



REPI UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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Leveraging DoD Support for Land Conservation: What is REPI, How Does it Work, and Opportunities for Bay Conservation?

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What is REPI?

- REPI = Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative
- REPI supports cost-sharing partnerships authorized by Congress in FY03 National Defense Authorization Act (10 U.S.C. § 2684a) between military Services, private conservation groups, and state and local governments
- REPI protects military test and training capabilities and conserve land
- OSD manages REPI as an internal DoD program, issuing guidance, and providing funding to the Services for projects
- Services implement REPI projects, including projects not receiving REPI funding that use only Service O&M funding



Why REPI?

- Military must have the space necessary to conduct testing and realistic training
- Growing potential for land use conflicts due to new development and increasing competition for land, airspace, water access and frequency spectrum
- Need to preserve key lands surrounding military installations



Military/Community Benefits of REPI

- Enhances military readiness
- Protects valuable habitat
- Preserves open space
- Forges new partnerships
- Spurs collaboration with other federal, regional, and state land conservation and ecosystem management
- Working lands; Economic benefits; Local character
- Regional planning; Green corridors
- Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)



Requisites of a REPI Project

- Partnership between the military and conservation entity (e.g. state/local/private conservation group)
- Partner cost-sharing arrangement to acquire land interest or easement
- Willing land owner
- Protected land ensures compatible land use or habitat preservation



REPI Partners (Authority - 10 U.S.C. § 2684a)

Eligible Partners:

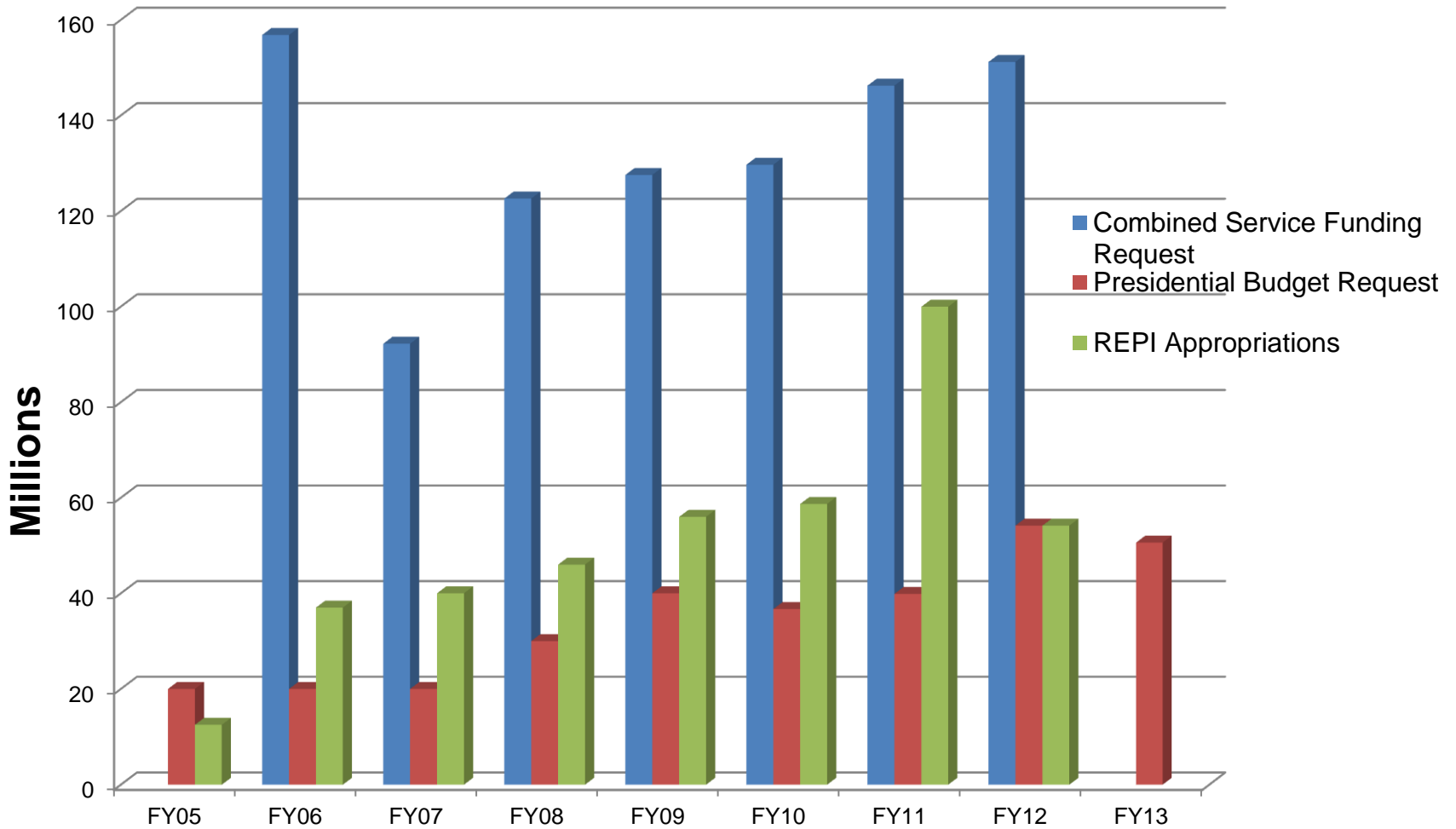
1. A state or political subdivision of a state, or
 2. A private entity that has as its stated principal organizational purpose or goal the conservation, restoration, or preservation of land and natural resources
- ❖ Can be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization or a for-profit conservation organization

Examples of Some Current & Potential Partners:

- Federal Agencies, State Agencies & Localities
- The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, Ducks Unlimited
- The Conservation Fund, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- Lower Shore Land Trust, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy



REPI Funding





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How Does REPI Work?



