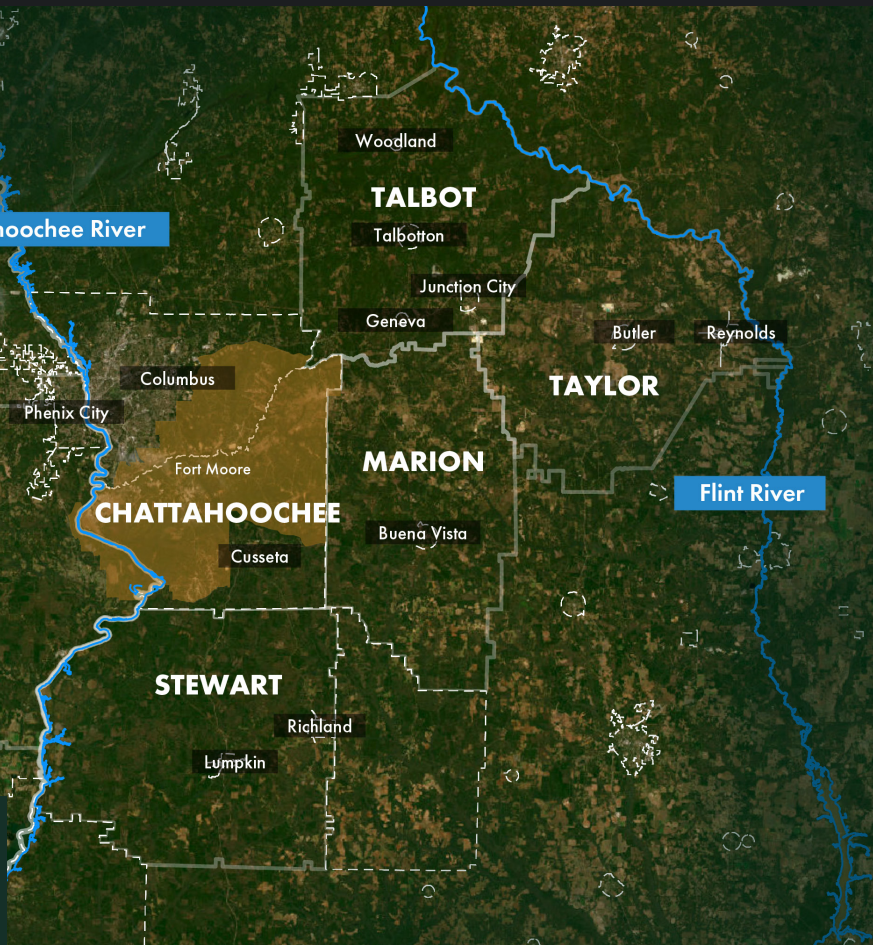




Chattahoochee River



Flint River

Economic development strategies that promote sustainable rural communities, and sustaining the military mission in this region.



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In 2021, the **River Valley Community Compatible Development (RVCCD) Project** began working with six rural communities around Fort Moore: Chatham, Marion, Russell (AL), Stewart, Talbot, and Taylor counties. While protecting the rural character prized by these communities, the RVCCD Plan promotes economic development opportunities that build on the natural and cultural resources in the River Valley region. This project works directly with the communities to identify and implement opportunities to promote job growth and economic prosperity for local citizens while sustaining the long-term mission of Fort Moore – the region’s largest economic driver. The RVCCD Project is a partnership between the University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government, the River Valley Regional Commission, Fort Moore, and others, with funding from the Department of Defense.

The results of this two-year planning effort are available online at [www.RiverValleyCCD.com](http://www.RiverValleyCCD.com), where many of the implementation actions already underway are highlighted. The University of Georgia and its project partners will continue to work with these communities to execute this plan and enhance the long-term economic prosperity and resilience of this region.



# REGIONAL VISION

Across the River Valley region, four key topics emerged that will promote the kinds of compatible development necessary to ensure local economic prosperity and secure the military mission:

1

## INVEST IN VIBRANT DOWNTOWNS

Vibrant downtowns promote the most valuable areas of a community and build in areas with existing infrastructure and resources.



2

## STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Accessing external funding opportunities to repair and enhance basic infrastructure systems is needed to support any future development.



3

## COMPATIBLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

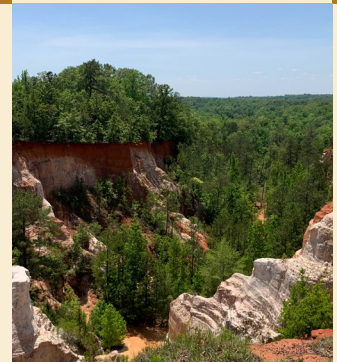
The region's many natural, historical, and cultural assets provide opportunities for economic development around recreation, local arts and artisans, and tourism.



4

## REGIONAL APPROACH

The River Valley region has a distinct regional identity that could be leveraged to create a shared strategy to encourage tourism and economic development.



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