

# UPDATE



## Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan February 2009

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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 area includes 10-counties within a 35 mile radius of Ft. Benning, as listed below.

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

### RGMP Counties

## Public Meetings Present Plan for BRAC-Related Growth

Over the last 12 months the Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) team of planning professionals has worked with dozens of business, community and government leaders from throughout the bi-state 10 county area to identify growth impacts and recommended planning actions for each county and for the region as a whole. The RGMP study's results will enable Fort Benning and the surrounding region to speak with one voice when dealing with state and federal agencies in the competition for resources. It will identify the likely growth patterns and impacts, and prompt a realistic assessment of needs and priorities that will support local and county planning efforts to prepare for the impact of BRAC growth.

The findings and draft recommendations of the Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan will be presented at public meetings in each of the 10 impacted counties in Georgia and Alabama and are scheduled as follows:

### Cusseta-Chattahoochee County, GA

Tuesday, February 24 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Chattahoochee County Courthouse  
377 Broad Street, Cusseta, GA

### Russell County, AL

Thursday, February 26  
@ 6:30 p.m. EST/5:30 p.m. CST  
New Russell Co. Courthouse & Government Center  
Auditorium, 1000 Broad Street, Phenix City, AL

### Columbus-Muscogee County, GA

**ALABAMA**

Barbour  
Lee  
Russell

**GEORGIA**

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 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**

US Army Approved Growth Estimates Charts  
Population Estimates  
and Growth Timeline

**BRAC Countdown**

Wednesday, March 4 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Columbus Public Library, CB&T Room  
3000 Macon Road, Columbus, GA

**Harris County, GA**

Thursday, March 5 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Harris County Public Library  
138 N. College Street, Hamilton, GA

**Stewart County, GA**

Monday, March 9 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Lumpkin City Hall  
413 Martin Luther King Blvd., Lumpkin, GA

**Lee County, AL**

Tuesday, March 10  
@ 7:00 p.m. EST/6:00 p.m. CST  
Ruritan Community Center  
2000 Lee Road 430, Smiths Station, AL

**Barbour County, AL**

Wednesday, March 11  
@ 7:30 p.m. EST/6:30 p.m. CST  
Eufaula-Barbour Chamber of Commerce  
333 East Broad Street, Eufaula, AL

**Talbot County, GA**

Thursday, March 12 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Talbot County Chamber of Commerce  
12 Madison Street, Talbotton, GA

**Taylor County, GA**

Monday, March 16 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Taylor County Government Complex Board Rm.  
7 Ivy Street, Butler, GA

**Marion County, GA**

Tuesday, March 17 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Marion Middle School Auditorium  
100 E. Burkhalter Avenue, Buena Vista, GA



**Task Forces Key to Success**



As of February 25, 2009, there are 931 days until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

## QUICK LINKS

[RGMP Website](#)  
[Valley Partnership](#)  
[Fort Benning](#)



Over 450 individuals representing each of the 10 counties in the RGMP study area volunteered their time as Task Force members over the past year. The Task Forces addressed a comprehensive range of issues, including: transportation, education, utilities and infrastructure, land use planning, housing, economic impact, public safety and emergency services, fiscal sustainability, health care, social services, and quality of life. These concerned and dedicated volunteers worked with the RGMP planning team, providing essential data, deliberating numerous questions, examining key issues and scrutinizing draft documents.

Thank you to all volunteers who contributed time and expertise to serve on Task Forces. Special thanks go to the [Task Force Chairs and Co-Chairs](#) who have led this effort to produce a plan that will benefit the Chattahoochee Valley Region.

## → Feedback Received on the RGMP

*"The Regional Growth Management Plan has resulted in school districts having a comprehensive, independent study of the issues surrounding the impact of BRAC. This plan and the process through which it was developed have given credibility to our research on the numbers of students we can project and how the region must prepare. The planning team has been willing to share the information with members of the Board of Education and with any community groups that have requested a presentation. I appreciate the assistance in helping school leaders to identify the areas on which we need to focus our energies as the entire community prepares for BRAC."*

Dr Susan Andrews  
Superintendent  
Muscookee County School District

*"My company has greatly benefited from participating in this professional region-wide planning process. Working with other Task Force members face-to-face, sharing crucial system information and reviewing the data gathered by the facilitators from so many other areas enabled us to more adequately sequence our own responses, well into the next few years. We wholeheartedly support the regional approach to this kind of planning and see immediate and long-term benefits to our company and our customers through our participation."*

Joel Ames  
Manager, Public Affairs  
Atmos Energy Corporation

## → RGMP Timeline

Phase 1 Counties Draft Report:	January 9
Phase 2 Counties Draft Report:	March 31
Regional Draft Report:	March 31
Task Force Meetings-2nd Round:	Feb. - March
Public Meetings-2nd Round:	Feb. - March
Final Document Published:	April 2009

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