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Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission to Prepare Fort Gordon Regional Growth Management Plan

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AUGUSTA, GA (MAY 21, 2021) - The Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission (CSRA RC) will be preparing a Regional Growth Management Plan (GMP) to address increased activity and personnel at Fort Gordon.

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The GMP planning process will evaluate the Augusta metropolitan area's readiness to absorb additional service members at Fort Gordon. According to estimates from the Department of Defense, Fort Gordon is anticipating 2,000 additional military personnel by 2021, in addition to their families, contractors and other support staff, translating into thousands of new residents to the region.

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The purpose of the GMP is to address both the challenges and opportunities resulting from increased activity and personnel at Fort Gordon. The challenges consist of ensuring the region develops sufficient infrastructure and service capacities to accommodate growth while maintaining a high quality of life for military personnel and area residents. The opportunities relate to increased economic activity and capitalizing on economic development opportunities (particularly Cyber-related industry development), to sustain the region's vibrant economy.

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Three major goals will be part of the GMP planning process:

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- Providing a comprehensive assessment of potential infrastructure, service impacts and needs associated with growth at Fort Gordon in order to enable area communities to prepare and plan for growth.
- Developing a collaborative public involvement process which enables and facilitates the coordination of the region's various stakeholders and focused on sustaining quality of life benefits and opportunities for both military and civilian communities.
- Sustaining the region's focus as a military supportive community and integrate economic development opportunities as part of this focus.



For information on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), a division of the CSRA Regional Commission, call (706) 210-2018 or toll free (and TDD) 1-888-922-4464. The AAA is your "Gateway to Community Resources" for senior citizens and those with disabilities.

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This GMP effort will culminate into an action plan to assist surrounding communities in making informed decisions regarding growth management and include an implementation strategy for communities to use as a guide.

The CSRA RC is serving as the primary project sponsor and has obtained the services of STANTEC to serve as the lead consultant on this project. The GMP is funded by a grant from the Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation.

For more information on the GMP planning process, please see www.fortgordongmp.com

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