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Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan October 2008



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RGMP

The Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan, or 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 the issues that have been identified. The RGMP study area includes 10-counties within a 35 mile radius of Ft. Benning, as listed below.

More information is available on the [RGMP website](#).

RGMP Counties

→ Ft. Knox Information Fair

Educators, employers, and workforce development specialists from the Chattahoochee Valley are taking a road trip to Fort Knox, KY, this fall to welcome the US Army Armor Center and School to the region.

As participants in the first Town Hall Employee Information Fair being held November 13 in Fort Knox, Kentucky, local leaders are packing up their displays and brochures to inform active duty military personnel, Department of Defense civilian employees, Defense Contractors, and their spouses, of the workforce training opportunities, public and private education systems, and employment opportunities available here in the bi-state area.

Due to the 2005 BRAC decision to move the US Army Armor Center and School from Fort Knox to Fort Benning by September 2011, large numbers of individuals and families need quality information upon which to base their decision to move or stay.

"The Chattahoochee Valley Welcomes the US Army Armor Center and School" is the theme of this first Town Hall Employee Information Fair. Future fair participants will include realtors, financial institutions, and similar organizations that can assist personnel in relocating to the area.

For more information, contact Walt Pollock at 706-561-8916 or walter.a.pollock@saic.com.

→ New Growth = New Opportunities

With new growth comes new job opportunities. When the US Army Armor School arrives in 2011, all services that are currently provided to support the training mission at Fort Benning, such as food preparation, transportation, the central issue facility, etc. will grow by as much as 30%.

Concurrent with this growth will be increased demand for services within the bi-state community. including the need for more teachers, health care providers, retailers, service industry specialists, etc., providing great opportunities for residents of the region.

ALABAMA
Barbour
Lee
Russell

GEORGIA
Chattahoochee
Harris
Marion
Muscogee
Stewart
Talbot
Taylor

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 community. These Updates are open to the public and are held the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm, in Building 4, Classroom 6. [MCOE Community Update](#)

BRAC Countdown



→ Fort Knox Hosts Town Hall



Over 1,000 Fort Knox US Army Armor Center and School military personnel and civilian employees attended the Town Hall August 19, designed to provide information on the Chattahoochee Valley area. BG(P) Campbell and MG Wojdakowski welcomed the audience, while Gary Jones, Sr VP of Military Affairs and Economic Development for the Valley Partnership, presented the Quality of Life briefing, and Fort Knox's Chief of Strategic Planning, Mike Gillette, provided an update on the civilian transition plan.

→ Task Force Meetings

The first round of Task Force meetings is nearly complete. In each meeting, subject matter experts from each county in the Regional Growth Management Plan area met with planning partners to preview initial findings and discuss issues and data gaps. These meetings are crucial to developing a useful, comprehensive plan for each county and for the region as a whole.

The next round of meetings for the 12 Task Forces will take place in Nov/Dec 2008 and Feb/March 2009. At these meetings, team planners will present initial findings and recommendations for discussion as well as implementation strategies.

→ Public Meetings

As of October 9, 2008, there are 1,070 days until the September 15, 2011 deadline for the completion of all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

Quick Links

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Team Planning members have concluded their first round of public meetings in each of the 10 counties in the study area. Local residents were enthusiastic participants and provided insight and concerns about BRAC-related growth and their communities.

At each meeting, participants utilized new technology to provide input on key issues. Be sure to check out the counties' [Comparative Responses](#).



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