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Savannah District



THE SAVANNAH DISTRICT: BUILDING STRONG®

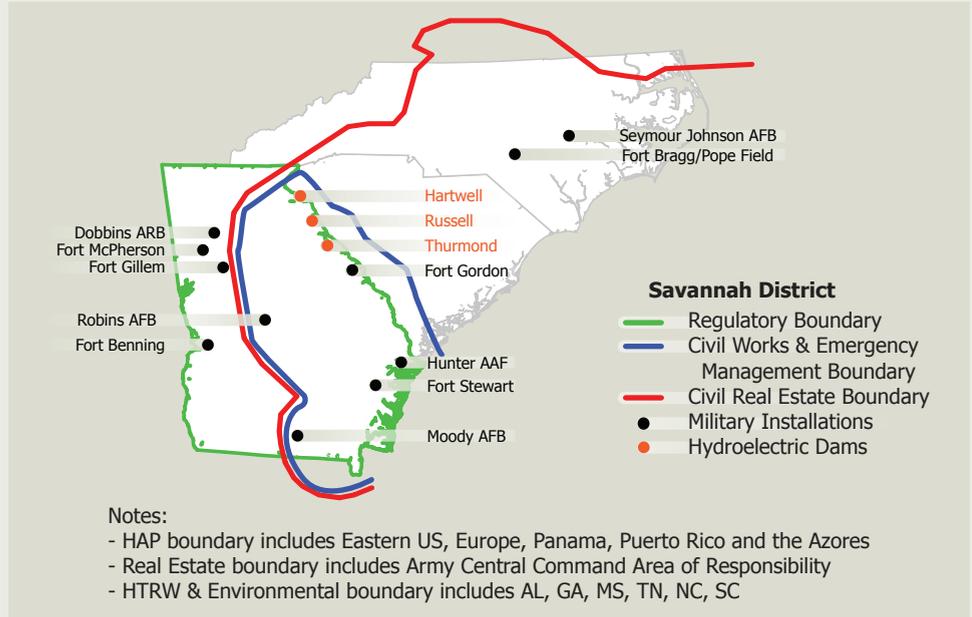
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Building Strong now and for the future

Established in 1829, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District was originally charged with constructing Fort Pulaski and surveying the Savannah River. Since then, the district has played a major role in the construction of military installations throughout the southeast and the management of water resources in the Savannah River Basin and Coastal Georgia.

With more than 1,100 employees throughout Georgia and the Carolinas, the Savannah district team provides expertise across a wide range of disciplines—from engineering, architecture, design, construction, and master planning to subsurface exploration, hydropower, and environmental stewardship.

The district stands ready to deliver innovative solutions to the engineering and environmental challenges of the region and nation. Working with stakeholders and customers, the team is developing emerging technologies, sharing resources, and honing specialized engineering skills that will lead the way to a stronger and more sustainable tomorrow.



Environmental Stewardship

Conserving and sustaining natural resources

The Savannah district has close ties to conserving and protecting the natural environment. With every project, the Corps strives to balance the needs of human development with those of the environment, while always keeping sustainability at the forefront of its actions. Environmental efforts include:

- Incorporating eco-friendly and sustainable design features into military construction projects using the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system—the same standards used by the private sector

- Operating extensive fish and wildlife programs at dam and reservoir projects
- Providing habitat for hundreds of species of birds at dredge disposal areas
- Ensuring safe clean-up of Formerly Used Defense Sites

The Savannah district takes its environmental responsibility very seriously. Every effort is made to first avoid, then reduce or, lastly, compensate for any environmental impacts.



