

Fort Sill, Oklahoma



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Installation Description: The Army Field Artillery School and Field Artillery Training Center are housed on Fort Sill and are responsible for training artillerymen for both the Army and Marine Corps. Four artillery brigades stationed at Fort Sill compose the firepower of the III Corps Artillery, America’s largest artillery unit. Along with activated guardsmen and reservists, these combat-ready forces can be deployed around the world from the installation’s state-of-the-art power projection platform (PPP). Jet trainers from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, as well as military transport aircraft from Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, participate in daily training missions over Fort Sill at Henry Post Army Airfield. In addition, tactical fighter and bomber aircraft from both active and reserve Air Force units use Fort Sill’s ranges for bombing and strafing exercises.

Challenge: Urban development along the boundaries of Fort Sill is creating encroachment issues for the installation. Fort Sill’s training and power projection missions generate high levels of noise which result in complaints from these adjacent communities. In addition, Fort Sill provides critical habitat for a strong and growing population of the endangered Black-capped Vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*). The continued incompatible development of lands neighboring Fort Sill may produce significant challenges to future use of range and training lands.

ACUB Objective: The primary objective of the ACUB program at Fort Sill is to protect the installation from urban sprawl encroachment issues and habitat destruction by establishing a buffer around critical ranges and training lands. The ACUB program uses real estate provisions to prevent incompatible land-use on large tracts of privately-owned land on the southern, eastern, and northern boundaries of Fort Sill in the targeted buffer areas. The southern and eastern boundaries of the installation are the highest priority areas for protection.

Cooperative Agreement Partner: Land Legacy

Partner Mission: The mission of Land Legacy (LL) is “to conserve and enhance urban and rural landscapes, thereby improving the quality of life.”

Sill	Funds Obligated	Acres Protected	Military Funds Expended	Partner Funds Expended	Total Expended
In FY12	\$250,000	378	\$1,620,379	\$8,400	\$1,628,779
Through FY12	\$9,011,000	3,174	\$8,893,317	\$2,616,015	\$11,509,332