

FORT CARSON REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN

RESOURCE AREAS FACT SHEET

The Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan is a comprehensive regional planning effort to help local communities and service providers prepare for the rapid military growth at Fort Carson. The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) oversees this planning effort with the goal of planning for and addressing the impacts of population growth on Fort Carson and its surrounding communities.



This population growth will influence everything from school enrollment and healthcare needs to transportation infrastructure demands and economic development. In addition to analyzing overall growth trends associated with the Pikes Peak region's soldiers and their families, the Growth Plan will also evaluate how specific sectors are affected.

CHILDCARE & DEVELOPMENT

The Growth Plan assesses Fort Carson-related child care demand and services required to meet child development needs, as well as the economic impacts of child care on the region.

ECONOMIC IMPACT & DEVELOPMENT

The Growth Plan assesses impacts to the regional economy and opportunities for coordinated economic development and workforce planning.

EDUCATION

Population growth at Fort Carson will affect enrollment in regional school districts, as well as demand for adult education and worker training programs. Phase Two of the Growth Plan utilizes detailed growth data to forecast the demand for education services among three groups: general pre-K-12 school age children, special needs children and adults seeking higher education or job skills training.

HEALTH CARE

The Growth Plan assesses regional medical and behavioral health services to meet Fort Carson soldier and family needs and is working to develop a coordinated approach to behavioral health care provision for soldiers and families.

HOUSING

PPACG coordinates with Fort Carson and area housing representatives to analyze on- and off-post housing inventory to project future housing demand associated with troop expansion. Phase Two will develop a calculator to determine affordability and examine opportunities for multi- and single-family redevelopment and mixed-use development in the Pikes Peak region.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

The Growth Plan assesses provider capacity to meet soldier and family-related social services and strategies for improved service delivery. Phase Two will develop a plan for coordinated community-based services to provide appropriate resources for troops and their families.

SUSTAINABILITY

PPACG is developing a Sustainability Action Plan for Economic Development. The Action Plan will establish a vision for how governments and the private and nonprofit sectors can benefit from Fort Carson growth and Fort Carson's sustainability goals. This effort will use quality of life indicators and other strategies to develop a long-term action plan to achieve a vision for sustainable economic development in the context of Fort Carson growth.



TRANSPORTATION

The Growth Plan builds upon land use and transportation planning efforts to assess the Pikes Peak region's roadway and transit needs. Phase Two of the Growth Plan addresses projected off-post travel demand and coordination with Fort Carson's on-post transportation system.

PLANNING, LAND USE & COMPATIBILITY

The Growth Plan assesses existing land use plans and policy documents to assist Fort Carson in identifying compatible uses of land, air, water and other resources to fulfill the installation's training mission.

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Growth Plan evaluates the capacity and preparedness of law enforcement, fire departments and emergency services, particularly in Colorado Springs, El Paso County and Fountain, to meet existing and future needs.

PUBLIC UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

The Growth Plan assesses current and future demands on utilities and infrastructure to accommodate Fort Carson growth.

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