

A FORT AHEAD

REDUCING THE FOOTPRINT OF THE ARMY

Sustainability—accomplishing today's mission in a way that enables future operations—now governs Army installation operations. Many installations today are putting 25-year sustainability plans into action. Here's a look inside a sustainable post where a generation of Soldiers live and train on an installation designed to last. It's about having the natural resources they need to train, a healthy environment in which to live, and the support of local communities and the American people.



CANTONMENT AREA

Green installations improve working and living conditions for Soldiers and their families.

- Green buildings save energy and improve worker productivity and comfort
- Deconstruction conserves resources and expensive landfill space
- Porous pavement reduces erosion, runoff and spread of contamination
- Comprehensive outreach keeps families and neighbors involved
- Green family housing saves resources and improves quality of life
- Landscaping using local plants and shrubs reduces water consumption



PUBLIC WORKS

Wise management of resources increases productivity and decreases costs.

- Alternative energy and fuels reduce dependence, pollution, costs
- Photovoltaic cells convert sunlight to electricity
- Carpooling, vanpooling and other regional transportation systems reduce emissions and save resources
- Efficiently managing, replacing or reducing use of hazardous materials reduces hazardous waste
- Recycling and green procurement saves valuable materials through removal from the waste stream

RANGES

Installations ensure future readiness by protecting training areas today.

- Buffers separate training from communities, provide valuable endangered species habitat
- Wise management of natural resources and species keeps training areas viable
- Hardened tank trails reduce erosion
- Ranges managed for recovery provide landscaping that improves realism in training
- Tactical vehicles with hybrid power reduce air pollution and noise

SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

The Army Strategy for the Environment lists six goals for the Army Sustainability Program:

GOAL: Foster a Sustainability Ethic
Foster an ethic within the Army that takes us beyond environmental compliance to sustainability.

GOAL: Strengthen Army Operations
Strengthen Army operational capability by reducing our environmental footprint through more sustainable practices.

GOAL: Meet Test, Training, and Mission Requirements
Meet current and future training, testing and other mission requirements by sustaining land, air and water resources.

GOAL: Minimize Impacts and Total Ownership Costs
Minimize impacts and total ownership costs of Army systems, materiel, facilities and operations by integrating the principles and practices of sustainability.

GOAL: Enhance Well-Being
Enhance the well-being of our Soldiers, civilians, families, neighbors and communities through leadership in sustainability.

GOAL: Drive Innovation
Use innovative technology and the principles of sustainability to meet user needs and anticipate future Army challenges.



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