The REPI Process: An Overview

- Buffer projects are initiated locally at the installation level
- Each Service manages a comprehensive portfolio of buffer projects and is not required to submit all of those projects for REPI funding
- OSD manages REPI, provides guidance, and funds selected projects submitted by the Services using Congressional funding
- The Services also fund projects independent of REPI funding
- The Services implement all projects through respective encroachment management programs



REPI Process: The Proposal Criteria

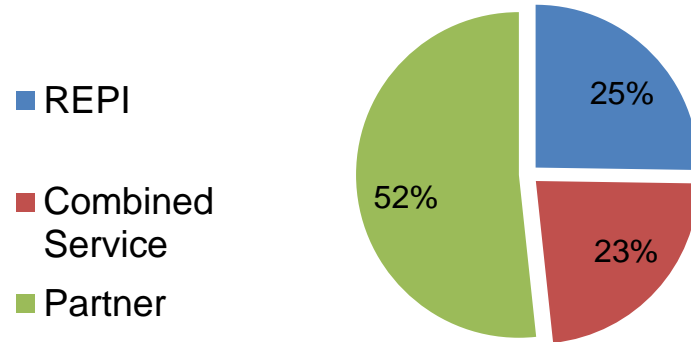
1. Encroachment Threat - Service Priority, Strategic Benefit, Severity of Threat & Coordinated Planning to Address Threat (Should Address Question: Is this part of a broader, regional planning effort such as Chesapeake Bay Program?) **(Max. 58 Points)**
2. Justification Under the Statute (Must Choose Category A **or** B) **(Max. 24 Points)**
 - A. Incompatible Development - Status of Project Land & Neighboring Land & Secondary Benefits
 - or*
 - B. Habitat Preservation - Threatened/Endangered Species & Species at Risk & Secondary Benefits including support of initiatives such as Chesapeake Bay Program
3. Viability of Agreement - Partner Contributions, Service Funding, Expenditure of Funds & Likelihood of Execution **(Max. 44 Points)**
4. Project innovation Bonus - DoD policy encourages project innovation



REPI Accomplishments through FY11

*REPI multiplies taxpayer dollars:
For each REPI dollar, return was
ONE Service dollar and TWO
partner dollars*

REPI Cost-Share



	Transactions	Acres Protected	REPI	Service	Partner	Combined Total
Army	333	166,901	\$925,423,237	\$121,576,316	\$228,666,976	\$445,675,349
Navy	89	10,554	\$26,252,083	\$4,994,500	\$34,901,874	\$66,148,457
Marine Corps	36	33,863	\$31,609,559	\$19,170,776	\$55,728,369	\$106,508,704
Air Force	28	3,797	\$6,519,404	\$321,840	\$8,035,136	\$14,876,407
Total	486	215,115	\$159,813,283	\$146,063,432	\$327,332,203	\$633,208,917



REPI Funding and Accomplishments in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Fiscal Year	DoD Funds Obligated
2006	\$3,755,000
2007	\$9,663,000
2008	\$3,520,000
2009	\$5,503,913
2010	\$13,364,212
2011	\$10,915,000
(to date) 2012	\$3,750,000
TOTAL REPI to Chesapeake Bay	\$50,471,125

Installation	Acres Protected	REPI Funds Expended	Service Funds Expended	Partner Funds Expended	Total Funds Expended
Aberdeen Proving Ground	163	\$675,000	\$75,000	\$731,994	\$1,481,994
Atlantic Test Range	676	\$1,023,544	\$0	\$1,023,544	\$2,047,088
Fort A.P. Hill	8,868	\$6,673,200	\$6,175,581	\$9,428,812	\$22,277,593
MCB Quantico	302	\$0	\$1,429,750	\$1,429,750	\$2,859,500
NAS Oceana	1,007	\$5,433,495	\$200,000	\$6,234,026	\$11,867,521
NAS Patuxent River	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS	11,016	\$13,805,239	\$7,880,331	\$18,848,126	\$40,533,696



60 REPI Locations through FY11





NDW Potential Chesapeake Bay Conservation Projects

Project Title	Brief Description of Project	Benefits to Mission	FY12 Funding Required	REPI Partner
Connie Covey - Conservation Purchase	160 Acres of Wetlands/ Ag Land	Each easement restricts development underneath Aircraft Test Inner Range	Navy - \$214k Match from MD	The Nature Conservancy
Wilson - Conservation Purchase	300 Acres of Wetlands/ Ag Land		Navy - \$300k Match from MD	The Nature Conservancy
Earl Tull – Conservation Purchase	172 Acres of Wetlands/ Ag Land		Navy - \$250k Match from MD	The Nature Conservancy
Wicomico – Conservation Purchase	1300 acres of Wetlands/ Ag Land		Navy - \$1.4M	Trust for Public Land



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REPI Partner Cost Share

Partner cost share:

- Monetary contributions**
State and local grants or cost share programs, other Federal grants, or private capital from conservation organizations
- Exchange or donation of real property or a real property interest**
May be from partner, other stakeholder, or willing seller
- In-kind services**
Goods and services inherent to the acquisition of real property interests, i.e., appraisals, legal services, GIS, natural resource-related services



No minimum cost share requirement, but Services may have targets



REPI Process: Explained from the Bottom Up

