

# UPDATE



## Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan April 2010

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### RGMP

The Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) is a major planning effort designed to assess the challenges and opportunities facing communities impacted by the Fort Benning BRAC growth and to find solutions that address these issues. The RGMP study produced a plan for the region and for each of the 10-counties within a 35 mile radius of Ft. Benning, as listed below.

For more information, go to the [RGMP website](#).

### RGMP Counties

**ALABAMA**  
Barbour  
Lee  
Russell

**GEORGIA**  
Columbus -Muscogee  
Cusseta - Chattahoochee  
Harris  
Marion  
Stewart  
Talbot  
Taylor

### → PACK FOR BRAC

The 7th Relocation and Information Town Hall at Fort Knox, Kentucky is fast approaching. The Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Valley Partnership, in conjunction with the US Army Armor Center and School, will hold this event on April 29th to inform and welcome those transitioning to the Chattahoochee Valley area due to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

There will be 85 booths representing Healthcare, Workforce Development, Housing, Financial, Lodging, Fort Benning Agencies, Education, Economic Development and Quality of Life. Over 200 business representatives from the Chattahoochee Valley will be making this trip to share information about their products and services to the military, defense contractor and civil service families.

On Monday, April 26th, at 10:00 a.m., the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce will kick off this upcoming event by hosting a "PACK FOR BRAC" celebration. A Livingston Storage and Transfer truck will be in place, ready to be loaded with the supplies, brochures and booth materials going to the Town Hall event at Fort Knox, Kentucky. All business representatives taking advantage of Livingston's free truck service needs to be at the Chamber by 10:00 a.m. sharp, ready to load up their booth materials.

A special "Thank You" and recognition goes out to Livingston Storage and Transfer Company for making this happen and supporting this event.

### → Good Buffers Make Good Neighbors



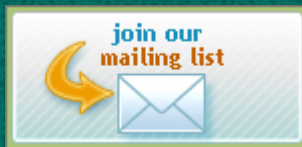
The population and economic boom coming to the Chattahoochee Valley as a result of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) growth at Fort Benning brings many blessings, and many challenges, as well. Managing the

## MCOE Community Update



Each month, Fort Benning hosts a Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCOE) Update that provides BRAC information to on-post personnel and to the region's communities. These Updates are open to the public and are held the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm, at the [National Infantry Museum](#).

### [MCOE Community Update](#)



economic growth for long-term sustainability of both Fort Benning and the Region continues to be top priority. One of the tools for ensuring that the growth occurs in areas that do not threaten the training mission of Fort Benning and for preventing conflicts over noise, smoke, lights and radio signals, is the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program. ACUB is a land conservation program recommended by the Valley Partnership's [Joint Land Use Study](#). It is a partnership between Fort Benning and The Nature Conservancy that works to purchase easements or properties from willing landowners so that development is channeled away from critical portions of the installation's boundary, protecting endangered species' habitats off-post and creating opportunities for training expansion on-post. To learn more about the ACUB program, [read the article](#) and [view the slides](#) from this month's BRAC Community Update.

## → Headlines Around the Chattahoochee Valley

Check out these articles about the many good things happening in the Chattahoochee Valley:

- [Lockheed Hold Job Fair In Hopes of Landing Defense Contract at Benning](#)
- [2010 Economic Yearbook: Optimism in West Georgia](#)
- [Raytheon Opens Georgia-based Facility](#)
- [Fort Benning Opens Family Entertainment Center](#)
- [Benning Technology Park](#)
- [Viewpoint: radio interview with Linda Brady, Relocation Director, Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce](#)



## → PLACE YOUR BUSINESS ON THE MILITARY DISCOUNT LIST

If your business offers any type of military discount, please share that with me by email to: [lbrady@columbusgachamber.com](mailto:lbrady@columbusgachamber.com). As part of the Concierge service provided by the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Valley Partnership, every Wednesday we welcome the new military families that have just arrived at Fort Benning. Both the military soldier and spouse are very excited and appreciative to receive this list and it doesn't cost a dime to place your business name on the list!! So send in your information today and begin building new relationships with our

newcomers to the Chattahoochee Valley.

This is a valuable way of introducing your business to those transitioning here who are in need of your products and services. It also sends a message to all those relocating to the Chattahoochee Valley that we are happy they're here and we want to welcome them in a special way.

### → Employment Opportunity: Regional Planning Specialist

Excellent opportunity for an individual with experience in urban and regional planning to join the Fort Benning Regional Growth Management team to help counties in the Chattahoochee Valley (AL/GA) continue to prepare for the population surge caused by economic development growth generated by the results of BRAC. [Click for more info](#)

### Ft. Benning Population Estimates & Growth Timeline

### BRAC Countdown



As of April 13, 2010, there are **519 days** until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

### QUICK LINKS

[RGMP Website](#)  
[Valley Partnership](#)  
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[Small Business Contracting Information](#)  
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