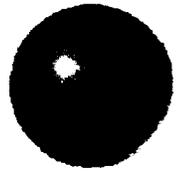


*Presentation to the BRAC 2005
Commission Staff*

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Fort Benning Futures Partnership
An arm of the Columbus GA Chamber of Commerce
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Meeting Objectives

- To identify Positive SECDEF recommendations
- To present alternatives for consideration
- To demonstrate Fort Benning's capacity for a Brigade Combat Team (BCT) in addition to the Armor Center and School
- To demonstrate community capacity for additional missions
- To confirm components of the Armor Center and School at Fort Benning

Fort Benning, Georgia An Army Community of Excellence

Camp Merrill provides mountainous terrains for infantry training

Camp Rudder provides swamp, river and coastal infantry training opportunities

Rolling Wooded Terrain

- **Size:** 183,243 acres (287.5 square miles)

Camp Merrill

Atlanta

Columbus

Fort Benning

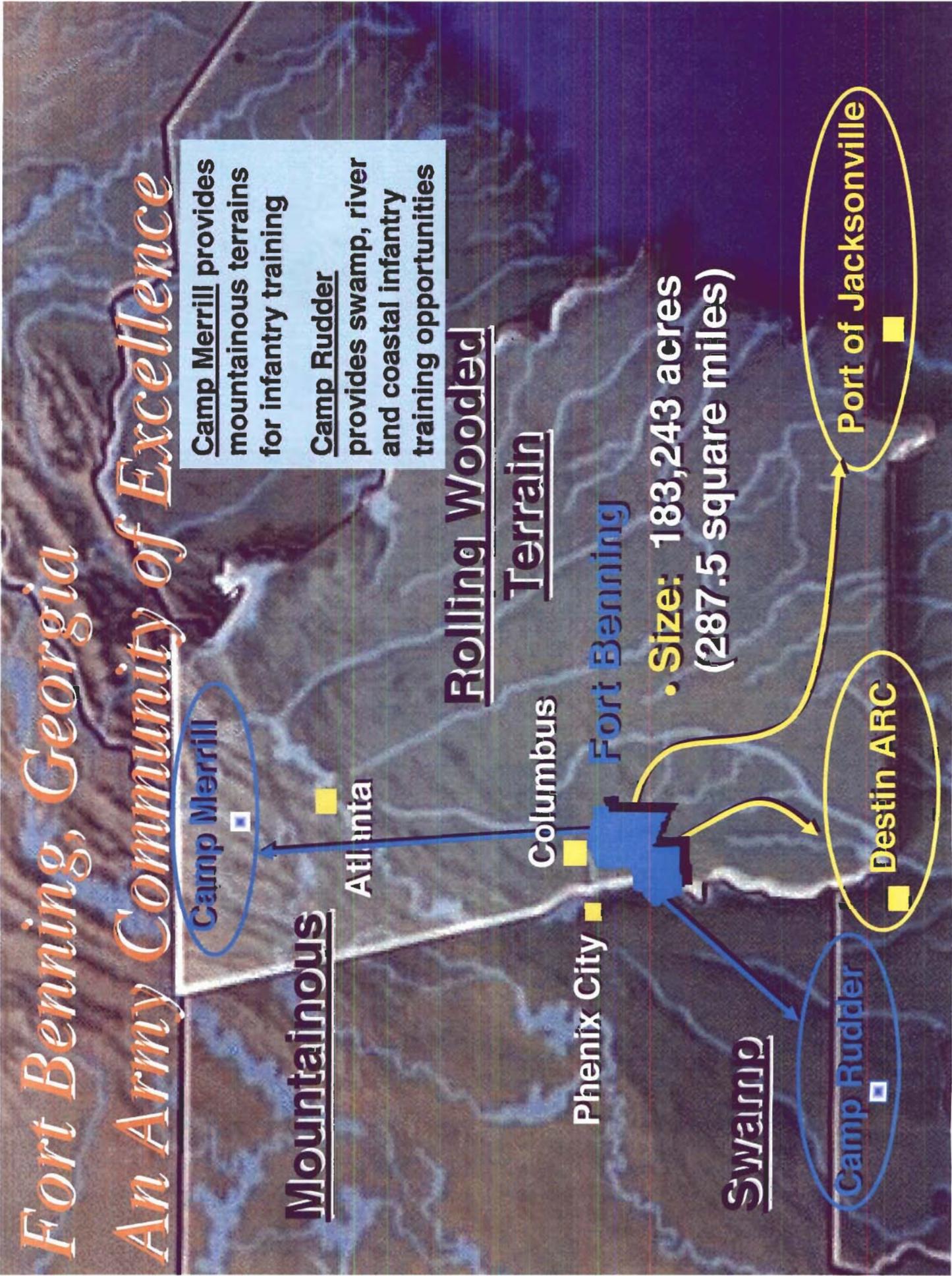
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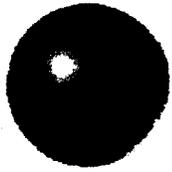
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Camp Rudder

