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Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan February 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



Register Now for the Fort Knox Town Hall Information Fair on April 29th

It's time for our seventh visit to Fort Knox, Kentucky. During this visit we will conduct another fun, informative, and meaningful Information Town Hall and will reintroduce as well as meet and update many of the US Army Armor Center and School Team Members to the Chattahoochee Valley Bi-State Region!

The Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce and The Valley Partnership, in conjunction with the US Army Armor Center and School, will conduct a Town Hall Information Fair at the Fort Knox, Kentucky Leaders Club on April 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This Information Town Hall will allow many of our local businesses and organizations to share information with and help the US Army Armor Center and School Team Members learn more about our Bi-State Region as well as assist in the transition to the Chattahoochee Valley Bi-State Region.

Representation from Real Estate, "On-Post" Housing, Finance, Education both Public and Private addressing Pre-K -12, College and University Institutions, Workforce Development, Fort Benning's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC), and Quality of Life will be available at the Information Town Hall from throughout Fort Benning and The Chattahoochee Valley Bi-State Region.

Space is limited, so you need to sign up as soon as possible by completing and emailing or faxing the Registration Form noted below. A space for the Information Town Hall will be approved on a "first come, first serve" basis and the time on the received email or fax will serve as your response date and time. No phone calls to register, please.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

(A FACT Sheet with the details of the event and a link to MAPS and LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS will appear in in a couple of weeks in the next newsletter, so be looking for that valuable information)



Marion County Residents Meet

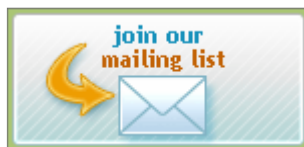
Cusseta - Chattahoochee
Harris
Marion
Stewart
Talbot
Taylor

MCOE CommunityUpdate



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



To Discuss BRAC

About 50 Marion County residents met at the former middle school auditorium in Buena Vista the evening of January 12th to talk about BRAC's impact in their community.

The forum was hosted by The Buena Vista/Marion County Chamber of Commerce, featuring Linda Brady, Regional Relocation Concierge for the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority. Linda posed a question to the group which generated varied responses from the attendees. The question was, "If you were asked by somebody from Ft. Knox what kind of a community is Marion County to live in, what would you say"? Some of the positive remarks were: "quiet, peaceful, good neighbors, fine school system, excellent hunting and we're really in the country but close to nearby shopping". The comment that seemed to wrap it all up was: "when folks move here, they never want to leave".

HELP A SOLDIER FIND A HOME

The question, "How would YOU respond if a Ft. Knox soldier asked you what it's like to live in Marion County", motivated the Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce. They carried that question throughout the county to get all residents involved in thinking about the impact BRAC can have on their community. They are sponsoring a contest conducted by the local newspaper, The Tri-County Journal and Chattahoochee Chronicle, and in 50 words or less, the residents are encouraged to send in their response to this question. The winner will receive a one-year subscription to the newspaper. All entries will also be shared with the Buena Vista Chamber of Commerce for use in promoting Marion County to the folks of Ft. Knox, KY.

→ Headlines Around the Chattahoochee Valley

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

- [Columbus Tops Nation in Early 2010 Hiring Expectations](#)
- [US News and World Report Names Columbus High as a Silver Award Winner](#)
- [Columbus Mayor Wetherington Makes Georgia Trend's Top 100 Most Influential Georgians](#)

→ 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: lbrady@columbusgachamber.com. 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 February 11, 2010, there are 580 days until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

QUICK LINKS

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

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