



Fort Stewart, Georgia

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Installation Description: Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield (HAAF) are home of the 3rd Infantry Division, and combine to be the Army’s premier power projection platform (PPP) on the Atlantic Coast. The installation covers nearly 280,000 acres in southeast Georgia and is the largest, most effective and efficient armor training base east of the Mississippi. HAAF houses the Army’s longest runway on the East Coast (11,375 feet) as well as the Truscott Air Deployment Terminal. Together these assets are capable of deploying units such as the heavy, armored forces of the 3rd Infantry Division or the elite light fighters of the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

Challenge: Continued encroachment from urban growth towards Fort Stewart could jeopardize operation of existing critical facilities and reduce options for locating additional ranges to support future mission requirements. Soldiers could no longer be able to effectively train due to encroachment factors such as dust, noise, sediment and water rights compliance. In addition, unimpeded development along the installation boundary could result in Fort Stewart becoming an island of biological diversity, surrounded by urban sprawl. The population of Coastal Georgia is expected to double over the next 25 years, which provides a significant challenge to conservation efforts.

ACUB Objective: The primary objective of the Fort Stewart ACUB program is to protect key lands adjacent to the installation, especially to the east, in order to limit incompatible development and concurrently protect sensitive habitat that supports Soldier training. Without the implementation of an ACUB program, virtually all of the non-wetland acreage, as well as some of the wetland acreage within the targeted buffer area would be developed within 20-25 years.

Cooperative Agreement Partner: The Georgia Land Trust

Partner Mission: The mission of the Georgia Land Trust (GLT) is “dedicated to protecting land for present and future generations.” The GLT is affiliated with the Alabama Land Trust, the Chattahoochee Valley Land Trust, Saving Places for Atlanta’s Community Environment, the Lula Lake Land Trust, the Land Trust of East Alabama, and the Coastal Georgia Land Trust, which was merged into the GLT in 2003.

Stewart	Funds Obligated	Acres Protected	Military Funds Expended	Partner Funds Expended	Total Expended
In FY12	\$6,739,910	11,773	\$8,829,120	\$8,854,304	\$17,683,424
Through FY12	\$46,143,530	22,926	\$44,050,550	\$15,948,839	\$59,999,389