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Our Installations Supporting the War: Relevant and Ready

**“Sustain the Mission –
Secure the Future”**

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What is Sustainability?

Sustainability – “a sustainable Army simultaneously meets current as well as future mission requirements worldwide, safeguards human health, improves quality of life, and enhances the natural environment.”

(Army Strategy for the Environment, 2004)

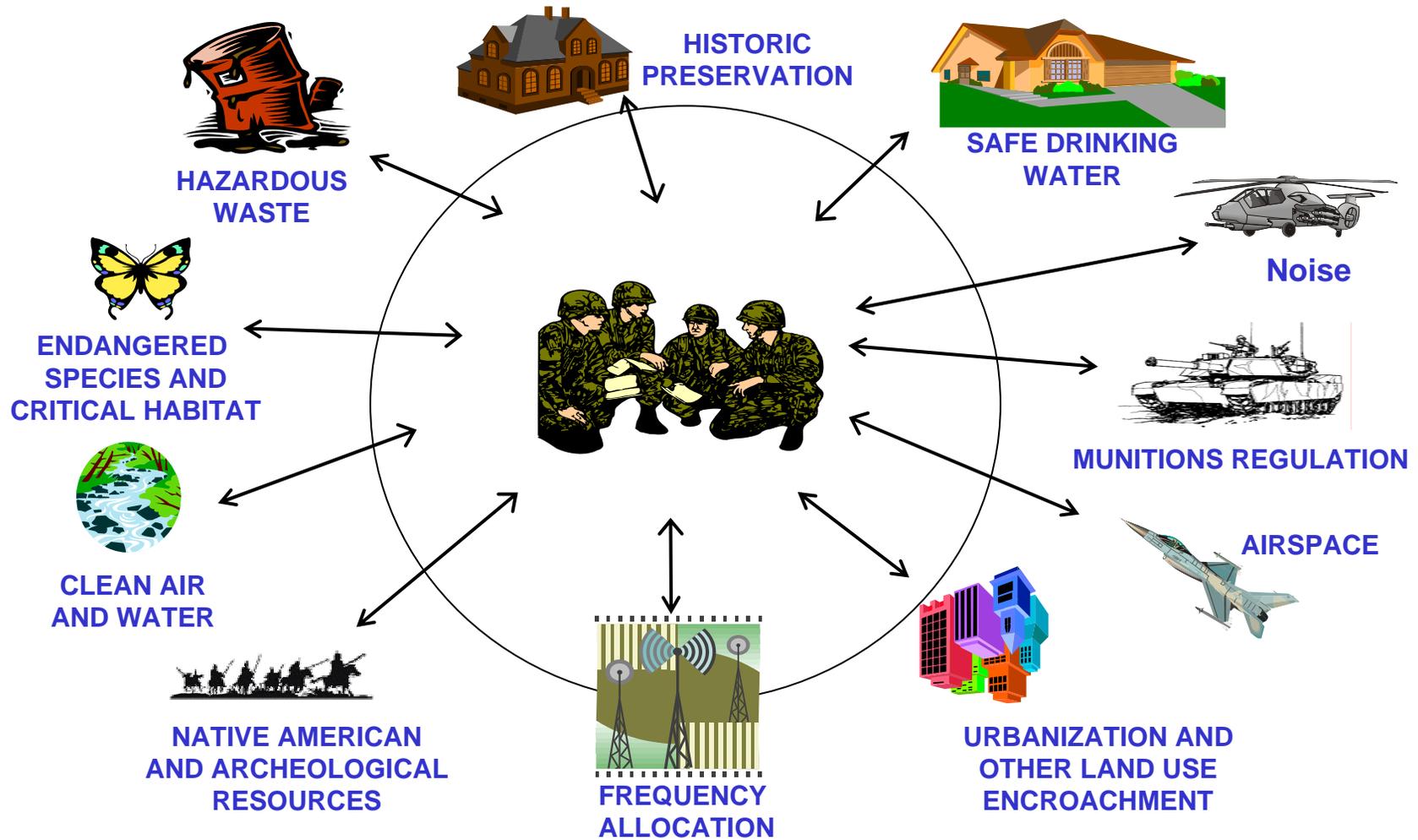


Sustainability as a solution to...

- **Strategic Level** – *Mankind is exceeding the earth's capacity to provide resources and absorb wastes.*
- **Operational Level** – *We face decreasing access to natural resources and livable regions which will lead to greater potential for conflict and military deployments.*
- **Tactical Level** – *We are facing increasing encroachment pressures on our installations that threaten our ability to provide realistic, battle-focused training for our soldiers.*



Increasing Pressures





US Army Sustainability Initiatives

- Sustainable Design and Development Policy
- Sustainable Range Management Plan
 - Integrated Training Area Management
 - Range Assessments
- Sustainable Range Design R&D Program
- Army Installation Sustainability Program -- Forts Bragg, Lewis, Hood, Carson, Campbell, McPherson, and more are coming on-line.
- ***The Army Strategy for the Environment***





Army Strategy for the Environment

“Sustain the Mission – Secure the Future”

- **Army Environmental Program undergoing significant change**
- **Vision: long-term sustainability**
- **Supports Army in all missions**
- **Applies to all Army units, organizations, personnel, suppliers, support contractors, and partners.**

OUR GOALS

- **Foster a sustainable ethic**
- **Strengthen Army operations**
- **Meet test, training and mission requirements**
- **Minimize impacts and total ownership costs**
- **Enhance Well-being**
- **Drive Innovation**

“Triple bottom line” -- Mission, Environment, Communities.

