



Richland County
U.S. Senators Graham and Scott
U.S. Representative Clyburn (SC-6)

The Conservation Fund is partnering with the Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium (MAJIC) to prevent urban encroachment around the five MAJIC installations—Fort Jackson, Shaw Air Force Base, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Poinsett Bombing Range, and McCrady Training Center. The MAJIC installations are used by all four Services for an array of training purposes. Utilizing funding from the Department of Defense’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI), The Conservation Fund is conserving priority lands to limit incompatible development—like housing developments that could result in complaints about noise, dust, and smoke from military exercises—that would threaten the training missions of the MAJIC installations.

Love Farms (782 acres):

In March 2019, The Conservation Fund acquired the 782-acre Love Farms property, which was conveyed to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) on September 27, 2019, to create the Love Farm Wildlife Management Area & Nat Love Youth Special Hunt Area. This was made possible with federal funding from the REPI program and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Program, as well as state funding.

The land features open farmland, duck ponds, swamps, three miles of frontage along the Wateree River, and an island in the River. It will ultimately be open for public recreational access, including shooting sports, hunting, and youth activities, including continuing hunts for Gold Star youth—those who have lost a parent in combat or while serving on active duty.

The permanent protection of Love Farms will buffer Fort Jackson and McCrady Training Center from encroachment and prevent development underneath the flight paths of the other MAJIC installations.

Federal Agency and Funding Account

Department of Defense

Bill: Defense Appropriations

Account: Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program

Funding Overview

Total Cost = \$2,959,000

REPI = \$614,968 (FY14 & FY15)

USFWS Wildlife Restoration Program = \$2,100,000

South Carolina State Funding = \$244,032

Status

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Key Features

- Conserves land along the Wateree River for public recreational access, including hunting, shooting sports, and youth activities
- Prevents incompatible development near Fort Jackson and McCrady Training Center and underneath the flight paths of Shaw Air Force Base, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, and Poinsett Bombing Range

Partnership

Army National Guard, South Carolina National Guard, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Conservation Fund



About The Conservation Fund

At The Conservation Fund, we make conservation work for America. By creating solutions that make environmental and economic sense, we are re-defining conservation to demonstrate its essential role in our future prosperity. Top-ranked for efficiency and effectiveness, we have worked in all 50 states since 1985 to protect over 8 million acres of land.

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