

## REPI

Established in 2002 as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 National Defense Authorization Act, the **Department of Defense's (DOD) Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI)** preserves military missions by supporting cost-sharing agreements between the military services, other federal agencies, state and local governments, and nonprofit organizations to avoid land use conflicts near military installations, address environmental restrictions that limit military activities, and increase military installation resilience to extreme weather events.

### INSTALLATION-COMMUNITY REPI PARTNERSHIP CASE STUDY

The Army has partnered with the New Mexico Land Conservancy to preserve land surrounding White Sands Missile Range since 2017. In 2022, the partnership leveraged the REPI program to acquire 315,709 acres of conservation easements at Armendaris Ranch in southern New Mexico, the largest acreage acquisition in REPI history.

This easement included a large part of the western buffer of the White Sands Missile Range and was therefore highly desirable for protection by the Army, which administers the two-million-acre range critical to DOD's testing mission. The easement protects critical airspace that, if encroached upon, could compromise vital long-range weapons testing and training operations for F-22 and F-16 pilot training. Preventing development on this land ensures realistic training environments for 100 percent of the military's remote pilot aircraft.

At a cost to DOD of only \$12.7 million, the transaction saved the military almost \$19 million through partner contributions. In 2025, DOD partnered again with the New Mexico Land Conservancy and the State Land Office to protect an additional 60,000 acres of state-owned land near the White Sand Missile Range from future development.

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From FY 2003 through FY 2024, DOD has leveraged \$1.5 billion with over \$1.3 billion in cost savings from partner contributions to protect over 1.3 million acres of land at 140 locations across forty states and territories to preserve key operational assets, infrastructure, and capabilities. This represents a total investment of nearly \$2.9 billion. The collaborative nature of the REPI Program enables a nearly 1:1 match with non-DOD partner funds, leading to beneficial outcomes for both the installations and surrounding defense communities.



## BOTTOM LINE

The REPI program is a vital and cost-effective resource for the military services to preserve critical missions. The program has a bipartisan history of building local, state, and regional installation-community partnerships that conserve valuable land around installations and ranges to avoid costly training workarounds, protect military readiness, and maximize taxpayer dollars.



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