

## Fort Bragg Wins Army Environmental Award

Fort Bragg has won the **Secretary of the Army's 2009 Environmental Award for natural resource conservation**. On Earth Day 2010 (April 22), [Tad Davis](#), the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for the Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, presented the award to Fort Bragg's **Natural Resources Team** at a ceremony at Range 28.

Mr. Davis was Fort Bragg's Garrison Commander between 2000-2003 and was one of the founders of Sustainable Sandhills in 2003, along with Bill Ross, the Secretary of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources from 2001-2009.



The story of Fort Bragg's environmental challenges and successes really began in 1990, when the US Fish and Wildlife Service first restricted military training activities on the installation to provide protection for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW), whose numbers had dwindled to just a few hundred breeding groups. In 2006, after a sustained 15+ years of effort, the cross-functional team from the installation and a diverse group of environmental partners from the region and state celebrated meeting the recovery goal for RCW potential breeding groups.

The Team from Fort Bragg has shared its experiences with other Army installations, and has even physically transferred RCW to other installations to assist with those RCW recovery efforts. In addition, 3,100 acres of previously restricted land became available for maneuver training in 2009, thanks to the sustained success of the recovery, monitoring and management plan that continues to be executed by the award-winning Natural Resources Team:

- Endangered Species Branch
- Forestry Branch
- Wildlife Branch
- Master Planning Division
- Environmental Management Branch
- Range Control



During the awards ceremony in April, **Fort Bragg Garrison Commander Colonel Stephen Sicinski** also took time to present **Green Directorate**

certificates to a group of leaders who have become certified in the Green Directorate Program. The Garrison's Green Directorate Program was adapted from the Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Program by a group of

dedicated Sustainability Planners in the Environmental Management Branch. The Fort Bragg Directorates receiving certificates included:



- Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Headquarters
- Two Directorate of Public Works Headquarters
- Three Directorate of Logistics Headquarters
- Four Installation Safety Offices
- Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization Headquarters
- Five Directorate of Public Works Engineering and Master Planning Divisions
- Directorate of Public Works Environmental Management and Compliance Branches
- Six Directorate of Plans, Training, and Mobilization Range Control
- Directorate of Logistics, ITT
- Special recognition to Army Lodging for their Green Lodging Program

**Congratulations to Fort Bragg's Secretary of the Army Environmental Award winners and to the first group of certified Green Directorates!**

Check these links for more detailed information about [Fort Bragg's Natural Resources Team](#) and the [Long Leaf Pine ecosystem and RCW recovery efforts in the Sandhills region of Southeastern NC](#).

Check these links for more information about the [Fort Bragg Green Directorate Program](#) and the [Sustainable Sandhills Green Business Program](#).