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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](#)
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→ TRACKING BRAC



Community leaders from throughout the Chattahoochee Valley region gathered at the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, June 9th to preview a special project to monitor the impact of BRAC (Base Realignment And Closure). BRAC is bringing over 11,000 jobs and an estimated population increase of over 28,000 people to our region, as a result of the movement of the Armor Center and School from Fort Knox, KY to consolidate with Fort Benning's Infantry Center and School, creating the Maneuver Center of Excellence. The "Tracking Brac" project is being developed to help planners and local governments keep abreast of local trends in Housing, Employment, Education and the Economy so that they can better allocate resources to meet development needs. Coordinated regionally by the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority, the BRAC-impact project is being conducted by the Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Community and Neighborhood Involvement at the University of Illinois at Chicago with funding from the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA).

Ft. Benning Studies Potential Expansion of 82,800 Acres

The Army identified a need for additional training land for its tactical units more than 10 years ago, and recently authorized Fort Benning to conduct a study into the possibility of acquiring an additional 82,800 acres. The need for this additional training land is not a result of BRAC. COL Tom Macdonald, Ft. Benning's Garrison Commander, released a map that defines the large general locations being studied. The areas being considered are located in five counties: Russell County in Alabama and Chattahoochee, Marion, Stewart and Webster Counties in Georgia.

[View map and related article](#)

Post officials will host a number of public information meetings June 14 - 18. These meetings will run from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and will be conducted like an open house. Guests may drop in any time during the meeting, meet with representatives one-on-one, ask questions and offer comments for the record. For more information about the Training Land Expansion Project, call 706.545.8830 or email questions and comments to land.benning@us.army.mil.

Meeting locations:
June 14 - National Infantry Museum

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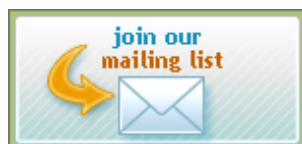
Columbus -Muscogee
 Cusseta - Chattahoochee
 Harris
 Marion
 Stewart
 Talbot
 Taylor

**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 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](#)



June 15 - Russell County High School, Seale, AL
 June 17 - Josh Gibson Center, Buena Vista, GA
 June 18 - Richland Hotel, Richland, GA

➔ **Thanks to all Exhibitors from the Chattahoochee Valley who travelled to Fort Knox, KY and represented their businesses and organizations**

The Fort Knox community got to experience the warm, southern hospitality of the Chattahoochee Valley when they attended the Relocation Information Fair. The representatives of these companies and organizations shared valuable information about their products and services and helped those attending to make important decisions about their move to this area. [Click here to see the list of participants.](#)

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](#).

- [Columbus Is A Leader In Servant Leadership](#)
- [Fort Benning to Hold Public Meetings To Discuss Land Acquisition Study](#)
- [Russell County Master Plan](#)
- [Fort Benning to Prepare Environmental Impact Study](#)
- [Columbus to be Named Servant Leadership City](#)
- [Army Secretary Observes Training, Expansion at Fort Benning](#)
- [After Seven Decades, Fort Knox Gets New Mission](#)
- [Armor Officially Leaving Fort Knox, New Home Fort Benning, GA](#)
- [Three Questions With Ft Benning's Deputy Garrison Commander George Steuber](#)
- [BRAC Growth "Full Steam Ahead"](#)
- [Fort Benning Top Employer in the Area](#)

➔ **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 June 15, 2010, there are 456 days or basically just 15 months remaining until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

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