



## SENTINEL LANDSCAPES PARTNERSHIP DESIGNATES THE GEORGIA SENTINEL LANDSCAPE

### Sentinel Landscapes Partnership

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The [Sentinel Landscapes Partnership](#) (Partnership) is pleased to announce the designation of the [Georgia Sentinel Landscape](#). This designation officially recognizes the role that protecting working lands and vital natural resources plays in sustaining the military mission as well as the long-term health of local communities in southern Georgia. Spanning a significant portion of the state, the Georgia Sentinel Landscape brings together more than 20 partners at the federal, state, and local levels to sustain working farms and forests; protect vital habitat for a number of important species; and promote land uses compatible with the military mission.

Efforts to coordinate mutually beneficial programs among partners in this landscape will promote the military missions of nine important installations and ranges, to include Fort Stewart, Fort Benning, Townsend Bombing Range, Robins Air Force Base, and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. The military network stretching over the southern portion of the state provides a wide variety test, training, and operational resources and capabilities to service men and women from each of the Military Services.

The U.S. Departments of Agriculture (USDA), Defense (DoD), and the Interior (DOI) established the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership through a [memorandum of understanding](#) in 2013. The Partnership is a nationwide federal, state, local, and private collaboration dedicated to promoting natural resource sustainability and the preservation of agricultural and conservation land uses in areas surrounding military installations.

The Georgia Sentinel Landscape joins [six other Sentinel Landscapes](#) in this nationwide partnership: Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington; Fort Huachuca in Arizona; Middle Chesapeake in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia; Avon Park Air Force Range in Florida; Camp Ripley in Minnesota; and Eastern North Carolina. At each of these Landscapes, partners are working with local landowners to promote and protect the land, livelihood, and defense of communities within their boundary.

At the Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Fort Huachuca, and Middle Chesapeake Sentinel Landscapes combined, partners invested more than [\\$86 million](#) between fiscal years 2013 and 2016 to advance each location's specific military mission and resource conservation goals. Over \$17 million of the total investment during this period came from state and local governments, whose support for the mission of the Partnership has helped to ensure its success.

For additional information on the Georgia Sentinel Landscape—its partners, priorities, and goals—or the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership in general, please visit the Partnership's website: [www.SentinelLandscapes.org](http://www.SentinelLandscapes.org).