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# Fort Benning

## REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

# Regional Growth Planning Overview

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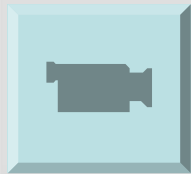
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# Chattahoochee Valley Region



# Project Purpose

**RGMP Study Area:  
(10 Counties – 35 Mile Radius)**

## Ten County Study Area:

### Georgia

- Columbus-Muscogee
- Cusseta-Chattahoochee
- Harris
- Marion
- Talbot
- Taylor
- Stewart

### Alabama

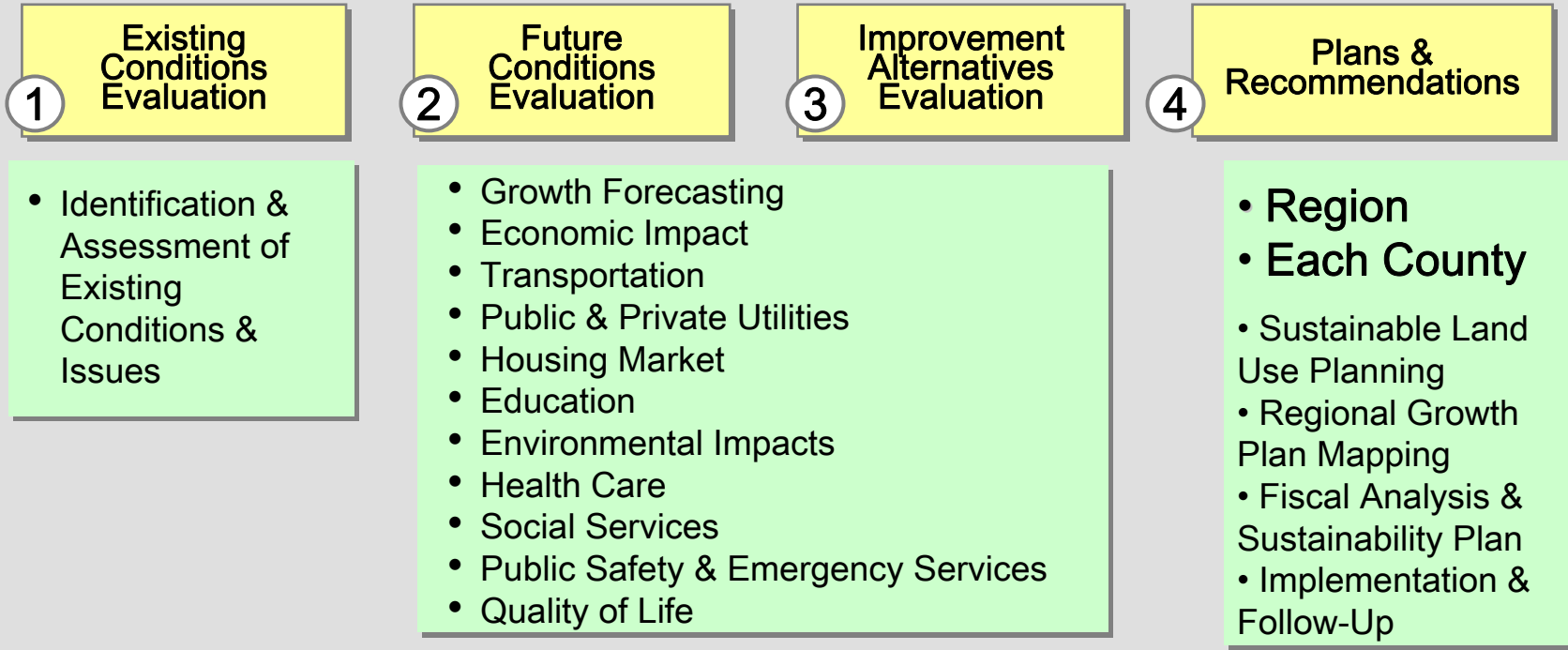
- Barbour
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### Identify:

- What growth will occur?
- Where will it occur?
- Impacts to local communities
- Action plans to prepare

