



**Fort Gordon, Georgia**

**ACUB Approval Date:** 21 June 2011

**Installation Description:** Fort Gordon is located within the Central Savannah River Area in east central Georgia and occupies approximately 55,600 acres in four counties. Fort Gordon is the largest communications training facility in the Armed Forces (130 courses/16,000 students a year) and is the focal point for the development of tactical communications and information systems. The Leader College of Information Technology is the Army’s premiere site for all automation training and home to the Regimental Non-commissioned Officers (NCO) Academy. The installation is also home to the U.S. Army Signal Center, 116th Military Intelligence Group, the Southeast Region Medical Command, the Southeast Region Dental Command, the Southeast Region Veterinary Command, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, the Army’s only Dental Laboratory, two deployable brigades (the 35th Signal Brigade and the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade), and a Georgia National Guard Youth Challenge Academy.

**Challenge:** Urban growth threatens the training mission at Fort Gordon and, if left unconstrained, will continue to have an even greater effect on range availability, future range capability, and types of training conducted. Operational noise and vibrations generated by military aircraft and weapons fire, and smoke as a result of prescribed fire are significant concerns because of the impact on areas outside of the installation boundary. There is currently low density development which is periodically exposed to high noise levels and aircraft over flight due to the close proximity to the installation. If current growth trends continue, there will be more noise sensitive uses developed within these areas and the potential for additional noise complaints and training curtailment could seriously impact the mission. Urban growth would impact training capabilities on installation maneuver areas and training ranges resulting in less realistic training, reduced operating hours, reduced aircraft operations, and reduced firing range usage.

**ACUB Objective:** The objective of the ACUB program at Fort Gordon is to create compatible use buffers around the central and western portions of the installation in order to protect existing and future firing ranges and flight routes from training restrictions.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** Central Savannah River Land Trust

**Partner Mission:** It is the Central Savannah River Land Trust (CSRLT) mission to “preserve the forests, fields, and rivers that define the local landscape.”

<b>Gordon</b>	Funds Obligated	Acres Protected	Military Funds Expended	Partner Funds Expended	Total Expended
In FY12	\$936,102	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Through FY12	\$936,102	0	\$0	\$0	\$0