Fultz/ Auction Participant: "If it wasn't for these auctions, I wouldn't be at the stage where I'm at in the campground. Eighty-five percent of my construction material comes from these auctions. In the last two-and-a-half years, I've saved close to 25 thousand dollars."

The Program saved Fort Knox about \$1.5 million, and generated more than \$250,000... And that's money the post commander is using for programs that directly support soldiers and their families.

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