# Project Process



# RGMP Project Website - Outreach and Stakeholder Communication

[www.fortbenningandthevalley.com](http://www.fortbenningandthevalley.com) (web address)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Fort Benning and the Valley Region website. The header features a logo with a stylized sun and landscape, and the text "Fort Benning and the Valley Region" with the tagline "Where you belong...the Chattahoochee Valley Region of Alabama & Georgia." Below the header is a map of the region with markers for Columbus and Macon. The main content area is titled "WELCOME TO THE CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY" and includes a "Make Yourself At Home" section with a paragraph about the RGMP's online "welcome package" and a list of counties in West Central Georgia and East Alabama. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links such as "LEARN WORK LIVE MOVE PLAY", "HOME", "MAPS COUNTIES VIRTUAL TOURS VIDEOS TESTIMONIALS PLAN A VISIT EMAIL NEWSLETTER SHARE A COMMENT", "REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR RELOCATING AND EXPANDING BUSINESSES", and "ABOUT US PRIVACY SITE MAP". At the bottom left of the sidebar, contact information for the Regional Growth Management Plan is provided.

## Website Features

Google Maps with overlays:

- Schools
- Healthcare
- Recreation...& more!

Virtual Tours

County Videos

Regional Video

Video Testimonials

E-newsletters

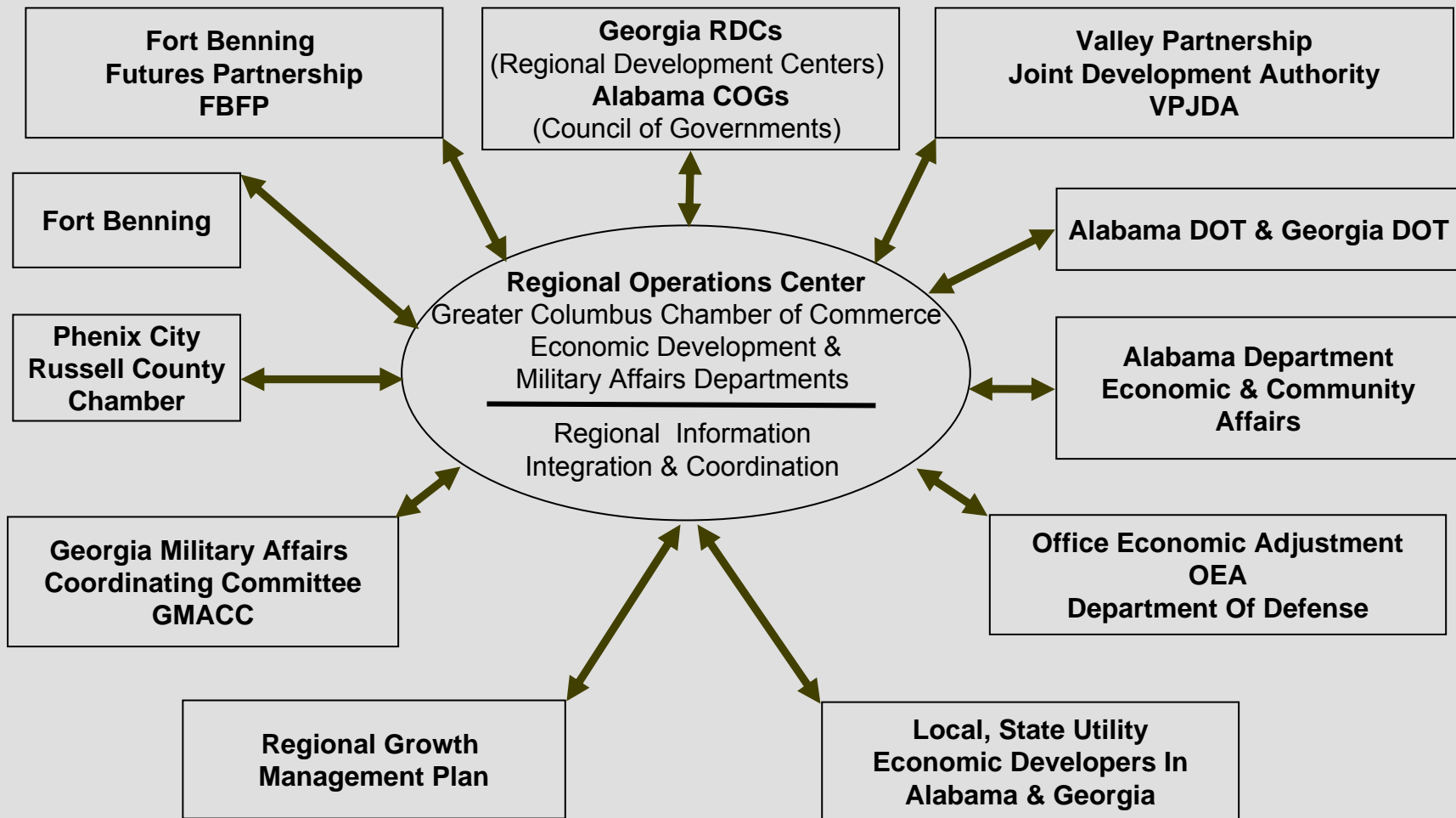
Schedule of Events

RGMP Plan Documents

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# Regional Economic and Military Growth Integration



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# Fort Benning Transformation



- One of the US Army's largest training installations
- Trained over 115,000 last year
- Armor School will increase number trained annually by 30,000



## Fort Benning – Economic Impact:

- Today, Fort Benning salaries \$110 million monthly
- Today, Fort Benning contracts \$250 million monthly
- Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) will generate \$25-\$35 million more each month
- \$3.5 billion construction program

# Harmony Church - Armor & Cavalry Barracks Complex



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# Armor School Support Facilities - Area 1



**3-81 AR Company  
Operations Facility**



**UEPH Barracks  
Complex (342 Pn)**



**Permanent Party  
Dining Facility**



**MARDET  
Headquarters**



**16 CAV Company  
Operations Facilities**



**Arms Vault**



**Readiness Modules**

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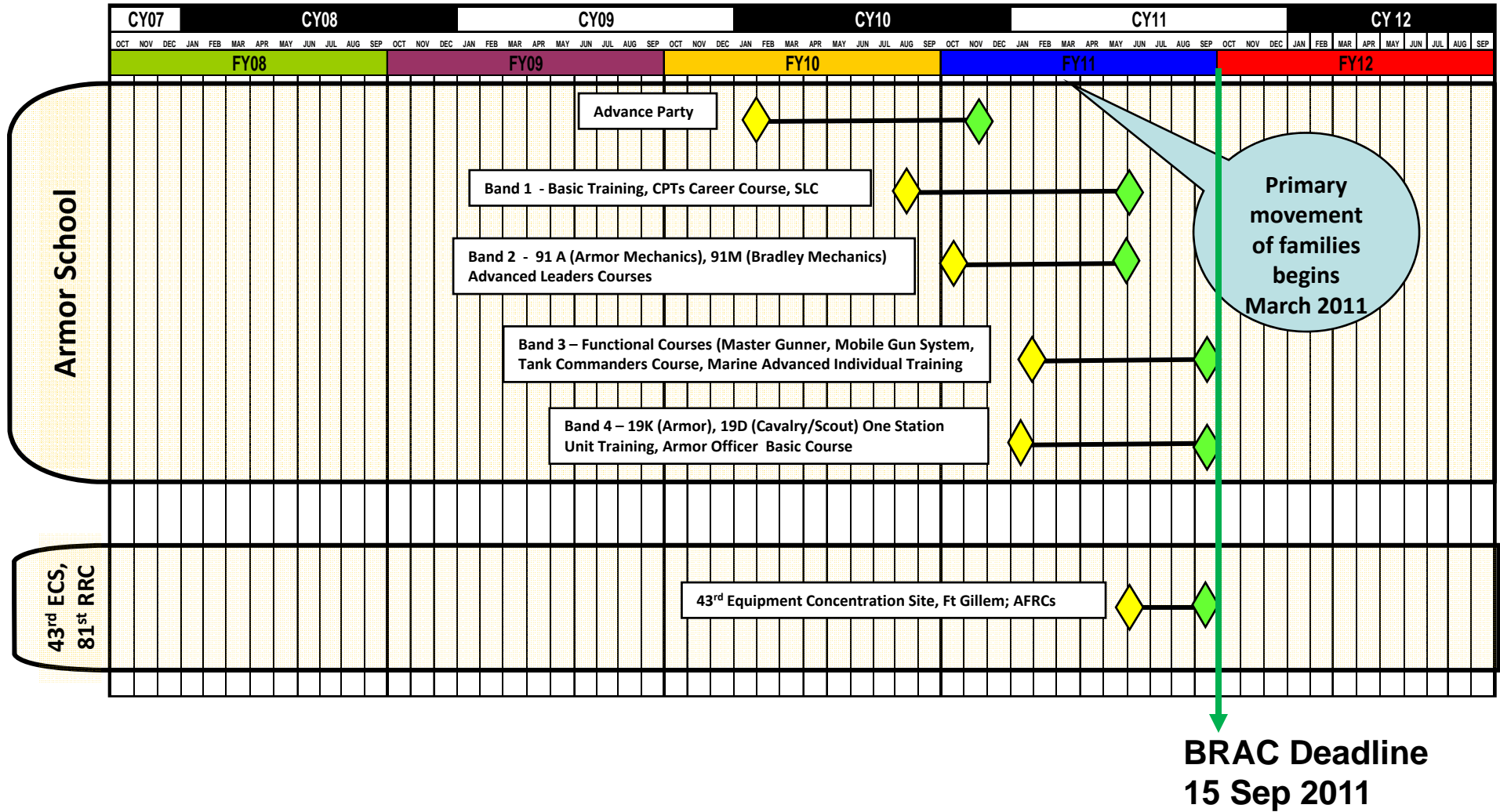
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# ***Fort Benning Growth Estimates***