Destin ARC

Port of Jacksonville



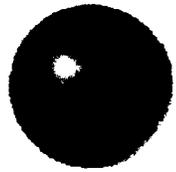


BRAC Recommended Additions to Fort Benning – Fully Supported

- ✦ Maneuver Center of Excellence

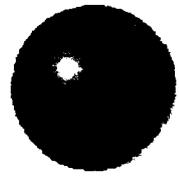
- ✦ US Armor School
 - ✦ 1st Armor Training Brigade
 - ✦ Armor BOLC Mission
 - ✦ 16th Cavalry Regiment
 - ✦ Unit of Action Maneuver Battle Lab (UAMBL)
 - ✦ Patton Armor Museum

- ✦ 81st RRC Equipment Consolidation Site



Military Value

- ✦ As cited in the BRAC 2005 Recommendations and Analysis under section 7.3.1: “A third recommendation realigns a Modular BCT at Fort Knox, KY.
- ✦ “Initially, the Army had announced it would temporarily activate this unit at Fort Benning, GA. The BRAC 2005 Military Value analysis did not support this recommendation based on the relocation of the Armor Center and School to Fort Benning to consolidate with the Infantry School and Center.”
- ✦ Another option: Fort Benning can support the schools and centers as well as the BCT in order to present a consolidated Center of Excellence.



Fort Benning Capacity

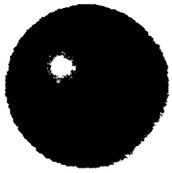
- ✦ Fort Benning can accommodate the Armor Center and School (Northeast half of installation) as well as a BCT (Southwest half of installation).

- ✦ 183,000 Total acres, 255+ Square Miles
 - ❖ 78,000+ acres allocated to Armor Center and School, and Heavy Basic Combat Training battalions for training

 - ❖ 25,000+ acres available to fully accommodate a Infantry/Stryker BCT; plus training land available for Mountain training (Dahlongega) and river, swamp, marsh and coastal training at Eglin, AFB, Florida.

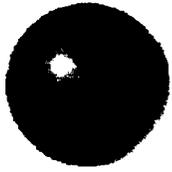
 - ❖ Facilities well suited to serve both Armor Center and School as well as BCT in 2008. From housing, to education, to roads, we have the capacity for both missions.

 - ❖ Tremendous support for this additional mission from community, businesses, and Fort Benning Commanding General.



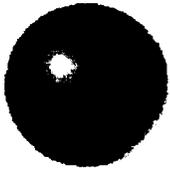
Community Capacity

- ⊕ Housing capacity to support any level of growth
- ⊕ 50% = additional electrical power available
- ⊕ 30% = additional natural gas capacity available
- ⊕ 40% = additional water supply available
- ⊕ 110% = additional waste water usage capacity



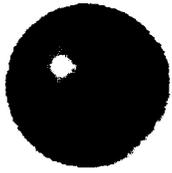
Community Partnership

- Coordination is underway with our GA and AL State Leadership, and congressional delegation's from GA and AL to assist in securing utility, infrastructure and education funding for community expansion.
- Clark Realty RCI housing endeavor to bring over 3400 replacement single family houses, 492 historic home renovations (and 200 Family Housing units to Dahlonega in North GA).



