



**Fort Hood, Texas**

**ACUB Approval Date:** 27 June 2007 and 6 March 2012

**Status:** New proposal approved, new partner cooperative agreement pending

**Installation Description:** Located on 217,337 acres, Fort Hood is the largest active duty armored installation in the United States, and is the only installation in the U.S. capable of supporting two full armored divisions. Installation assets include over 400 miles of tank trails, two Army Airfields, and approximately 70 training range facilities. Fort Hood is home to Headquarters Command III Corps, 1st Cavalry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 36th Engineer Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), 13th Finance Management Center, 89th Military Police Brigade, 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, 21st Cavalry Brigade (Air Combat), and Army Operational Test Command, as well as various other units and tenant organizations.

**Challenge:** The nearby cities of Killeen, Copperas Cove, and Gatesville are experiencing substantial increases in population growth, which are unregulated by zoning or other comprehensive planning. Residential development adjacent to the installation could result in the closure or reduced use of maneuver areas near Food Hood boundaries. Maximum utilization of the available land on Fort Hood is necessary in order to conduct the training activities required by doctrine. Training restrictions due to noise (ground maneuver, aviation, and live-fire training) and air quality degradation (training smoke, pyrotechnics, and maneuver-generated dust) would likely result from development along installation boundaries, particularly along the western boundary which is adjacent to the installation’s primary maneuver range.

**ACUB Objective:** The primary objective of the ACUB program at Fort Hood is to maintain compatible land uses through the implementation of conservation easements with willing landowners. Maintaining the current rural and agricultural land uses adjacent to the installation will prevent potential conflicts from arising with future training exercises conducted on Fort Hood.

**Cooperative Agreement Partner:** American Farmland Trust, Inc.

**Partner Mission:** American Farmland Trust (AFT) is “dedicated to protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land.”

<b>Hood</b>	<b>Funds Obligated</b>	<b>Acres Protected</b>	<b>Military Funds Expended</b>	<b>Partner Funds Expended</b>	<b>Total Expended</b>
In FY12	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Through FY12	\$735,000	0	\$67,025	\$0	\$67,025