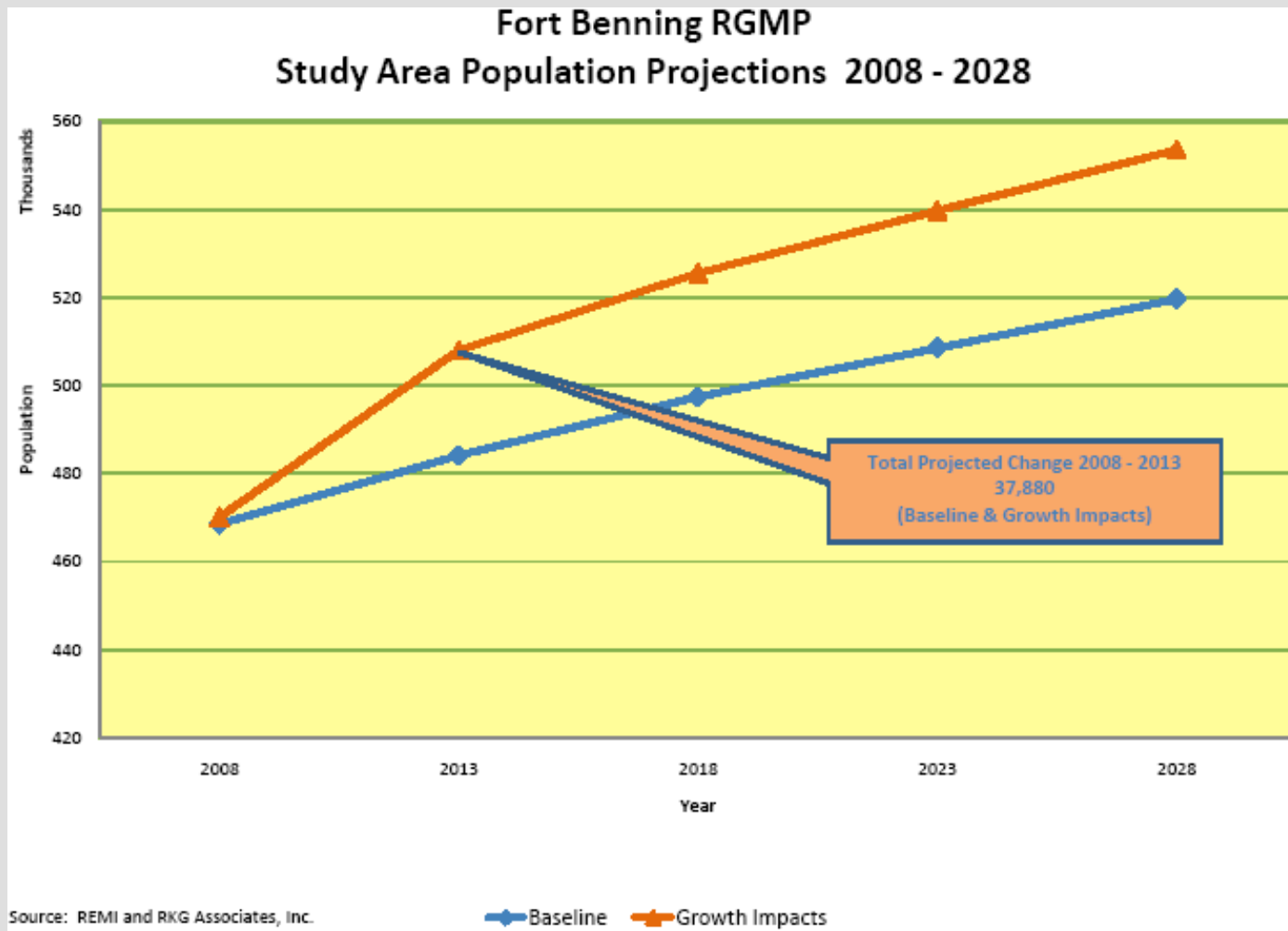
(12 August 2011)

