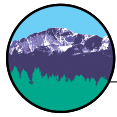


MIP UPDATE

PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MILITARY IMPACT PLANNING



Pikes Peak Area
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Communities Working Together

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sept 30: Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan Housing Forum, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Oct. 11: Alliance for Kids Early Learning Committee, 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 13: Transportation, Land Use and Compatibility Partnership Group, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 21: Medical, Behavioral Health, and Social Services Group, 1:00 p.m.

Note: All meetings are held at PPACG at the address below unless otherwise noted.

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SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT WORKS ON GOALS

Now in its second phase, the Pikes Peak Regional Sustainability Project (PPRSP) is continuing to move forward in the development of measurable strategies to achieve the 20-year sustainability goals developed by focus groups and the Consensus Committee during Phase 1 of the project.



Solar panels at Fort Carson

Phase 1 concluded in December 2010 with the establishment of long-term sustainability goals for El Paso and Teller counties in the areas of transportation, built and natural environment, economic development, water and energy, materials management, health, education and arts and culture. The focus groups and the Consensus Committee consist of stakeholder representatives, elected officials, business representatives, non-profit organizations, military installation representatives, and members of the public.

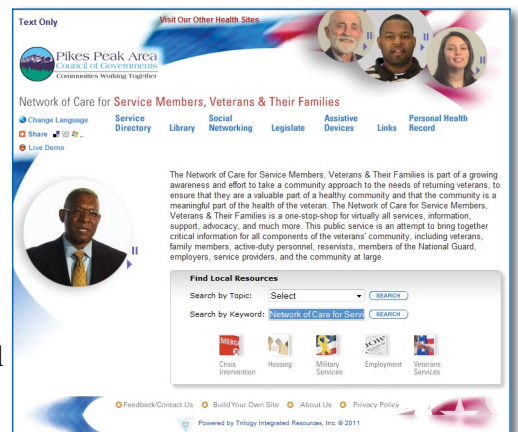
The purpose of Phase 2 of the project, which began in January 2011, is to conduct an assessment of baseline conditions and develop a Strategy Development. This plan

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NETWORK OF CARE CONNECTS MILITARY COMMUNITY

On May 6, 2011, PPACG launched the [Network of Care](#) website for service members, veterans, and their families. This web-based resource, developed and maintained by Trilogity Integrated Resources, provides many features to assist the military community in obtaining information and assistance on a broad range of local and national services. PPACG has also partnered with Pikes Peak United Way to include 2-1-1 data for El Paso and Teller counties in this service directory.

Users will find information on crisis intervention, family and child services, veterans' programs, and



legislation; social networking features; and a Personal Health Record feature to assist with care coordination. Other features include a library of more than

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CONTINUED GROWTH AT FORT CARSON EXPECTED

The timeframe for completion of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) is September 2011. However, Fort Carson continues to grow, with the March 2011 announcement of an additional combat aviation brigade (CAB). This additional growth will bring 2,700 more Soldiers and an anticipated 4,000 family members to the region, beginning in 2013. The stationing of the CAB is expected to be completed by 2014.

Because of this ongoing growth and changing deployment schedules, PPACG is continuing to work with Fort Carson, the Defense Manpower Data Center, and other data sources to update the Fort Carson Demographic Model (FCDM) in order to better project the numbers of Soldiers in the region, as well as the numbers and other demographic information of family members, including ages of children, housing preferences, etc.

Figure 1 illustrates the FCDM's projections regarding Fort Carson Soldiers, including preliminary estimates on the number of Soldiers associated with the CAB (see article on page 3).

