

## Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide information about the military 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, also known as Fort H G Wright, was used from 1898 to 1949 for military training and coastal defense. An area associated with the former Fort H G 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 medium to large caliber munitions and small arms ammunition.

The Range Complex #1 extends from Fishers Island into the waters of Gardiners Bay, Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean in Suffolk County, New York; New London County, Connecticut; and Washington County, Rhode Island. The land within this former range is publicly and privately owned, and is used as an airfield and for commercial, industrial, residential and educational purposes. The water area within this former range is publicly managed.

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



Example of medium caliber munitions

## Former Fort H G Wright

### For More Information



**US Army Corps of Engineers.**

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 H G 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](http://www.fuds.mil).

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety



Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:  
<https://3Rs.mil>

## 3Rs Safety Guide

### Former Fort Horatio Gouverneur Wright

**Connecticut**  
**New London County**

**New York**  
**Suffolk County**

**Rhode Island**  
**Washington County**



### Range Complex #1



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Source: National Archives and Records Administration

A gun emplacement at the former Fort H G Wright, early 1900s

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What types of potential hazards exist?

**A:** Military munitions, such as medium to large caliber munitions and small arms ammunition, are known or suspected to have been used at the Range Complex #1. 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:** Based on historical research and site inspections, military munitions are known or suspected to have been used at this range, and some munitions may

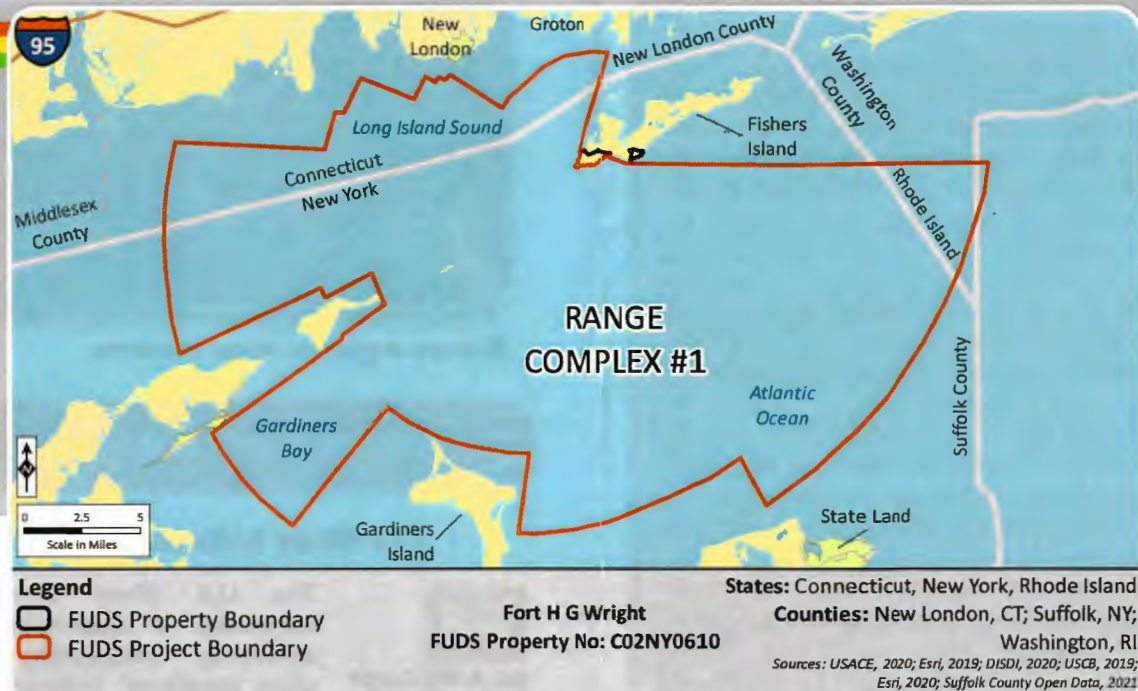
remain on the land and in the waters of the Range Complex #1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the Range Complex #1 at the former Fort H G Wright.

**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 landowners, waterbody managers and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with landowners and waterbody managers 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 GIS Tool that is available by clicking on the Interim Risk Management link at [www.fuds.mil](http://www.fuds.mil).



## Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

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