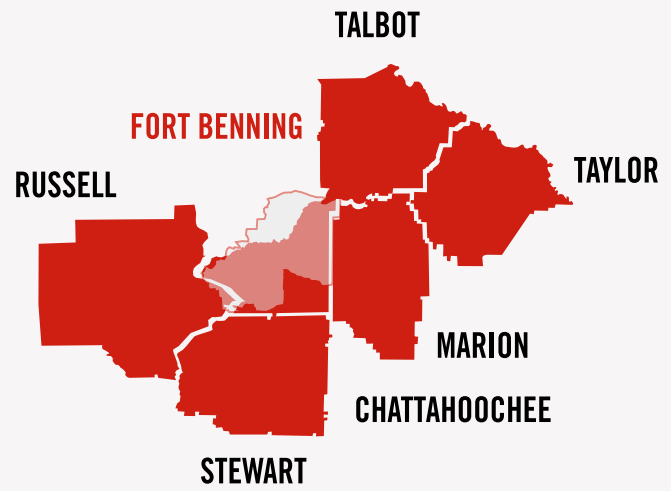
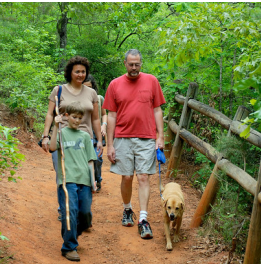


The River Valley Community Compatible Development Project

Over the next two years, the River Valley Community Compatible Development (RVCCD) Project will work with six rural communities surrounding Fort Benning to identify and advance both new and existing opportunities for economic development that are compatible with the mission and long-term operation of the region's largest economic driver – Fort Benning.



Communities Involved in this Project



For more than 15 years, Fort Benning and the Department of Defense have worked in coordination with a broad consortium of state and federal agencies, local communities, private landowners and private sector partners to encourage private and public land conservation efforts in the Fall Line region of west Georgia and east Alabama. These efforts help with protecting the current and future military mission **inside** Fort Benning's boundary by maintaining compatible use conservation buffers **outside** the installation boundary.

To support the exploration of much needed economic development solutions in the region, and also leverage opportunities provided by conservation buffers, the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the Department of Defense are funding this initiative. Working with the River Valley Regional Commission, this project will facilitate collaboration with local community leaders and residents to identify economic development opportunities that communities can capitalize on to build and execute their shared community and regional economic prosperity vision.

While conservation buffers are vital to sustaining Fort Benning and its mission, they are not owned by the military and will never be used for military training or testing. In fact, these buffer lands can serve as a local economic asset, particularly if coupled with other locally important community economic development initiatives.

To that end, this effort will result in concrete actions supporting economic development in the region, with a focus on new jobs and small businesses related to many valuable assets in this region, while also continuing to support Fort Benning's mission.

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