

Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability

**Overview Brief** 





## What is SERPPAS

 Established in 2005, SERPPAS is a unique six-state partnership that promotes collaborative decision-making to support the conservation and resilience of national defense, natural resources, working lands and communities in the Southeast







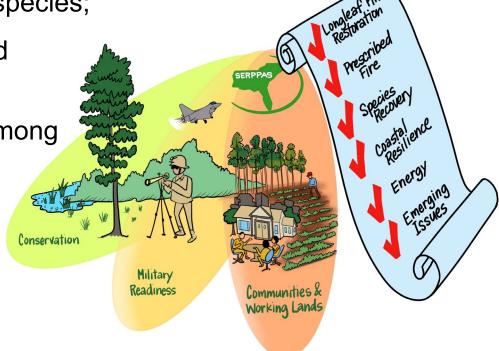
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- SERPPAS promotes collaborative decision-making between public and private partners to:
  - support the military mission;

conserve key habitats and species;

sustain rural economies and industries; and

 foster better coordination among local, state, and federal stakeholders in the region.





# **Principals and Member Agencies**

STATES	FEDERAL AGENCIES
Alabama	Office of the Secretary of Defense
Florida	Military Service Departments (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps)
Georgia	US Army Corps of Engineers
Mississippi	US Forest Service
North Carolina	US Fish and Wildlife Service
South Carolina	USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
*State involvement includes State	US Environmental Protection Agency
agencies with responsibilities for	US Geological Survey
natural resources, working lands and military affairs	National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration



# **Principals and Member Agencies**

- Principal members are the senior leadership of participating
   State and Federal agencies and leaders from the Department of
   Defense and the military services
- Co-chaired by Principals representing the:
  - Department of Defense's Office of the Secretary of Defense
    - Current: Mr. Richard Kidd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment & Energy Resilience
  - State partners (2-year term)
    - Current (2021 2023): Ms. Callie DeHaven, Director of State Lands,
       FL Department of Environmental Protection
- The State Principal serves on a rotating basis
- The Steering Committee is comprised of a Principals' representative



# **Mission and Objectives**

 SERPPAS mission: to seize opportunities and solve problems in value-adding ways that provide mutual and multiple benefits to the partners, sustain the individual and collective missions of partner organizations, and secure the future for all the partners, the region, and the nation.



Minimize incompatible development with decisions that are beneficial to the military mission, community well-being, rural economics, and environmental requirements.



Increase partnerships to improve conservation, the economy, quality of life, resilience, and military readiness.



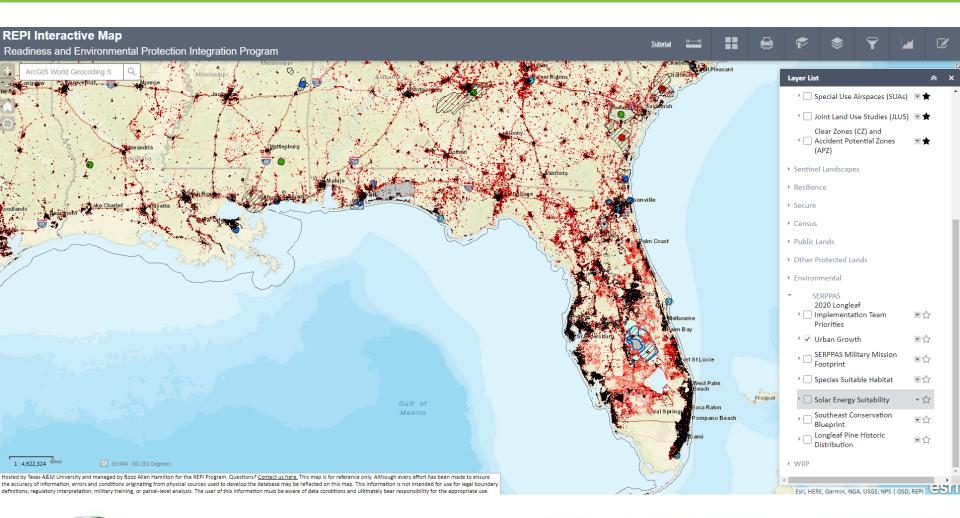
Utilize data rich and GIS-based maps to identify overlapping and compatible partner priorities.



Develop policy initiatives and promote innovative projects that support the SERPPAS mission.



# **SERPPAS Good Map**





# **SERPPAS Focus Areas**



# Sentinel Landscapes in the Southeast

Connects currently designated and future Sentinel Landscapes to address shared challenges, share lessons learned, and promote the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership's mission in the Southeast.



#### At-Risk, Threatened, and Endangered Species

Collaborates with partners to promote innovative strategies for conservation of at-risk and listed species and increases flexibility for addressing impacts to both military missions and species.



#### Southeast Prescribed Fire Initiative

Develops and implements a
Comprehensive Prescribed Fire
Strategy that promotes prescribed
fire as a land management tool to
minimize the risk of destructive
wildfires while restoring critical
habitat and species in the Southeast.



#### Coastal Resilience and Regional Adaptation

Fosters collaboration among partners to build capacity, develop plans, share resources, and implement projects that address climate adaptation and increase resilience for military installations and communities.

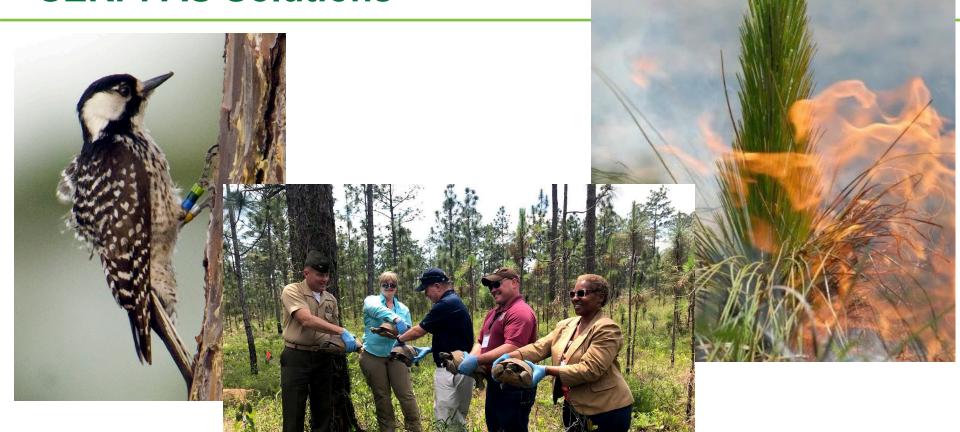


# **Energy Development** and Siting

Collaborates with partners to encourage robust coordination and promote effective use of new or existing tools that could aid developers' ability to address potential impacts to military mission and natural resources.



# **SERPPAS Solutions**







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## Report on Effects of a Changing Climate to the Department of Defense



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# **SERPPAS Meetings**

- Annual Principals Meeting (May)
- Annual Steering Committee Meetings
  - Spring (March)
  - Fall (September)
- Annual Focused Meeting (Winter)
  - To delve deeper into a topic or topics led by SERPPAS work groups





# **Annual Principals Meeting**

- Each year, the SERPPAS Principals
   Meeting serves as an opportunity to:
  - Connect the SERPPAS Principals to each other and the progress towards the SERPPAS mission
  - Highlight a specific geographic area that represents a component of the military mission (different states and military installations as the host) as well as the unique ecosystems and natural resource challenges
  - Connect with the people and communities that rely on and sustain both.





