

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland (Chesapeake Bay)



ACUB Approval Date: 1 May 2012

Status: Inactive; no cooperative agreement yet

Installation Description: Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) occupies more than 72,500 acres of land and water in Harford and Baltimore Counties. APG supports 79 Garrison Supported Organizations and a host of satellite activities. Among the major tenants are the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, US Army Research Laboratory, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, U.S. Army Public Health Command, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, and 20th Support Command. The BRAC 2005 decision brought the US Army Communications Electronics Command, US Army Test and Evaluation Command, Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Command, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, and numerous other support organizations to APG.

Challenge: Operational noise generated from the test and training mission at APG is often heard by residents on the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay is a critical resource for commercial and recreational activities; however, it has been stressed in recent years by an increasing population; delegating APG one of the last bastions for natural resource protection on the bay landscape. APG plays a critical role in the protection of the bald eagle and habitats including wetlands, forest, and coastal zone buffers. Mission requirements often call for development on or near regulated land which may also result in impacts to bald eagle nest buffers or forest removal. Mitigating these impacts is critical to the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

ACUB Objective: APG’s ACUB program objective is to work with local, non-profit conservation partners to purchase conservation easements and secure fee-simple purchases to limit incompatible land development, provide off-post conservation credits for water quality and bald eagles, provide off-post mitigation potential for critical area and wetlands, and assist in protection and restoration of the health of the Chesapeake Bay. The APG ACUB program will also support the DoD in meeting the requirements of Executive Order 13508: Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration.

Cooperative Agreement Partner: Although APG has a second approved ACUB proposal, no cooperative agreement has been formalized yet.

APG	Funds Obligated	Acres Protected	Military Funds Expended	Partner Funds Expended	Total Expended
In FY12	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Through FY12	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$1,481,994