

LAST YEAR THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION AT FT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA, RECEIVED ARMY AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR THEIR POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM. AND THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN THIS YEAR, ENVIRONMENTAL CORRESPONDENT JAVIER HERNANDEZ HAS THE STORY.

FT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA IS CHANGING EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK. BUT FOLKS LIKE TERRY SANDERS ARE WORKING TO KEEP SOME THINGS JUST AS THEY ARE.

“THIS IS A STEAM LINE STABILIZATION PROJECT IT WORKS BOTH WAYS (CUT) IT KEEPS THE JAMES RIVER, OF COURSE, FROM ERODING OFF THE BANK PLUS IT KEEPS ANYTHING COMING OFF OF OUR PROPERTY INTO THE JAMES.”

PROJECTS LIKE THIS EARNED THE FT EUSTIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSERVATION BRANCH A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AWARD. THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW THAT THE DOD HAS RECOGNIZED FT EUSTIS ENVIRONMENTALISTS.

“IT'S PROBABLY THE TEAM WORK INVOLVED AND THE COMMAND SUPPORT ON ABOUT EVERY MISSION WE TAKE ON.”

LIKE CLEAR-CUTTING THIS PATCH OF FOREST TO PROVIDE FEEDING AND NESTING GROUNDS FOR LOCAL WILDLIFE. AND CLEAN UP PROJECTS LIKE THIS POND.

“UHM, IT WAS LIGHTLY CONTAMINATED WITH PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION TEAM CAME IN HERE, REMOVED THE SOIL CAPPED THE PLACE INCREASED IT TO ABOUT FIVE ACRES AND, OF COURSE, MADE IT AN OVERALL USEABLE PARK LIKE AREA NOW FOR THE YOUNG KIDS.”

SO SANDER'S AND HIS TEAM AREN'T REALLY FIGHTING CHANGE.

THEY'RE SIMPLY GIVING IT A NUDGE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, JAVIER HERNANDEZ FT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA.