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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

→ [News 3 Special Report: Bird's Eye View of BRAC](#)



The transformation brought about at Fort Benning by Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, is hard to appreciate from the ground. [Watch the video](#) as News 3's Phil Scoggins is On Your Side bringing you a Bird's Eye View.

→ [MG Brown talks with the media](#)

*The following article was in a recent issue of Fort Benning's Tip of the Bayonet:*



BRAC is alive - that was my message to the media last week and to anyone who asks me what is happening at the Maneuver Center of Excellence. For years now, the \$20 million Jeopardy question has been "When will BRAC be here?" - which translates to "When will we see all of the people and feel the impact from the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's decision to relocate the Armor School from Fort Knox to Fort Benning?"

All you have to do is take a trip out toward Harmony Church and you can see - it is happening - BRAC Is Here. Take a drive out there and you will be awestruck by the state-of-the-art training

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 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](#).

MCoE Community Update

environment and facilities that have taken shape. As spring is in the air, so is change - the Armor School is here.

[Read more](#)

## ➔ Columbus, Fort Benning and the Chattahoochee Valley Information Fair March 31, 2011

The registration deadline to attend the Columbus, Fort Benning and the Chattahoochee Valley Information Fair has passed. Work is now in progress to assign the booths, followed by confirmation emails to those who will be making the trip to Fort Knox, KY. There will be an email sent to those who did not get assigned a booth due to space limitations.

Representation from Real Estate, Finance, Quality of Life companies (not individual agents), Chambers of Commerce, Educational and Workforce Development Organizations, and Fort Benning agencies will be available to share information about the products and services they provide here in our region.

A reminder for those who will be using the FREE truck, courtesy of Carlton E. Hunley, III, President of Lambert Transfer & Storage, please contact Craig Yancey, [ceyancey@hunleygroup.net](mailto:ceyancey@hunleygroup.net). If you need boxes, be sure and inform him of that too.

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## ➔ More BRAC News: Fort Gillem Vehicles Arrive

Another major move under Base Realignment and Closure kicked off Monday, February 7th but did not involve Fort Knox. The monthly MCoE Community Update revealed Fort Benning will receive vehicles from Fort Gillem, GA, which is closing on July 15, 2011.

The first dozen of nearly 1,350 vehicles from the 43rd Equipment Concentration Site at Fort Gillem arrived here on heavy equipment transports and were taken to the 11th Engineer Battalion motor pool and other temporary storage facilities around post. The command's rolling stock includes cargo trucks, trailers, construction equipment and Humvees. [Read more](#)

## New Soldiers Attend Newcomers Orientation at Fort Benning

Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 11:30, the newest soldiers 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.

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 January, there were a total of 383 additional soldiers plus spouses and in February, there were a total of 400 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!

## 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](#).

- [Businesses outside Columbus look to take advantage of BRAC boom](#)
- [Department of Defense to convert landfill gases into sustainable energy at Fort Benning](#)
- [News 3 Special Report: Bird's Eye View of BRAC](#)
- [Simulations Training at Fort Benning](#)
- [Columbus area housing market braces for summer boom](#)
- [Fort Benning busy adding new tank firing ranges](#)
- [Rep. Sanford Bishop meets with military families at Ft. Benning Town Hall](#)
- [Rep. Mike Rogers addresses military issues](#)
- [Fort Benning commander recaps first 100 days](#)
- [Fort Gillem vehicles arrive](#)
- [Armor School to finish move to Fort Benning by Sept 15](#)

## 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 March 3, 2011, there are **195 days** remaining until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

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

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