

Current SERPPAS Areas of Interest



SERPPAS aims to combine an effective working relationship with a good GIS map to result in multiple and mutual benefits for all partners.



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The Southeastern United States is facing many growth issues

Rapid population growth in the Southeastern United States is resulting in increasing urban sprawl. The conversion of land into developed communities has resulted in the loss of agricultural land, critical wildlife habitats, and working landscapes such as farms, forests, and fisheries. Sprawl has also increased encroachment on military installations, which hinders the military's ability to train effectively.



SERPPAS focuses on preserving the longleaf pine ecosystem.

What does SERPPAS do?

SERPPAS partners seek to work with community leaders and citizens to encourage resource use decisions that support conservation of natural resources, economic development, the missions of our military installations, as well as other issues that must be considered to provide a sustainable world for future generations.

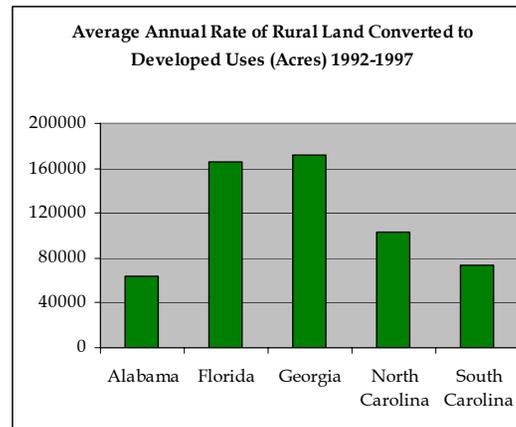
SERPPAS is a regional partnership

In 2005 state environmental and natural resource officials from across the southeast partnered with the Department of Defense to form the Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS) to promote better collaboration in making resource use decisions.

Partners include:

- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Georgia
- Florida
- Alabama
- Office of the Secretary of Defense and Military Services

Non-governmental organizations and other federal agencies are also involved in specific project implementation.



Land conversion rates from American Farmland Trust's Farmland Information Center

SERPPAS focuses on a variety of sustainability issues

- Building working relationships among states, communities and the military to improve conservation, the economy, quality of life, sustainability, and military readiness
- Promote compatible use of military, agricultural, and forestry lands
- Mapping marine/coastal regions, and identifying interested stakeholders
- Examining policy and possible legislation to support maintaining working lands
- Promoting resource use that is both compatible with and complementary to military requirements
- Preserving the longleaf pine habitat including the protection of species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker and the gopher tortoise, forests, farmlands, and recreational areas