



FACT SHEET



Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan

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The findings and recommendations of the Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) are available for download from the project website, including an Executive Summary, a Regional Plan, and a County Plan for each of the 10 counties in the RGMP study area.

What:

The Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) is the second of two major partnering and planning efforts undertaken by our bi-state region and is funded in large part by grants awarded by the Office of Economic Adjustment, an agency of the Department of Defense charged with helping Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) affected communities adjust to the impacts of mission changes at military installations.

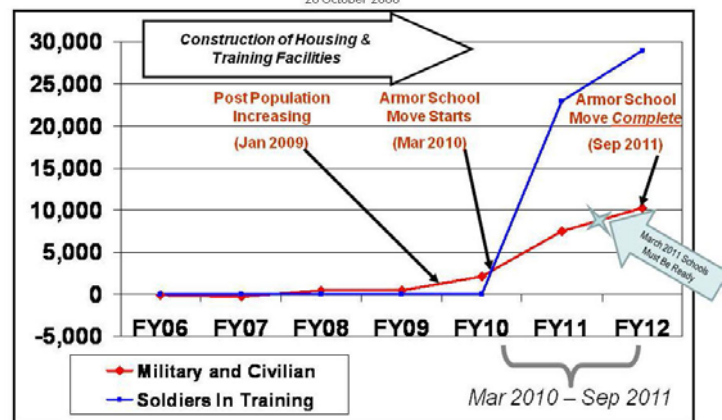
Why:

The convergence of several Department of Defense initiatives at Fort Benning is bringing unprecedented growth of an estimated 28,000 people to the Chattahoochee Valley region by the BRAC deadline of September 2011. To prepare for the impacts of growth on the surrounding communities, the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority sponsored a bi-state regional collaborative planning process involving community and military installation leaders in planning growth management actions across the spectrum of community planning.

Fort Benning Growth Estimates
28 October 2008

Growth Categories	Number Jobs	Number Spouses	Number Children	Number School Age Children	Number Total
Military Service Members: Permanent Change Of Station	4,712	2,733	4,386	2,771	11,831
Government Civilians: Permanent Change Of Station	1,889	1,511	1,451	1,096	4,851
Contractors	4,802	2,641	3,963	2,972	11,406
	Population+	Spouses +	Children	=	Total Growth
Total	11,403	6,885	9,800	6,839	28,088

Preparing For Growth Timeline
28 October 2008



Benefits:

The RGMP enables Fort Benning and the surrounding 10-county region to speak with one voice when dealing with State and Federal agencies in the competition for resources. The RGMP identifies the likely impacts of growth and an assessment of needs and priorities that can be incorporated into updated comprehensive plans. Although adoption of study recommendations is optional for each participating county government, the RGMP represents a unique opportunity to chart the near term future of the Chattahoochee Valley region.



Where:

The RGMP study area includes 10 counties within a 35 mile commuting radius of Fort Benning including Chattahoochee, Harris, Muscogee, Marion, Stewart, Talbot and Taylor counties in Georgia and Barbour, Lee and Russell counties in Alabama.

How:

Developed in coordination with local, State, and Federal agencies, public and private sector service providers, and the leadership at both Fort Benning and Fort Knox, the RGMP identifies what growth is expected to occur, where it will occur, what are the potential impacts to the communities surrounding Fort Benning, as well as what physical improvements and organizational actions are needed to meet the increased demands of growth for the next 20 years, in five year increments. The objectives of the RGMP are: 1) identify the issues and offer strategic solutions to accommodate the impacts of growth due to Fort Benning's expansion and other economic development; 2) encourage the development of compatible and coordinated planning between neighboring counties, and; 3) provide each of the affected communities with their own comprehensive and concise growth management plan, as well as provide one coordinated regional growth plan for the entire ten-county bi-state area.

Specific areas addressed by the RGMP include:

1. Identification and Assessment of Existing Issues and Conditions
2. Growth Forecasting and Modeling
3. Economic Impact Analysis
4. Transportation
5. Public and Private Utilities and Infrastructure
6. Housing Market Analysis
7. Education
8. Sustainable Land Use Planning
9. Regional Growth Plan Maps
10. Public Engagement and Communications
11. Environmental Impacts
12. Health and Social Services
13. Public Safety and Emergency Services
14. Quality of Life August 2009
15. Fiscal Analysis and Sustainability Plan
16. Implementation and Follow-Up

Who:

The RGMP planning team includes: [The Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority](#), a bi-state multi-governmental entity that enhances the development and promotion of commerce, trade, industry and employment opportunities for the public good and general welfare of the region; **SAIC**, a leading systems, solutions and technical services company that supported EDAW's work on the Valley Partnership's 2007 Fort Benning Joint Land Use Study; **EDAW**, an AECOM company that specializes in the broad and increasingly complex issues of land use planning and design and was the primary contractor for the 2007 Fort Benning Joint Land Use study; **Market Street Services**, a national economic and community development consulting firm based in Atlanta ; and **RKG Associates**, a multi-discipline economic, planning and real estate consulting firm. www.thevalleypartnership.com