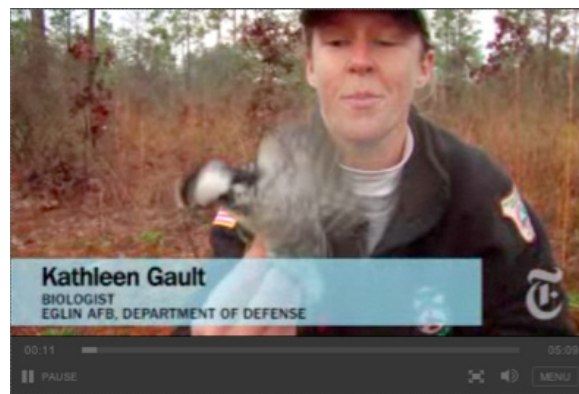




As the Sustainable Ranges Initiative produces on-the-ground results in the form of land conservation partnerships and protection from encroachment, the media has picked up on the story. Here are a few examples from across the country.

“Today, **herculean efforts** to save threatened species are unfolding at dozens of military sites across the nation ...”

— **The New York Times**,
“A Base for War Training, and Species Preservation,” February 21, 2010



Habitat of note: As mentioned in a front-page story in *The New York Times* and accompanying online video, “Military Bases as Wildlife Havens,” the preservation of longleaf pine habitat and restoration of streams at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida has seen the population of at least one species, the Oskaloosa darter, improve enough to be taken off the endangered list.

“Establishing a solid foundation for **a successful long-term relationship between the military installation and the community is paramount** ... This initiative leverages federal money with local community funding to acquire land that will serve as a buffer ... The added benefit is that, in many cases, the community ends up with a significant portion of land that will remain undeveloped forever.”

— **State Legislatures Magazine**
“Making Peace”
March 2010

“DOD has formed **odd-bedfellow alliances with environmentalists** to protect habitat in hopes of keeping wildlife off the endangered species list by keeping development away from military bases.”

— **Greenwire/NYTimes.com**
“Pentagon Making Room for Wildlife at Military Bases”
February 18, 2010

“Fort Bragg is happy to prevent urban encroachment on lands where its military mission requires sometimes noisy training ... **Soldiers can train** on [their] land, and The Nature Conservancy likes keeping the [buffer] land natural.”

— **The Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer**
“Family Shields Army From Urban Sprawl”
August 11, 2009

“The Department of Defense holds a get-together every two years called [the] Sustaining Military Readiness Conference. The Pentagon uses the sessions to try to **forge partnerships with people, organizations and governments** that neighbor military installations.”

— **The Arizona Republic**
“Defense Event in Valley Points Up Readiness”
August 9, 2009

“By preventing incompatible encroachment around military bases ... the amount of contiguous **land for wildlife protection and recreational opportunities increases**. In return, the military can continue its training missions to ensure the safety of all Americans.”

— **Santa Rosa (Fla.) Press-Gazette**
“Florida Forever Acquisition Protects Land Adjacent to NAS Whiting Field”
June 9, 2009

“To limit [incompatible] development around Shaw and other bases, local and state officials and members of the military have formed the Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium [MAJIC] ... the group works with landowners near the bases ... **ensuring future base operations and training won't be hindered.**”

— **The (Columbia, S.C.) State**
February 9, 2009

“Marine Corps Base Quantico officials have **one conservation success story under their belt**, and they are hoping for another.”

— **The Washington Post**
“A Wildlife Preserve in Prince William”
January 11, 2009

“Conservation programs that remove land off the commercial market [are] seen as a good way to curb residential development around military bases ... **Clearly, the more buffering that can be done to prevent encroachment is definitely a plus.**”

— **Pensacola (Fla.) News-Journal**
“Land-Buy Programs Are Good Investments” (Editorial)
December 22, 2008

“... **lately the military and environmentalists have often been speaking with one voice.**”

— **Las Vegas Sun**
“Wearers of Sandals, Crew Cuts Join Forces”
December 12, 2008

“The Northwest Florida Greenway has evolved into an **unprecedented partnership** of military, government, and non-profit organizations that will protect the military mission ... while enhancing the Panhandle's economy and conserving critical ecosystems in one of the most biologically diverse regions in the United States.”

— **Economic Development Journal**
“A Unique Partnership Protects Defense Economy & Ecosystems”
Summer 2008

“The deal marks **the latest success story for an unusual nationwide alliance between environmentalists and the Pentagon**. It gives Camp Pendleton a buffer against suburban sprawl and allows 'green' groups to maintain an open-space corridor for animals ... to and from the base.”

— **San Diego Union-Tribune**
“Conservationists, Pentagon Do Deal: Land Purchase Give Marines a Buffer Zone, Keeps Space Open”
August 18, 2007

“By using the farmland as a buffer zone, **the Army will not have to worry about urban encroachment disrupting training and testing** that has gone on at the Army's Churchville Test Area, a part of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, for 65 years.”

— **The Washington Post**
“Army Preserves a Testing Ground by Saving a Farm”
March 19, 2007

“Under the [SRI] program, **the Pentagon works with environmentalists and other local groups** to achieve land conservation deals around military bases across the country. Deals are in the works for more than 45,000 acres adjoining 30 U.S. bases.”

— **The Wall Street Journal**
“Another Shade of Green: Military Aids Nature Lovers”
January 24, 2007

“The Defense Department has struck partnerships with unlikely allies – environmentalists – to contain sprawl and create buffer zones around bases. It announced **a national partnership with the Agriculture Department** last week to do just that. The goal: promote land conservation near bases.”

— **USA Today**
November 15, 2006

“Great strides have been made to create a buffer zone around Fort Carson that will protect ... critical wildlife, provide large-scale training benefits to the military, and **allow local ranchers to continue their traditional way of life**. This three-way win for the military, ranchers and conservation protects ... land 'where the antelope roam.'”

— **The Denver Post** (Editorial)
December 30, 2005

“Military bases are reaching out to local communities and environmentalists to **become better neighbors and ensure that vital training can continue** as subdivisions and schools edge closer to base gates.”

— **USA Today**
“Sprawl Closes in on Military Facilities”
February 2, 2005