

Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide information about the military training activities that took place at the former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

During World War II, the former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex was used for bombing, strafing and rocket fire training exercises. The property was also used as a gunnery training range for fighter pilots and instructors flying missions out of Suffolk Air Force Base and Mitchel Field Army Air Base. Additionally, the Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex served as a Combined Air Defense Training Area in which Air Signal Warning Fighter Control and anti-aircraft units engaged in defense exercises. An area of the former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex, known as Bombing & Gunnery Range Complex, has been identified through historical research and site visits as having potential explosive hazards. The munitions known or suspected to have been used at the range include general purpose bombs, practice bombs, rockets and small arms ammunition.

The former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex is located in Westhampton, New York, in Suffolk County, and is part of the Long Island Central Pine Barrens Groundwater Conservation Area. The land is publicly and privately owned, and is used for residential and industrial purposes.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain on the Bombing & Gunnery Range Complex, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that landowners and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



Practice rocket debris at the former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex

Former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex

For More Information



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination and military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense activities at Formerly Used Defense Sites, also referred to as FUDS.

For information about the former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex, contact the FUDS Information Center by calling the toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). For general information about the FUDS Program, visit www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

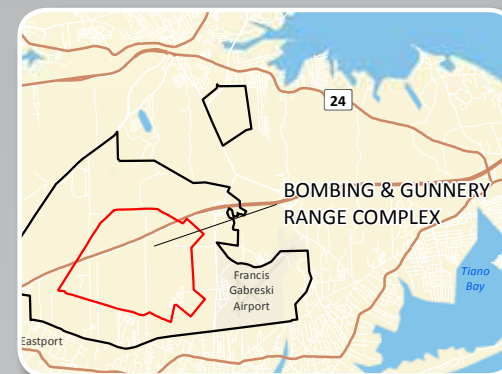


Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:
www.denix.osd.mil/uxo

3Rs Safety Guide

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New York
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Bombing & Gunnery Range Complex



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An aircraft that dropped practice bombs at the former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex was the P-40 Warhawk

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of potential hazards exist?

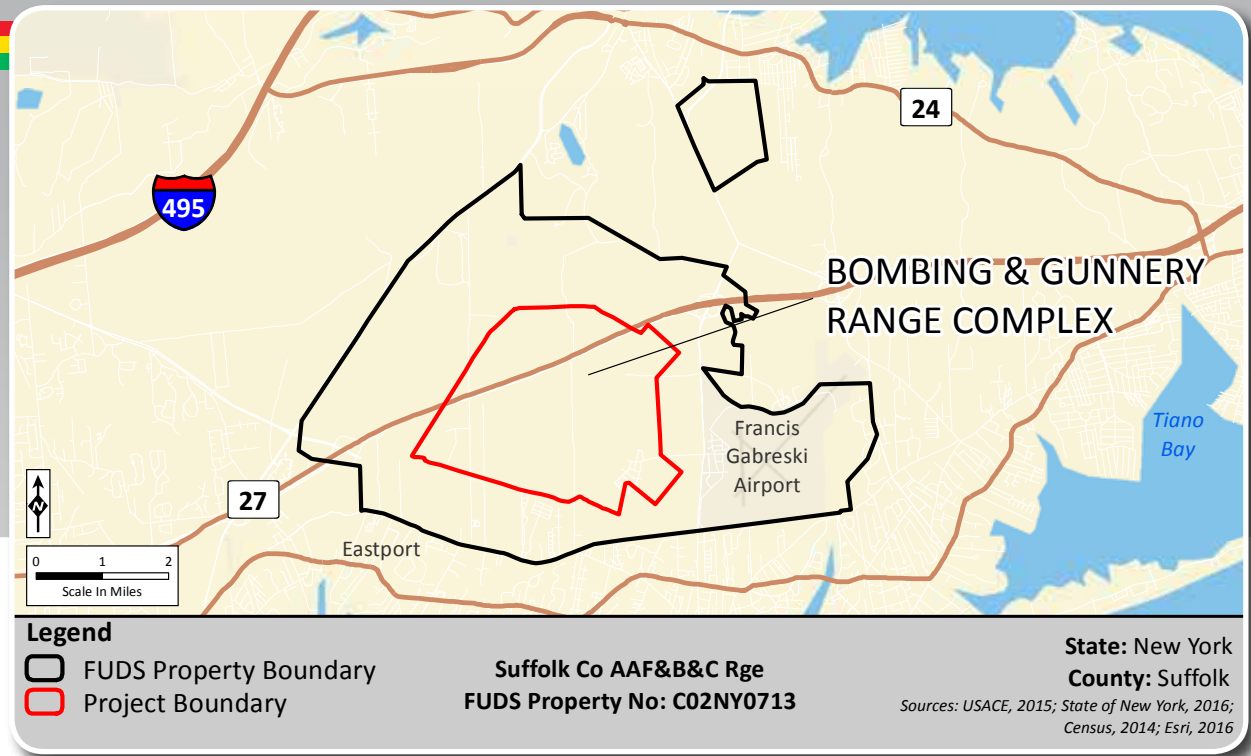
A: Military munitions, such as general purpose bombs, practice bombs, rockets and small arms ammunition, were potentially used at the former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

Q: What do I do if I suspect I may have come across a military munition?

A: If you suspect you may have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **Recognize** – when you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous; **Retreat** – do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **Report** – call **911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

Q: What are the findings of the work that the government has completed?

A: Historical research and site inspections indicate that military munitions were potentially used at this range, and some munitions may remain on the



property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the Bombing & Gunnery Range Complex at the former Suffolk County Army Air Field Range Complex.

Q: What will be done next?

A: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material that is based on the 3Rs available to landowners and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with landowners as it plans required response activities.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: For more information, call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). Additional information can be found by searching on the property name, Suffolk Co AAF&B&C Rge, in the Geographical Information System tool on the Formerly Used Defense Sites website at www.fuds.mil.

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