<b>Growth Categories</b>	<b>Number Jobs</b>	<b>Number Spouses</b>	<b>Number Children</b>	<b>Number School Age Children</b>	<b>Number Total</b>
<b>Military Service Members: Permanent Change Of Station</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>7,510</b>
<b>Government Civilians: Permanent Change Of Station</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>3,216</b>
<b>Contractors</b>	<b>4,802</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>11,406</b>
	<b>Population +</b>	<b>Spouses +</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Total Growth</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,049</b>	<b>5,373</b>	<b>7,710</b>	<b>5,458</b>	<b>22,132</b>

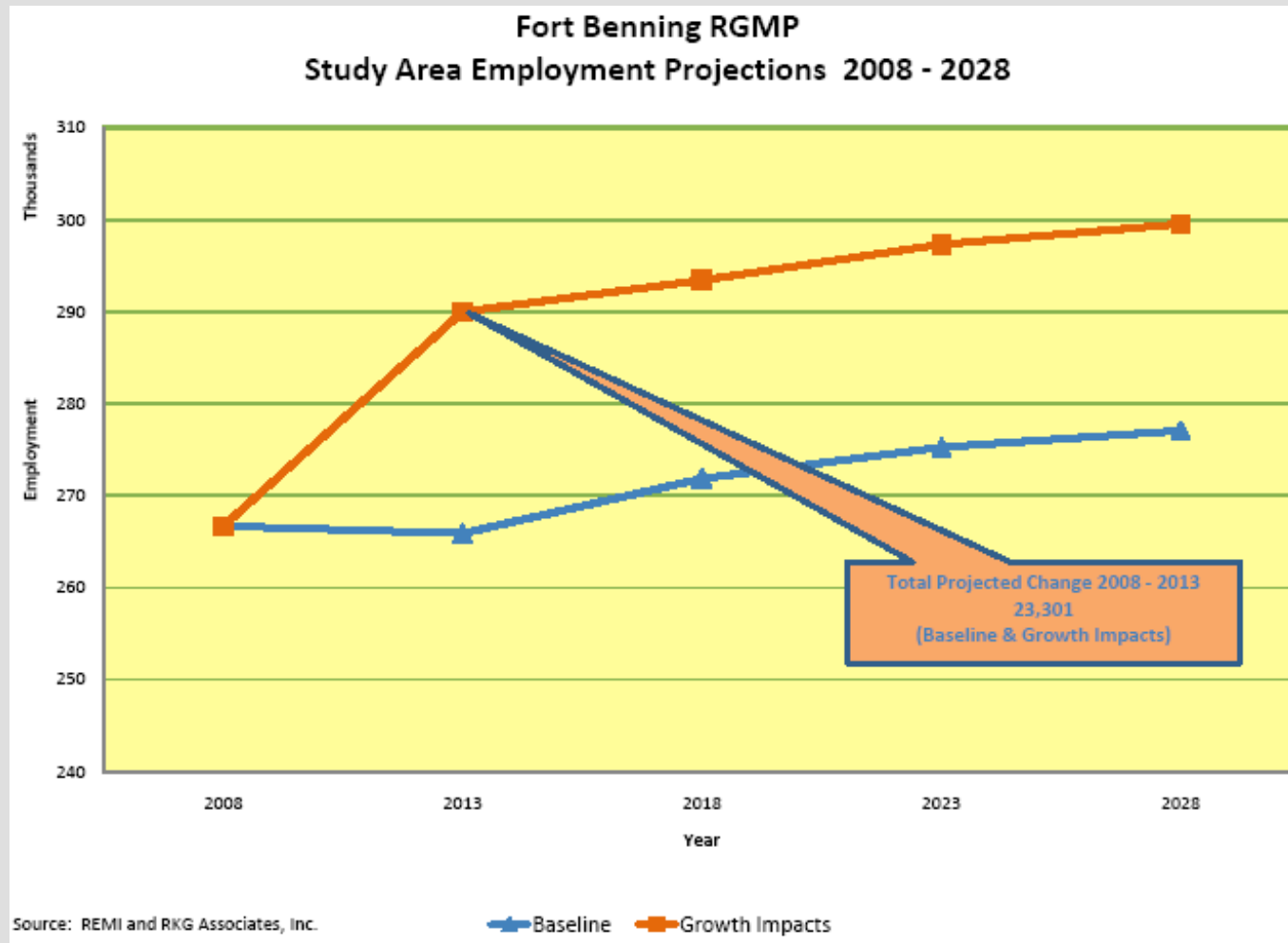
# Fort Benning BRAC Unit Relocation Timeline



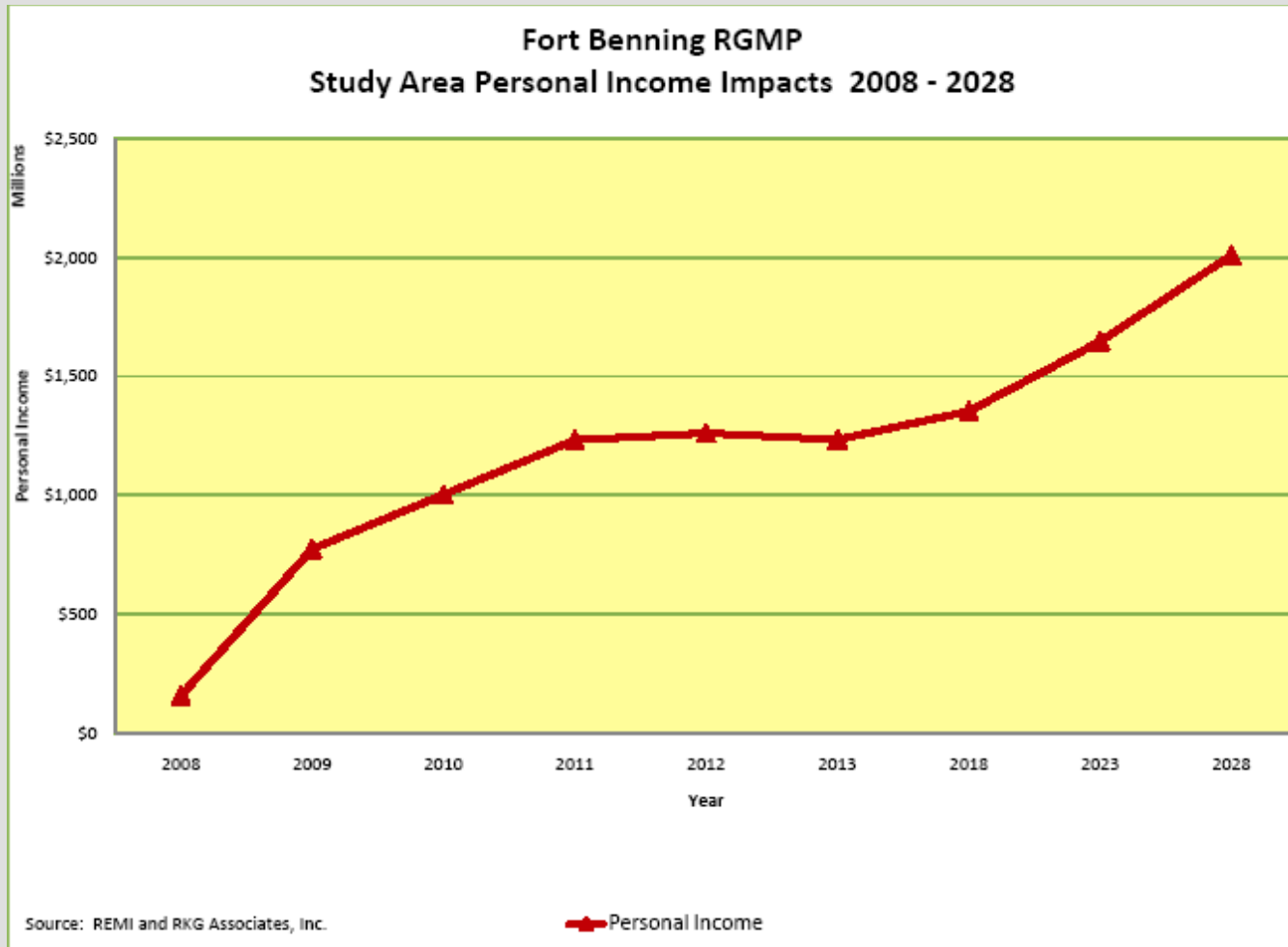
# Study Area Population Projections 2008 - 2028



