

Fort Riley, Kansas



ACUB Approval Date: 14 June 2006

Installation Description: Fort Riley, home to the 1st Infantry Division, encompasses over 100,000 acres in the central portion of northeastern Kansas. The installation provides training assistance to Reserve Component Soldiers including the Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserves, Navy Reserves, Marine Reserves, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), Air Guard, and those conducting individual training or attending schools. Capabilities of Fort Riley include hosting live-fire exercises, maneuver training for mechanized/armored vehicles, attack helicopter gunnery, small arms firing, artillery and tank firing exercises, as well as engineer obstacles.

Challenge: Smoke and noise resulting from heavy weapon fire, demolitions, and rotary-winged aircraft operation are the primary impacts to the nearby off-post commercial airport and residential areas. Additionally, the federally-listed Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) relies on habitat in and around the installation; other sensitive species found on Fort Riley include the greater prairie chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*), regal fritillary (*Speyeria idalia*), and the Henslow’s Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*). Potential restrictions on training could result from these species seeking primary refuge on the installation when adjacent lands are incompatibly developed.

ACUB Objective: The primary objective of the Fort Riley ACUB program is to eliminate or significantly reduce the potential for training restrictions by avoiding land use conflicts and degradation of natural resources. The program is also working to conserve the natural ecosystems, farm and ranch lands, scenic open spaces, and the historic uses of land by encouraging conservation of natural resources on private property in the vicinity of Fort Riley. The areas that connect grasslands off of Fort Riley with the grasslands on the installation are targeted for protection through the ACUB program. These lands are owned by many private landowners and are currently dominated by open-space land uses.

Cooperative Agreement Partner: Kansas Land Trust

Partner Mission: Kansas Land Trust (KLT) is a non-profit organization “that protects and preserves lands of ecological, agricultural, scenic, historic, or recreational significance in Kansas”.

Riley	Funds Obligated	Acres Protected	Military Funds Expended	Partner Funds Expended	Total Expended
In FY12	\$0	704	\$80,856	\$189,920	\$270,776
Through FY12	\$8,421,158	10,902	\$4,806,139	\$3,773,746	\$8,579,885