

Minnesota Army National Guard

Environmental Conservation

Managing Today's Resources for Tomorrow's Mission

Purpose

- **Provide Integrated Natural Resources Management in coordination with the MN Department of Natural Resources and US Fish & Wildlife Service.**
- **Guide natural resource management activities and promote outdoor recreation, while enhancing military readiness through improved stewardship of land and water resources.**
- **Manage maneuver land conditions to support all installation training mission requirements.**
- **Provide decision support capabilities based on the integration of training requirements, land conditions, maneuver ranges, and land management.**

Training Sites

Camp Ripley Training Center

- 53,000 acres
- State-owned land

Arden Hills Army Training Site

- 1,500 acres
- Federally-owned land

Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards

- 2020 Natural Resources Conservation (Team)
- 2022 Cultural Resources Management (Team)
- 2023 Natural Resources Conservation (Large Installation)
- 2023 Natural Resources Conservation (Team/Individual)

Program Areas

Land Use Management

- Integrated Training Area Management
- Invasive Species
- Prescribed Fire
- Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI)

Natural Resources

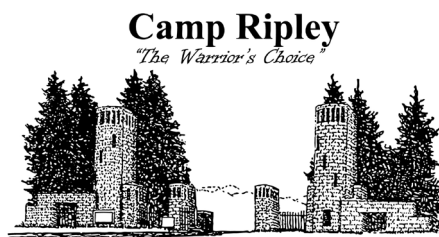
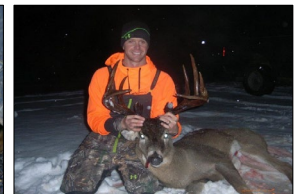
- Aquatic Resources
- Forestry
- Grasslands
- Protected Species & Wildlife Surveys

Cultural Resources

- Archaeological Sites
- Historic Preservation
- Tribal Consultation

Outreach & Recreation

- Field Trips & Presentations
- Fishing & Hunting Events
- School Partnerships



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Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape

Where Missions Meet

Strategies

Outreach & Coordination
Landowners, Partnerships

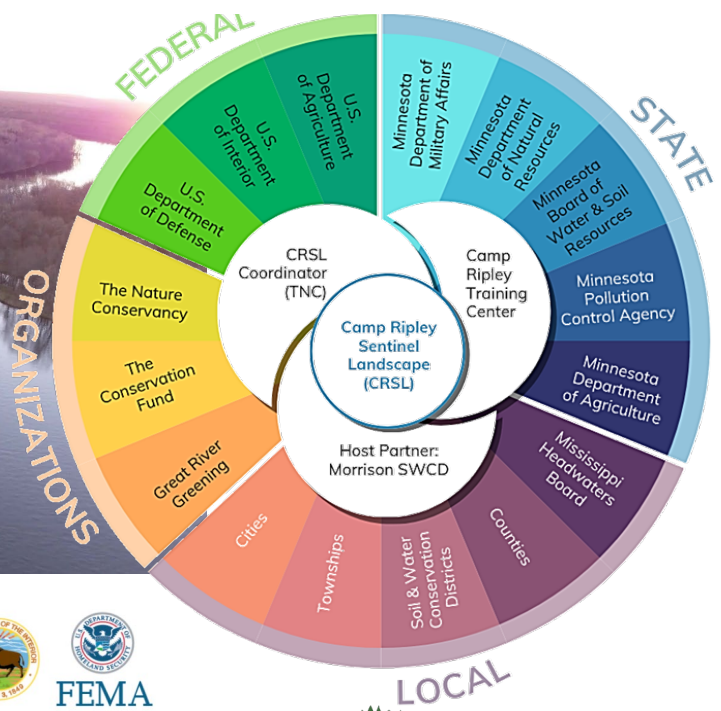
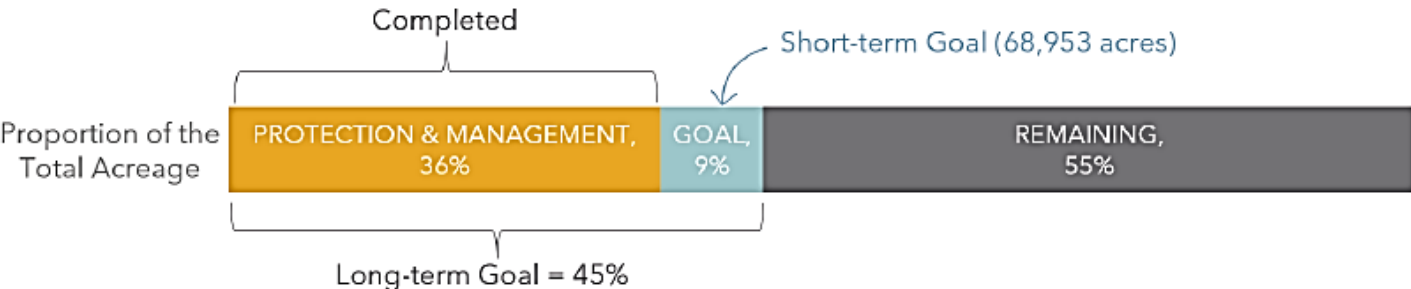
Coordination between Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape (CRSL) partners and landowner outreach is essential to implementing the Landscape Strategies that are targeted to privately owned lands.

ACUB Land Protection
Easements & Acquisitions

The goal of the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) Agreement Area is to protect lands for the military mission of Camp Ripley while also protecting and enhancing working lands, natural resources, habitat, and climate resilience.

Protections & Management
Best Management Practices

The CRSL aims to “sustain farms and forests,” and work with partner agencies to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) in working lands and permanent protection of forested and sensitive lands to benefit surface water, groundwater, and habitat quality.



CAMP RIPLEY
SENTINEL LANDSCAPE



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