BRAC Recommended Additions to Fort Benning – Recommend Confirmation

- ❖ Recommend affiliated components at the Armor Center/School be confirmed as included components in Maneuver Center:
 - ❖ Mounted Warfare Testbed (MWTB)
 - ❖ Mounted Battlespace Battle Lab (MBBL)
 - ❖ CV2 Battle Lab
 - ❖ UA Experimentation Element (UAEE), Experimental Force Brigade Cadre, whose daily work is currently integrated with BattleLabs
- ❖ Armor Maintenance Unit (an AMC function)
- ❖ M-1 Tank Engine Rebuild Unit (an AMC function)
- ❖ Tracked Vehicle Maintenance Center of Excellence (per TRADOC), based on Maneuver Center equipment concentration, 63B, 63D, 63H from APG
- ❖ ExFor associated with the Armor Center and School

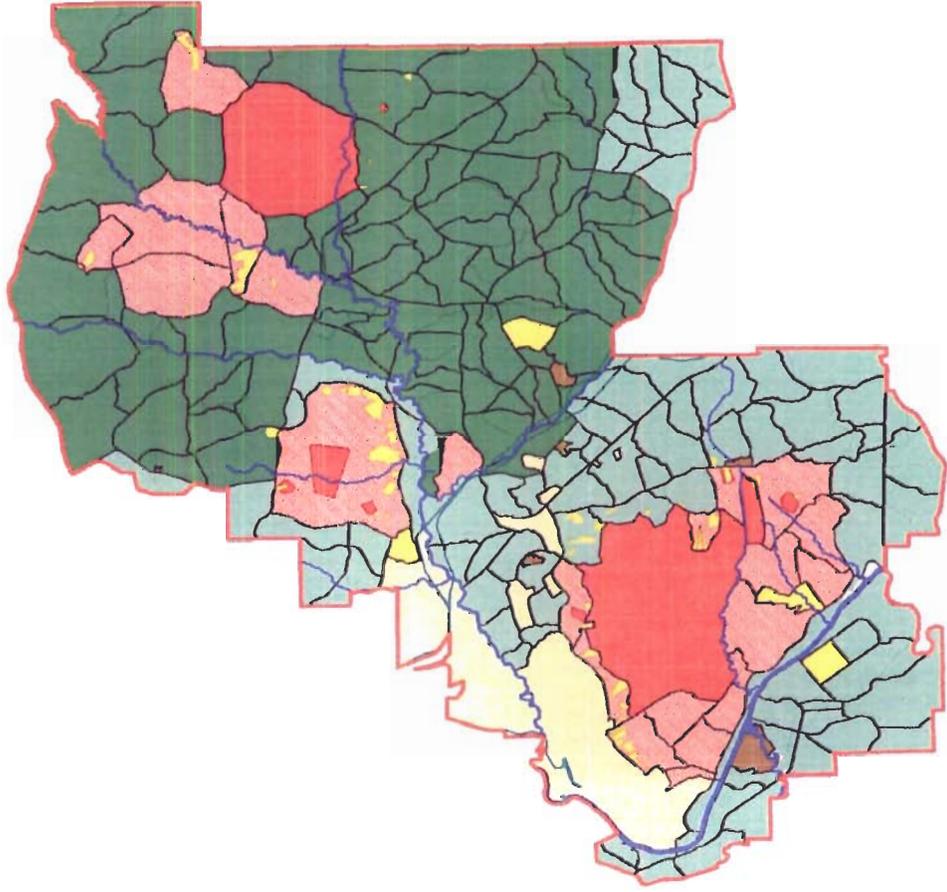


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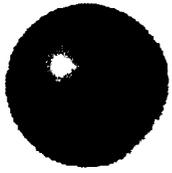
- ✦ 2 Basic Combat Training Battalions from Fort Knox to Fort Benning, enables a 4 Battalion BCT Brigade, Chief of Infantry is proponent for all BCT Training
- ✦ Discretionary Units that have been identified
- ✦ IGPBS Recommendations: we have capacity and these could help support Maneuver Center of Excellence



Fort Benning Land Usage



	Gross Acreage (183,243 acres)
	Cantonment (12,531 acres)
	Outdoor Recreation (921 acres)
	Dudded Impact (16,068 acres)
	Range (3,165 acres)
	Non-Dudded Impact (37,858 acres)
	Light Maneuver (25,836 acres)
	Heavy Maneuver (78,432 acres)



Summary

- Armor Center and School brings a demographic profile to the region, one which is similar to the Infantry School, offering relative ease in merging Centers.
- Both an additional Infantry Brigade Combat Team and the Armor Center and School can be accommodated at Fort Benning, and by our community.
- Work has already begun to accommodate a BCT and their dependents, as well as all other recommended growth. This is an ongoing process.
- We respectfully ask for your support and recommendation that Fort Benning be assigned a BCT when the additional brigades are stood up in FY 08.