

DoD Installation of the Year Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

Eglin Air Force Baser has successfully partnered with the state of Florida and the Nature Conservancy to place conservation easements on thousands of acres of land in the Northwest Florida Greenway. Under the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI), administered by the office of the secretary of defense, Eglin AFB has received \$2.3 million to acquire conservation easements on 2,200 acres. In fiscal year 2011, the installation was scheduled to receive an additional \$1.5 million.

These combined efforts preserve the Eglin mission, protect valuable natural resource areas, enhance wildlife corridors and expand opportunities for biodiversity.

The Eglin reservation covers 464,000 acres extending over Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. Eglin AFB occupies much of the Florida panhandle, controls 120,000 square miles of airspace over the Florida Gulf and provides a unique atmosphere for threatened and endangered species.





