



**Southeast Regional Partnership For Planning And Sustainability
(SERPPAS)
3 MAIN MEDIA POINTS**

1. 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. It is, therefore, essential for communities to engage in the sustainable use of natural resources to balance and optimize the health and safety of the environment and surrounding communities, while promoting economic development and military readiness.
2. SERPPAS partners are able to address conservation, economic, and sustainability issues by developing strong working relationships among regions, communities, state governments, and the military.
3. SERPPAS is a collaborative effort among states of the Southeast (NC, SC, GA, FL, AL), the Department of Defense, and other Federal agencies to focus on regional solutions and interdependent use of entire ecosystems.