

VIRGINIA SECURITY CORRIDOR

SENTINEL LANDSCAPE

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The Virginia Security Corridor is comprised of two sentinel landscapes: Potomac and Tidewater. This region encompasses over 2.9 million acres of land and water in Virginia’s “Golden Crescent,” an area of high military concentration, population growth, urban sprawl, and a growing technology industry. It is also home to some of the Commonwealth’s most abundant resources, including intact forests, open and agricultural lands, and complex marsh and riverine systems that connect to the nation’s largest estuary—the Chesapeake Bay.

The Virginia Security Corridor supports 10 military installations representing every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. Specifically, the Potomac Sentinel Landscape is anchored by Marine Corps Base Quantico and the Tidewater Sentinel Landscape is anchored by Joint Base Langley Eustis.

Partners established the Virginia Security Corridor to safeguard military testing and training activities, promote the use of Virginia’s working lands, enhance resilience to climate-induced hazards, and conserve and restore vital habitats for improved water quality and protection of endangered species. These sentinel landscapes will also provide a connection between the Middle Chesapeake and Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes, enabling coordination of opportunities at a regional scale.

Landscape Goals



Work collaboratively with landowners to implement the Virginia Joint Land Use Study recommendations to foster compatible use and resilience near military installations, while retaining at-risk working forest and agricultural lands.



Support comprehensive initiatives for coastal resilience, water management, and forest/fire management to mitigate the impacts of natural hazards, including inland and coastal flooding, and uphold water quality goals, particularly for the Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle-Pamlico estuary.



Stimulate economic growth in rural areas that is compatible with the objectives of military installations, safeguarding high conservation value lands to preserve dark skies and natural habitats.



Focus on land concerns (encroachment, forest health, arable and conservation lands, fire/flood abatement) in the north, central, and southwestern regions and water quality concerns in the southeastern region, while ensuring complementary efforts across all regions.

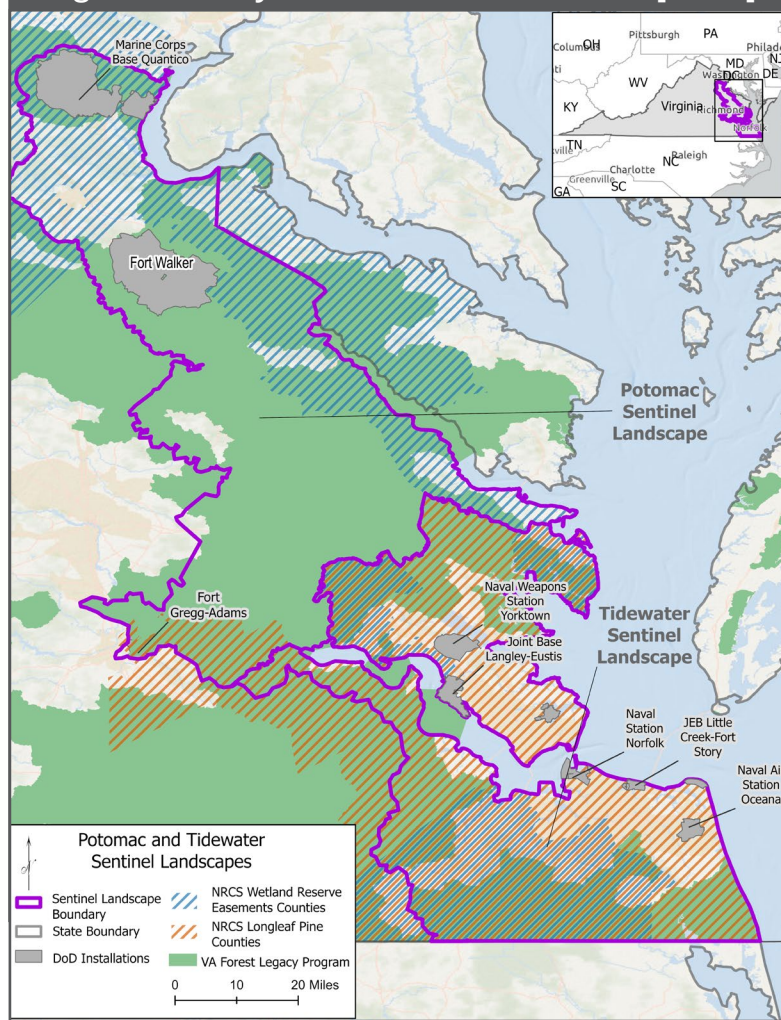


Air Force Thunderbirds practice at Joint Base Langley-Eustis (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Anthony Nin Leclerec)

LANDSCAPE DETAIL

Total Sentinel Landscape Area:		
1,606,512 acres (Potomac)	1,343,153 acres (Tidewater)	
Total Protected Acres:	Total Enrolled Acres:	Active Base Area Acres:
0	0	194,711
<small>From year established through fiscal year 2022</small>	<small>For fiscal year 2022</small>	

Virginia Security Corridor Sentinel Landscape Map



Key Partners

- ▶ Agua Fund
- ▶ American Battlefield Trust
- ▶ Capital Region Land Conservancy
- ▶ Caroline County
- ▶ City of Bowling Green
- ▶ City of Hampton
- ▶ Crater Planning District Commission
- ▶ Ducks Unlimited
- ▶ Essex County
- ▶ Fauquier County
- ▶ Friends of the Lower Appomattox
- ▶ Friends of the Rappahannock
- ▶ Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance
- ▶ Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- ▶ Indigenous Conservation Council
- ▶ King George County
- ▶ Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
- ▶ Northern Virginia Regional Commission
- ▶ Piedmont Environmental Council
- ▶ Port Royal
- ▶ Prince William Conservation Alliance
- ▶ Prince William County
- ▶ Rappahannock Regional Commission
- ▶ Rappahannock River Basin Commission
- ▶ Rappahannock River Roundtable
- ▶ Richmond Regional Commission
- ▶ Safford County
- ▶ Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability
- ▶ Spotsylvania County
- ▶ The Black Family Land Trust
- ▶ The Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- ▶ The Chesapeake Conservancies
- ▶ The Conservation Fund
- ▶ The Nature Conservancy
- ▶ The Pew Charitable Trusts
- ▶ The Virginia Agri-Business Council
- ▶ The Virginia Environmental Endowment
- ▶ The Virginia Forest Products Association
- ▶ The Virginia Forestry Association
- ▶ The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation
- ▶ Trust for Public Land
- ▶ Virginia Association of Counties
- ▶ Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- ▶ Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- ▶ Virginia Department of Forestry
- ▶ Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources
- ▶ Virginia Farm Bureau
- ▶ Virginia Forever
- ▶ Virginia Municipal League
- ▶ Virginia United Association of Land Trusts



Controlled burn at Marine Corps Base Quantico (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Webster Rison)



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