# Study Area Employment Projections 2008 - 2028



# Study Area Personal Income Impacts 2008 - 2028



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# *Regional Findings*

- **Key Regional Employment Impacts**
  - Military, DA Civilians & Defense Contractors – Bring 11,000 positions to region.
  - Construction – Employment growth peaks at 5,952 then declines to 657 in 2028.
  - Manufacturing - 400 jobs.
  - Finance, Insurance -2,588 jobs.
  - Professional Technical Services - 4,600 jobs.
  - Administrative positions - 1,000 jobs.
  - Health and Social Assistance - 1,300.
  - State and local government - 1,000 jobs.
  - Accommodations and Food Service – 800 jobs.

## *Findings (Continued)*

- Some impacts will require regional solutions.
  - Infrastructure improvements
  - Workforce training & development
- Annual growth monitoring & economic analysis will be required.
- Information exchange relating to the expansion of Fort Benning should continue.
- Economic development growth facilitated from a Bi-state Regional Authority should continue.

# *Regional Recommendations*

- **Health Care:**
  - Create a bi-state commission to address the healthcare manpower needs of the RGMP area.
  - Improved TRICARE access to medical services.
- **Social Services:** Implement service strategies for rural counties to expand Web services, telephone and home visits for seniors.
- **Education:** Continue the multi-district efforts created under the Chattahoochee Valley Project.

# *Regional Recommendations*

- **Housing:** Create overlay zoning districts for Targeted Redevelopment Areas that include development incentives and infill development standards.
- **QOL:** Support satellite programs, taking the arts out to the region.
- **Public safety:** Establish a region-wide 800 MHz communications infrastructure.
- **Transportation:** Establish a regional authority to enhance public transportation systems.
- **Utilities:** Expand Potable Water and Sewer Services throughout the region.

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# *Economic Impact*

- Continue to interface and coordinate with a Joint Bi-State Regional Economic Development Authority to further enhance and facilitate regional and county economic and labor growth opportunities.
- Continue to enhance Quality of Life issues as they directly impact economic growth.
- Continue to participate in workforce development opportunities to further serve the requirements of Fort Benning, Kia and general economic growth demands.

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