

Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide information about the military training activities that took place at the former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

The former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright was used from 1898 to 1949 for military training and coastal defense activities. The fort included 12 gun emplacements, small arms ranges, various buildings and a small air field. An area of the former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright, known as Range Complex #1, 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 small to large caliber munitions and small arms ammunition.

The former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright is located in the town of Southold, in Suffolk County, New York. The property lies on the western and southern edges of Fishers Island, between Long Island and Connecticut. The land is publicly and privately owned. A portion of the property is used by the Elizabeth Field airport, with the remainder of the property used for commercial, industrial, residential and educational purposes.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain on the Range Complex #1, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that landowners and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



Example of a large caliber munition

Former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright

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 Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright, 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

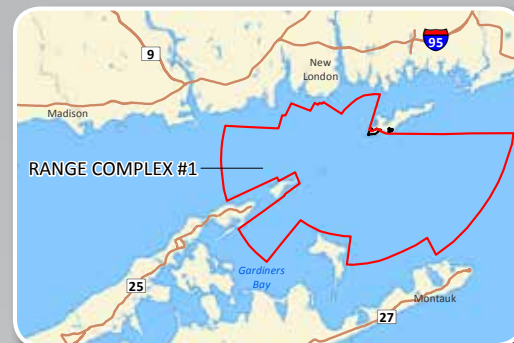


Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:
www.denix.osd.mil/uxo

3Rs Safety Guide

Former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright

**New York
Suffolk County**



Range Complex #1



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The former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright, Battery Dutton, early 1900s

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of potential hazards exist?

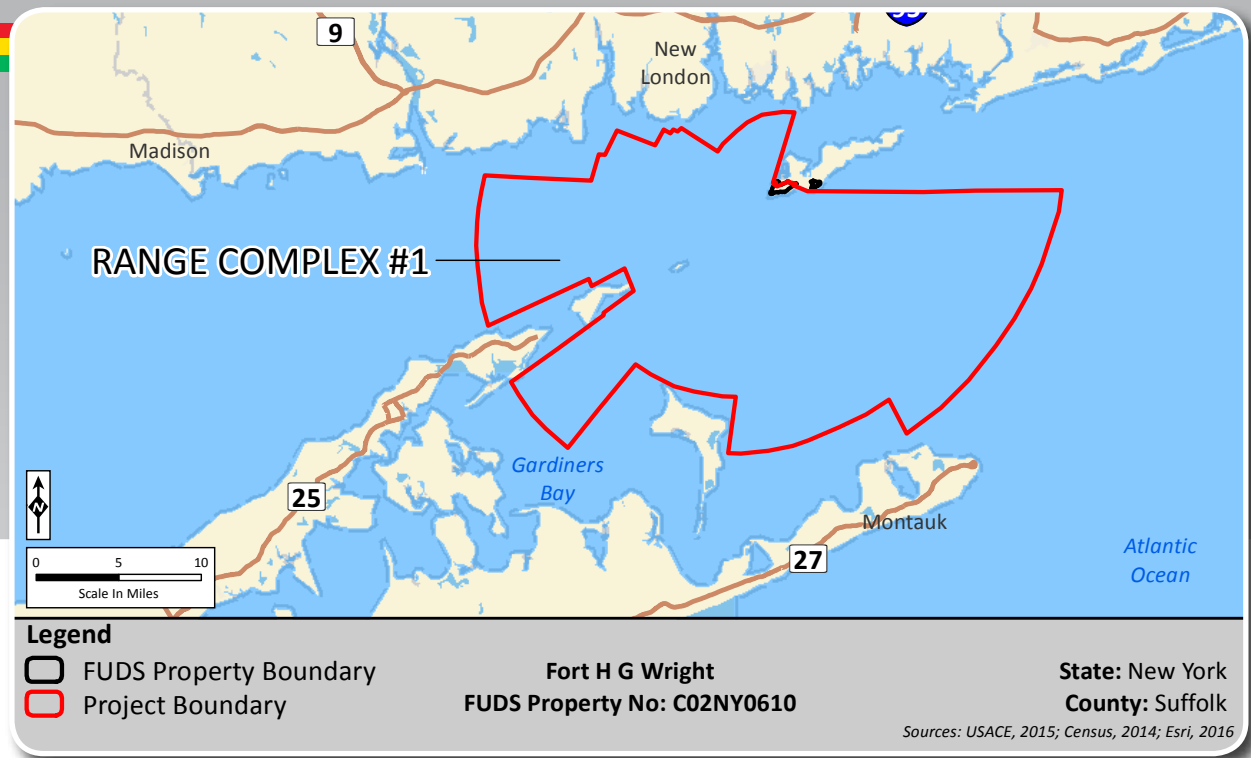
A: Military munitions, such as small to large caliber munitions and small arms ammunition, were potentially used at the former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

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: **R**ecognize – when you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous; **R**etreat – do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **R**eport – 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 complex, and some munitions may remain on



the property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the Range Complex #1 at the former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright.

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 the landowners and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with the 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, Fort H G Wright, in the Geographical Information System tool on the Formerly Used Defense Sites website at www.fuds.mil.

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.

Report

call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.