

# Sustainable Ozarks Partnership

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Our mission is critical due to the recent release of the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA), which includes a plan for possible force reductions at Fort Leonard Wood through 2020. The Department of Defense is also considering a possible base realignment and closure (BRAC) process in the future.

It is now even more imperative that the region work together to ensure we support the FLW region during the current challenges and help create the right conditions so that the region can grow and thrive in the future.

The SOP has spent the past two years focusing on sustainability projects that specifically appeal to the Army and showcase the region's strengths. Since the spring of 2013, the SOP has been steadily communicating with state and national leaders and has coordinated visits to the area for Senators Blunt and McCaskill, as well as Congresswoman Hartzler.

We believe that the Fort Leonard Wood region is a great place for the Army to continue to do business. Maintaining or expanding the missions at Fort Leonard Wood is the right thing to do for the Army, the state of Missouri, regional communities, and Fort Leonard Wood.

The State of Missouri also believes that the Fort Leonard Wood region is critical to the state's economy. To assist in the effort, the State of Missouri has approved our organization as a participant in its Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). The intent of the NAP is to provide a fundraising tool to community-based organizations that enables them to implement vital community projects.

Neighborhood Assistance Program:

Eligible donors to the SOP who may receive NAP credits include:

- Corporations
- Insurance companies
- Banks and financial institutions
- Partnerships
- S-corporations
- Limited liability companies
- Individuals who pay state income tax in Missouri and (1) own a sole proprietorship, (2) operate a farm, (3) have rental property, and/or (4) receive royalty or honorarium income

Obtaining NAP credits is simple. When you make your donation to the SOP, you will be given a form that you will complete and we will send to the state on your behalf. A few weeks later, the Missouri Department of Economic Development will send you a letter indicating you have a tax credit for half the amount you donated, which you can use to reduce the taxes you owe to the state.

Because LWI is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization, you may also be eligible to deduct your donation. Please check with your accountant or financial advisor for a fuller understanding of how the NAP credit program works, whether you qualify for the credits and deductions, and how your donation will affect your taxes.



The following table illustrates how NAP donations could affect your tax liability. We have assumed the donor is in the IRS 28% tax bracket and the state's 6% tax bracket.

<b>Donation Amount</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
Missouri Tax Credit (50% of donation)	\$250	\$500	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$25,000
Federal Income Tax Deduction (28%)	\$140	\$280	\$1,400	\$2,800	\$14,000
State Income Tax Deduction (6%)	\$30	\$60	\$300	\$600	\$3,000
Total Savings	\$420	\$840	\$4,200	\$8,400	\$42,000
<b>Your out-of-pocket cost (estimated)</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$160</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Total Benefit to SOP</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

NAP donations for the SOP should be made to: Leonard Wood Institute – Sustainable Ozarks. Donations can be mailed to:

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When received, LWI/SOP will acknowledge the tax-deductible contribution by return letter and provide a form for you to complete and send to the state for the tax credit.