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Military Programs Building Strong for America's Armed Forces



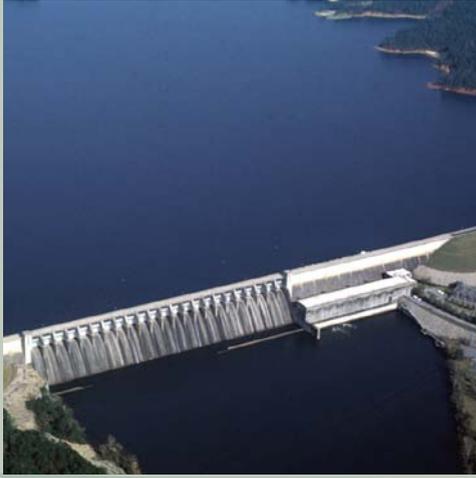
The Savannah district's primary mission is to provide engineering solutions and quality construction support to America's warfighters. With a \$2.5 billion military construction program, the Savannah district proudly supports 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Projects include barracks, hospitals, maintenance facilities, headquarters buildings, hangars and child care centers.

The Savannah district contracts with some of the nation's best and largest construction companies, while also setting aside a portion of construction

dollars every year for qualified small businesses.

With the help of construction partners in the private sector, the Corps strengthens the nation's security by providing the best military facilities where service members train, work and live.

Additionally, the Savannah district's full-service real estate team acquires, manages and leases land for military installations and Armed Forces recruiting stations. Globally, the district supports military real estate activities spanning 10 time zones, including areas in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.



Civil Works Programs

Supporting the economy and environment

The Savannah district ensures that commerce has safe and adequate access to and from the Georgia coast and beyond by performing annual maintenance of the Savannah and Brunswick harbors. While Congress granted this responsibility to the Corps under the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, the Savannah district continues that mission today by not only maintaining the harbors and sustaining their ecosystems, but also by exploring reasonable improvements under the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project.

The Savannah district also operates and maintains three hydroelectric dams and reservoirs along the upper Savannah River—Hartwell, Richard B. Russell and J. Strom Thurmond. These projects are part of a balanced water management system that provides flood risk management, water supply, recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, navigation for commerce, and hydropower. In fact, they produce enough electricity to meet the annual energy needs of more than 150,000 households. They are also havens for outdoor recreation, encompassing more than 200,000 acres of land and water and attracting more than 17.5 million visitors annually.

Emergency & Contingency Response

Serving the nation at home and abroad

The Savannah district emergency management team stands ready to deploy across the globe in response to natural and man-made disasters. For domestic response, the Corps assists the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency by coordinating and organizing public works and engineering-related support.

The Savannah district has one of the highest response rates in the Corps for Overseas

Contingency Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and has deployed more than 200 voluntary team members to facilitate the construction of critical infrastructure and public facilities for these countries.

Also, Savannah district's 542nd Engineer Detachment—a specialized soldier and civilian team—deploys overseas with Army units and provides commanders with technical assessments, design and construction management services.



Regulatory Program

Protecting Georgia's streams and wetlands

The Savannah district is a critical steward of the nation's aquatic resources. Under the Clean Water Act, regulatory experts evaluate permit applications from developers, communities and private citizens who plan construction or excavation near streams and wetlands in the state of Georgia.

The Regulatory Division oversees one of the most robust mitigation banking programs in the nation. Mitigation banks are streams, wetlands or other aquatic areas that have been restored, established, enhanced or preserved. These lands are used to

generate credits that are sold to permittees as compensation for any environmental impacts associated with a Corps permit.

With field offices throughout the state, the regulatory team interacts with the public daily, whether by inspecting proposed project sites or educating citizens on federal laws protecting wetlands. The Corps' role is to protect the nation's aquatic resources while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible and balanced permitting decisions.



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Community Outreach

Education, outreach and business partnerships

Community outreach is an integral part of the Savannah district's business approach. The district embraces educational partnerships with schools and universities to foster math and science skills in students—America's engineers of the future.

Team members support environmental education and outreach events to inform the public on important Corps programs. Park rangers make water

safety education a part of their day-to-day schedules in the lake communities.

The district also supports partnerships with large and small businesses through millions of dollars in contracting opportunities. These contracts provide valuable job opportunities and economic benefits within the communities the Savannah district proudly serves.



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