

**Howard County- Fort Meade Growth/BRAC Task Force (HC-BRAC-TF)**

**Task Force Memorandum 2008 -1**

**To: Task Force Members**

**Subject: Task Force Update**

**Date: 16 January 2008**

**Originator: Kent Menser, Task Force Chairman**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this memorandum is to provide our Howard County BRAC TF members and our BRAC constituency with information on the key actions that will be taking place during the first quarter of 2008, as we initiate Phase III of our work. This memo is going out to the over 900 addresses on our Howard County BRAC Task Force distribution list. If you have questions about Fort Meade growth that we have not addressed, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 410-313-6521 or [kmenser@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kmenser@howardcountymd.gov).

<b>Committees</b>	<b>Co-Chair</b>	<b>Co-Chair</b>
<i>Housing</i>	Tom Ballentine	Stacey Spann
<i>Public Safety</i>	Joseph Herr	William McMahon
<i>Education</i>	Bob Price	Roger Plunkett
<i>Transportation</i>	Ron Meliker	Carl Balsler
<i>Infrastructure</i>	Wayne Wilhelm	Bob Beringer
<i>Health and Human Services</i>	Vidia Dhanraj	Lois Mikkila
<i>Workforce Development</i>	Francine Trout	Patty Keeton
<b>Lessons Learned Committee</b>	Don Darnell	Dwight Hollenbach
<b>Plans and Analysis Team</b>	Jean Friedberg	
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Sam Seymour	

**1. Key Points:**

- a. Howard County BRAC Task Force Phase III (1 January 08 through 31 May 08):
  - Phase III Goals:
    - Conduct comparative analysis between the State BRAC Action Plan and the BRAC Task Force Interim Progress Report (7 Dec 08) and report shortfalls.
    - Continue, as appropriate, with Committee actions carried over from 2007
    - Complete BRAC Task Force Phase II Report
- b. Howard County BRAC Task Force Membership:
  - The Task Force Chairman is in the process of conducting formal interviews with each Committee Co-Chair to identify ways of improving, through lessons learned, BRAC Task Force

organizational effectiveness. The Task Force Chairman would like to retain current co-chairs, but that ultimately will be the decision of the respective chairs.

- The Task Force Chairman also would like to retain all members of the current Task Force. However, if any member would like leave the Task Force, move to another functional committee or go to the Resource Partner Committee, please call Kent Menser.
  - All members of the Task Force are invited to meet with Kent Menser on an individual basis to discuss lessons learned, to include better ideas, issues or repositioning within the Task Force. Please call Jill Joubert at 410-313-6522 to get on Kent's calendar.
  - If you currently are not on the Task Force and want to join us, please call Raj Kudchadkar (Deputy Director of HC BRAC Office) and he will work to match your experience with the right committee.
- c. Fort Meade Coordination Zone:
- The Fort Meade Regional Growth Committee has established a "Meade Coordination Zone (MCZ)." Physically, this zone encompasses the land within a 5 mile radius of the center of Fort Meade. The purpose of the zone is to identify all of the key players so that actions can be accomplished in a coordinated manner. More to follow on this subject.
- d. State of Maryland BRAC Action Plan: This plan was presented to the Governor by the Lt. Governor and the Maryland BRAC Subcabinet in December, 2007. The plan is a starting point for the State's BRAC Planning process. The Howard County BRAC Task Force will be working with key State and Regional Counterparts to make sure the plan reflects local needs.

## 2. Meeting Schedules:

- a. Howard County BRAC Task Force Meetings for 2008: We may not meet on all of these dates, but wanted to identify the blocks a head of time. We will meet on 13 February 08. All Task Force meetings are open to everyone!
- 13 February 08 @ 3:30 PM (Room # 5 , Howard County Gateway Building)
  - 12 March 08 @ 3:30 PM (Room # 5, Howard County Gateway Building)
  - 9 April 08 @ 3:30 PM (Room # 5, Howard County Gateway Building)
  - 14 May 08 @ 3:30 PM (Room # 5, Howard County Gateway Building)
  - 11 June 08 @ 3:30 PM (Room # 5, Howard County Gateway Building)
- b. Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee Meetings for 2008  
This is our 9 County, 2 City regional group. All meetings are open to everyone!

- 31 January 08 @ 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM (Room # 5, Howard County Gateway Building)
- 28 February 08 @ 3:30 PM (Room # 5, Howard County Gateway Building)
- 27 March 08 @ 3:30 PM (Room # 5, Howard County Gateway Building)
- 24 April 08 @ 3:30 PM (Room # 5, Howard County Gateway Building)
- 29 May 08 @ 3:30 PM (Room # 5, Howard County Gateway Building)

**3. Requests:**

- a. Tell us when you have a better idea or suggested improvement of a process or a plan.
- b. Please keep us informed by providing us information relevant to county and/or regional growth.
- c. Attached are slides that we presented at a BRAC Symposium on 14 January 2008. These slides, which have a regional focus, indicate the level of transportation spending required to support BRAC and describe the planning processes that have been applied and continue at state, regional and local levels.