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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

Barbour

Lee

Russell

How Fort Benning's Housing Office Can Assist You in Leasing Your Rental Property

Located in Soldiers Plaza, Building 2619 is the Housing Services Office which serves as a one-stop shop for all housing related concerns. Whether a soldier wants to rent an apartment, buy or rent a house, as well as move into the on-post housing facilities, the staff at Housing Services has all the answers.

Currently, all soldiers inprocessing to Fort Benning are required to visit the Housing Office before going to find a place to live. Pat Burns, Chief of the Housing Services Office knows the community and the housing market. She states, "We have information on new subdivisions, housing that's available along with price listings. We actually go out to the areas to see what is being offered."

The Housing staff does not limit their research to only Columbus and Phenix City. Their staff visits areas of the Chattahoochee Valley such as: Barbour, Lee and Russell counties in Alabama and Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Stewart, Talbot, and Taylor counties in Georgia. They also provide background on local schools, churches, shopping and events. According to Pat Burns, "anything that would ease the soldier, their families as well as the Department of the Army civilian employees and families, they want to make that transition into the community a positive experience.

Burns said she remembers moving to Fort Benning almost 27 years ago and how hard it was finding her way around. That's why the Housing Office provides so much information, such as informing soldiers if certain areas or real estate agents are off-limits because of crime or poor business practices. They also handle tenant and landlord complaints.

Upon a soldier leaving the area, during their outprocessing the housing staff ask if the soldier had encountered any problems. Some families even offer recommendations. Their comments are catalogued so the office can keep track of recurring concerns or positive feedback.

In addition to assisting a soldier with housing, the housing staff

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](#)



will also provide counsel when needed. They will work with those who have credit issues through no fault of their own.

Quality of life is making the soldier and family members feel comfortable. It's important that the soldier knows that their family members are in a safe environment, which enables them to better prepare to train for and do their mission.

If you have a house to rent or sell, you may want to contact the Housing Services Office and inform them. All builders, developers and real estate companies are encouraged to partner with the staff at the Housing Services Office at Fort Benning. The more they are informed about the availability of Off-Post housing, the better they can serve our military families and government personnel relocating to this region. A service used by the staff that is valuable to all property owners and managers is Automated Housing Rental Network (AHRN). To register your property, go to www.ahrn.com. This is not a marketing channel for real estate professionals to advertise for sale listings. However, it is designed for residential landlords, property managers and apartment complex managers, military privatized contractors and hotel and extended stay property managers.

The office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. For more information, give them a call at 706.545.9611, or email Pat Burns @ patricia.a.burns@us.army.mil or Chereia House @ Chereia.house@us.army.mil.
 Fax number - 706.545.3393

→ New Soldiers Attend Newcomers Orientation at Fort Benning

Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 11:30, the newest officers, soldiers and non-commissioned officers 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 the many services available on the installation and the local communities. The Valley Partnership is pleased to be a member of the group orientating the new arrivals to the many wonderful aspects of the Valley Region.

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 both Fort Knox, Kentucky and around the world.

For the month of June, there were a total of 615 additional soldiers plus spouses. The bulk 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!

For the first quarter of 2011, we welcomed in excess of 1,300 new soldiers and spouses and the second quarter, an excess of 1,411. At the end of the first half of 2011, the total of new soldiers and their spouses to be in-processed at Ft. Benning was an excess of 2,711.

→ [Headlines Around the Chattahoochee Valley](#)

Check out articles about the many good things happening in the Chattahoochee Valley by reading in our [Newsroom](#).

→ [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.

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As of July 28, 2011, there are only 48 days, less than two months remaining until the September 15, 2011 deadline to complete all 2005 BRAC-directed actions.

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