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Open House to Discuss the Status of the Camp Ripley ACUB Program March 14, 2013

Camp Ripley along with its partners continue to implement the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) Program. The (ACUB) program is a voluntary program for landowners that own land within a 3- mile buffer around Camp Ripley. Camp Ripley intends to accomplish the ACUB program by using a proactive approach with willing land-owners and partners such as Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) and Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) (thru the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts). Various land protection measures will be used to establish the compatible land use buffer to include acquisition and conservation easements.

The purpose of the ACUB initiative is to create and enhance a natural buffer around Camp Ripley by taking advantage of available opportunities to prevent encroachment and enhance conservation and land management. By securing a buffer, Camp Ripley can continue to offer and provide critically important high quality military training and operations to ensure combat readiness, as well as mitigate community development encroachment around the Training Center.

The program continues to be successful with 93 land transactions completed representing 12,572 acres. **To learn more about the status of the ACUB program, you are invited to an Open House at the Town Hall Building on Camp Ripley Minnesota on March 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm.** Directions will be provided to you at the Camp Ripley Main Gate. Coffee and cookies will be served.