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Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan

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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](#)

Final Information Fair at Fort Knox, KY attracts in excess of 1,000

The Columbus, Fort Benning and Chattahoochee Valley Information Fair was held at the Leaders Club in Fort Knox, KY on Thursday, March 31st. Over 300 business and organization representatives from this area shared information about their products and services to more than



1,000 military, civil service employees and defense contractors.

Those representing the Chattahoochee Valley travelled to Fort Knox on Wednesday, March 30th and set up their booths with supplies and materials which had already been delivered. A Lambert Transfer and Storage truck was provided free of charge courtesy of their president, Carlton E. Hunley III. Before the fair attendees arrived, all the vendors gathered together to hear COL Michael Wadsworth, the Armor School Assistant Commandant and CSM Mark Moore, the Fort Benning Garrison Command Sergeant Major, provide comments and thanked everyone for their support and sharing their information with those making final preparations to relocate to the Chattahoochee Valley area.

At 9:00 a.m. the front doors of the Leaders Club opened, which hosted this event. The 85 booths representing an excess of 130 businesses and organizations were busy the entire day welcoming all who attended this exciting event. The rooms of the Leaders Club were packed with attendees learning about housing, education, economic development, Fort Benning services, and quality of life they will experience when they move to the Chattahoochee Valley area.

When the Information Fair concluded at 5:00 p.m., the last attendees and their families were departing with their hands full of

Columbus -Muscogee
 Cusseta - Chattahoochee
 Harris
 Marion
 Stewart
 Talbot
 Taylor

MCoE Community Update



Each month, Fort Benning hosts a Maneuver Center of Excellence

(MCoE) Update that provides BRAC and other general information to both 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](#).

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bags filled with information they would be reviewing in the days ahead with great expectation of their upcoming move to this region.

→ New Soldiers Attend Newcomers Orientation at Fort Benning

Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 11:30, the newest officers, soldiers and non-commissioned officers assigned to Fort Benning attend the Newcomers Orientation as part of their "in-processing". During this time, the military and their families are provided information about many services available on the installation and the local communities. We are pleased to be a member of the group orientating the new arrivals to the many wonderful aspects of the Valley Region.

New on the scene are those assigned to the Armor School at the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) at Fort Benning. It is a pleasure to welcome and assist these BRAC-related soldiers relocating here from Fort Knox, Kentucky.

For the month of March, there were a total of 517 additional soldiers plus spouses. Many of these new arrivals will be living external to Fort Benning and living right in your neighborhoods. So be on the lookout and welcome them to the Chattahoochee Valley family!

For the year of 2010, we welcomed over 3,000 new soldiers!

For the first quarter of 2011, we have already welcomed in excess of 1,300 new soldiers and spouses!

→ Headlines Around the Chattahoochee Valley

Check out these articles about the many good things happening in the Chattahoochee Valley by clicking the headline below or by reading in our [Newsroom](#).

- [BRAC update: School choice for off-post families: Public or private?](#)
- [Infantry, armor troops ready to mix it up on Fort Benning](#)
- [Fort Knox troops moving to Benning ponder where to live in Columbus area](#)
- [Planned \\$110 million Fort Benning Army Lodge will boast 860 rooms](#)
- [E'town native at heart of Fort Benning information fair](#)
- [Final information fair at Fort Knox gives soldiers and families chance to learn about Columbus and Fort Benning area](#)
- [BRAC Update: Area companies, organizations pack for one last info fair at Fort Knox](#)

- [Census data show housing surge in Columbus area](#)
- [Vehicles continue rolling into new home at Benning](#)
- [BRAC realignment could spur Smiths Station growth](#)

→ Let Us Promote Your Products and Services

Have you been wondering how your business can participate with the BRAC movement? One easy and beneficial way is to tell me about any military discounts you offer for your products or services. We will be happy to share that information and spread the word about your business FOR FREE! All you need to do is email that information to [Linda Brady](#). 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.

→ BRAC Countdown



As of April 21, 2011, there are only 146 days, less than five months remaining until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

[Fort Benning Population Estimates & Growth Timeline](#)

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