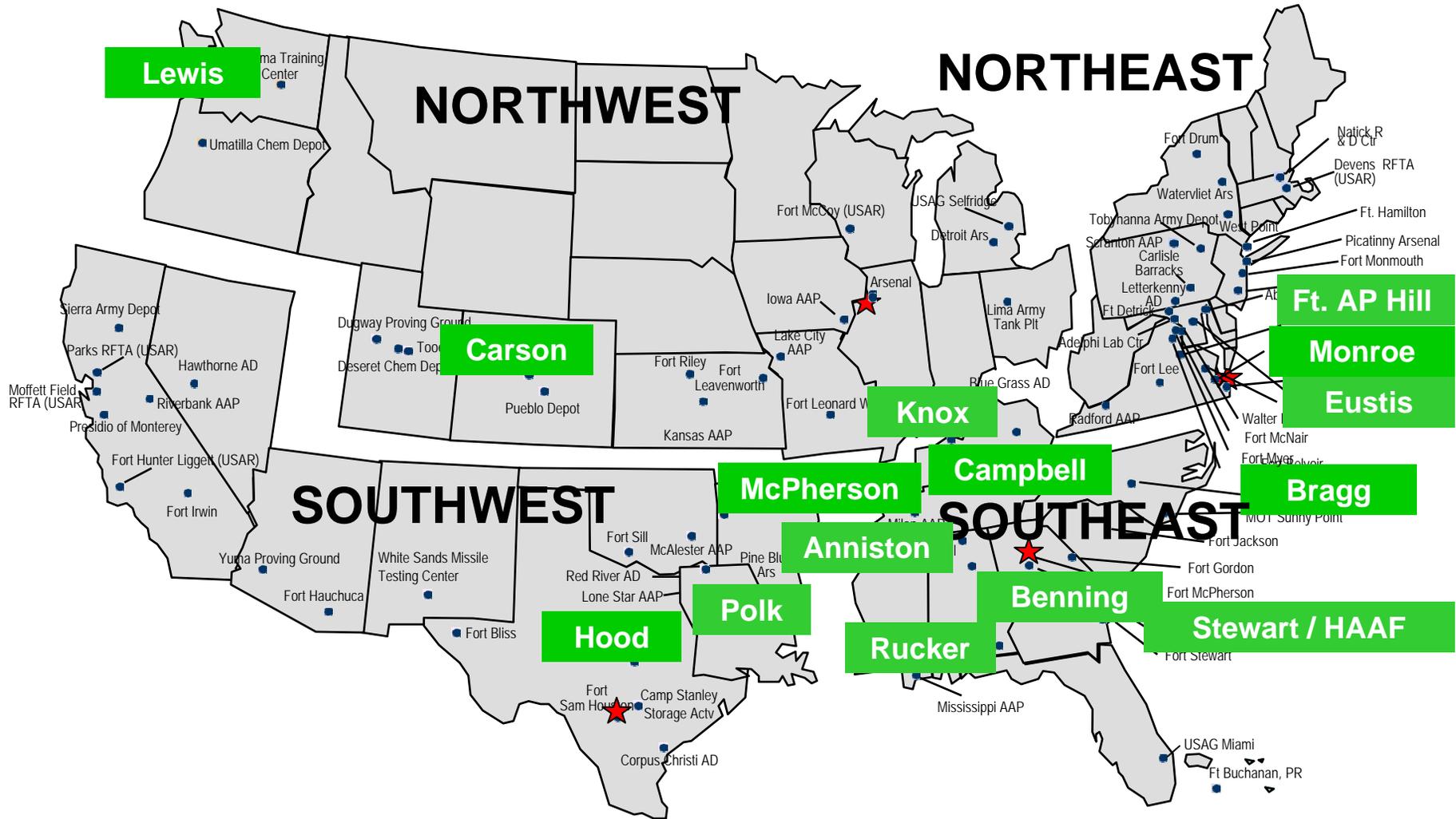


Sustainability is about Balance





Installation Sustainability Initiatives





Success Stories

- **Facilities Goals** –
 - Renewable, Secure Energy
 - Build to Spirit Standards
- **Water Goals** –
 - Reduce Use, Improve Quality
- **Regional Goals** –
 - Joint Planning and Outreach
- **Procurement Goals** –
 - Recyclable Materials, No Waste
- **Transportation Goals** –
 - Clean and Convenient
- **Military Training Goals** –
 - Better Land Use On and Off Post





What we are hearing...



“I'm trying to think of an area around the State *where the dominant industry is taking the lead in sustainability* - I can't think of one.”

Secretary William D. Ross, NC Dept of Environment



“*Create a win-win proposition for land use and environmental stewardship.*”

LTG Thomas F. Metz, CG, III Corps



“I offer my congratulations to the men and women of Fort Lewis. *Your sustainability program is bold, pioneering, visionary.*”

Honorable Gary Locke, Governor



Installation Sustainability

“Sustainability connects our activities today to those of tomorrow with sound business and environmental practices. We have learned over the past decades that simply complying with environmental regulations will not ensure that we will be able to sustain our mission. We must strive to become systems thinkers if we are to benefit from the interrelationships of the *triple bottom line* of sustainability: mission, environment, and community.”

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