

Howard County BRAC Task Force (HC-BRAC-TF)

Task Force Memorandum: 2008-11

For: Howard County BRAC Constituency
Subject: Update on Fort Meade Growth Impacts and Opportunities
Date: 10 September 2008
Originator: Kent Menser, Executive Director of the HC BRAC Office

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to update our Fort Meade Growth/BRAC constituency on the latest actions, events and schedules related to this important effort. If you have better information or any of the following is incorrect, please send me an email at kmenser@howardcountymd.gov or call me at 410-313-6521.

HC BRAC TF Committees	Co-Chair	Co-Chair
<i>Work Force Housing</i>	Paul Revelle	Stacey Spann
<i>Public Safety</i>	Joseph Herr	William McMahon
<i>Education</i>	TBD	Ken Roey
<i>Transportation</i>	Ron Meliker	Carl Balser
<i>Infrastructure</i>	Wayne Wilhelm	Steve Gerwin
<i>Health and Human Services</i>	Vidia Dhanraj	Lois Mikkila
<i>Workforce Development</i>	Francine Trout	Patty Keeton
<i>Family Support</i>	Rosi Melendez	Aster Black
Lessons Learned	Dwight Hollenbach	David Faigenbaum
Plans and Analysis Team	Jean Friedberg	
Resource Partners	Theo Bell	
Executive	Sam Seymour	

SCHEDULE:

- HC BRAC Task Force Meetings:
 - Next meeting: 8 October
 - Time: 3:30 – 5 PM
 - Location: Howard County Gateway Building (Classroom 5), 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia.

- HC BRAC Task Force Co-Chair Meetings:
 - Next meeting: 16 September
 - Time: 8 – 0930 AM
 - Location: Howard County Gateway Building (HCC Board Room-First Floor), 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia

- HC BRAC Task Force Plans and Analysis Group Meetings:
 - Next Meeting: 11 September
 - Time: 7:30 – 9 AM
 - Location: Howard County Gateway Building (First Floor Executive Conference Room), 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia

- Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC) Meetings:
 - Next meeting: 25 September
 - Time: 1 – 3 PM

- Location: Chesapeake Community College, 1000 College Drive, Queenstown, Maryland 21658
- Maryland Military Installation Council Meeting:
 - Next meeting: 12 September
 - Time: 7:45 – 11:15 AM
 - Location: MD Dept of Housing and Community Relations Conference Room, 100 Community Place, Crownsville

KEY POINTS/DISCUSSION:

- Howard County BRAC Task Force Resource (time, money and people) Strategy:
 - We believe it is a pretty safe assumption that of the three operational resources listed above, that we will not have any more money than we have today to address critical issues, particularly in the areas of transportation infrastructure and work force development. The good news is that we do have people with all of their experience, intellect and enthusiasm. And, we have time, if we think strategically, rather than reactively.
 - With the above in mind, we introduce a revised strategy, which is; before resources are committed, completely understand the requirement and only plan to utilize resources that are already available/funded. The two big challenges are; defining the requirement and finding/identifying the location of the funded resources. Much more to follow on his subject.
- HC Task Force Membership:
 - One of our biggest challenges in the Task Force is making effective use of every hour that our volunteers commit to our goals. Two years ago we started with 26 members on three committees. Today we have 184 members on 12 committees. Our membership today is very diverse in terms of time on the TF, experience and perspective.
 - We have structured committees that run on tight schedules and we have committees on the other end of the spectrum. But, over the past two years, both have produced excellent outcomes or end products. As we move into Phase IV, we will continue to align our resources in order to match up with our requirements. This means, at some point, we will be giving all Task Force members the opportunity to shift from one committee to another, depending upon requirements and experience. More to come on this subject.
- Phase IV (Sept – Dec 08) Approach: When we meet with the Howard County Task Force Co-chairs on 16 September, we will finalize our priorities and our approach to our Phase IV work. From that meeting each of our committees will receive specific tasks that align with current BRAC planning and execution requirements. That said, we can say that our focus will intensify in the areas of; Family Support, Work Force Development and Lessons Learned. Additionally, we have ongoing grant supported work in the areas of Health and Human Services, Housing, Transportation and Public Safety. More to follow on all of our committees by mid September.
- Silo Crunching: During this past August, Task Force Co-chairs and members of our Executive Committee met at an “off-site” location for four hours to discuss Silo-Crunching and its ramifications on our work. Participation by the 35 attendees was great

and we took lots of notes. I will give you further feedback on this important topic after our Co-chair meeting.

- Plans and Analysis Group: We are looking forward to the meeting of our Plans and Analysis Group on 11 September. Under the leadership of Jean Friedberg, this organization built much of the analytical base for all Task Force operations. At this meeting, we will give them an update on TF actions and also discuss next steps.
- Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC):
 - This organization started with two counties and one city. It now consists of eight counties, two cities, Fort George G. Meade, The National Security Agency, The Defense Information Agency and a number of non-governmental organizations (NGO's).
 - The mission of the RGMC is to provide actionable information that will mobilize local governments in the region to respond to the opportunities and impacts of Fort Meade growth in a coordinated and timely manner.
 - The Office of Economic Development, Anne Arundel and Howard counties have funded a Regional Transportation Planner/Coordinator to support the RGMC and its work. This new member of our regional team should be on board by 1 October 2008.
- Work Force Development Grant: Howard County has received a grant to fund a study of work force development issues, specifically in the areas of “extended education, employment and training.” Towson University (Ron Lantz) will be conducting the study and working very closely our BRAC Task Force during its Execution.