PPACG is also tracking the number of family members in the

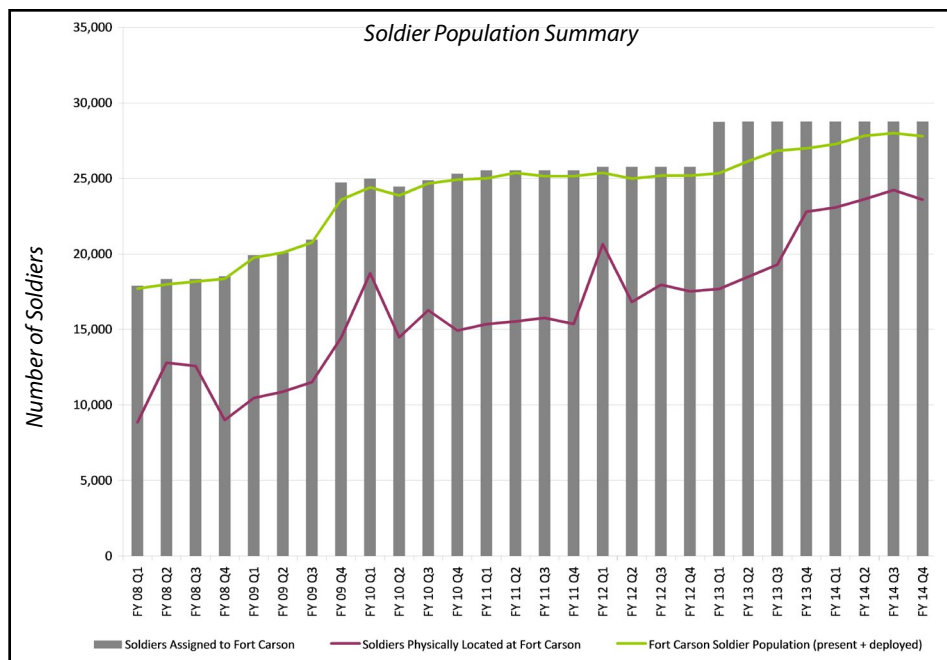


Figure 1: Soldier Projections

Source: Fort Carson Demographic Model (FCDM). Deployment cycles are subject to change but are anticipated to continue through FY 2014. The forecasted numbers reflect the addition of a Combat Aviation Brigade beginning in FY 2013 and reaching full strength by FY 2014 Q1. Soldier projections are FCDM-generated and based on PPACG analysis of Fort Carson troop data and deployments schedules.

region. These numbers are affected by the number of times a Soldier is deployed, ages of the children, spouse employment and other factors. As more information becomes available, PPACG will update the FCDM and provide estimates to stakeholders and the public.

Table 1 provides the direct economic impact Fort Carson had on the region in FY 2010.

More information on the Growth Plan demographic and economic analyses is available in the recently completed Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan Implementation Status Report available on PPACG's website: <http://www.ppacg.org/military-impact/fort-carson-regional-growth-plan-intro/project-materials/growth-plan-documents>.

Table 1: Direct Regional Economic Stimulus from Fort Carson

	FY 2010 (millions)
Military Pay	\$1,400.0
DA Civilian Payroll	\$210.1
Local Purchase/GPC*	\$19.0
Utilities	\$20.5
Tuition Assistance/Grants	\$6.3
TRICARE Payments	\$142.0
Construction Expenditures	\$512.0
Contract Awards	\$159.0
Rent/Lease Payments	N/A
Total Direct Economic Stimulus in Region	\$2,468.9

*GPC is an acronym for government purchase card. Source: Fort Carson Plans, Analysis and Integration Office

HOUSING FORUM
Friday, September 20
8:30-11:30 a.m.
 15 S. 7th St. (PPACG Offices)
 "Trends in Apartment Rents and Vacancies in the Pikes Peak Region and the Present & Future of Mortgage Financing"
 For more information and/or to RSVP: jhanke@ppacg.org; 471-7080 x106

CHILD CARE MAPS NOW AVAILABLE

PPACG has been working with the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan Child Development Partnership Group to develop maps that provide a wealth of information regarding early care and education availability near Fort Carson. These maps are provided in atlas format, by ZIP code, for areas near the installation. The atlases contain information on child care centers, family care providers, preschool programs, school-age programs, school-based programs, YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Club programs, and Headstart programs, as well as schools and school districts.

The maps also detail the number of Fort Carson children living in each zip code and indicate whether the providers are certified by the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood (ACCYN), Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN), and/or Army School Age Programs in Your Neighborhood (ASPYN).

Providing these maps enables individuals to determine what early care and education resources may be located near their homes or their children's schools. The maps also serve as a valuable planning tool, helping Fort Carson and early care and education providers in the region determine where gaps in numbers and types of services may exist. Growth Plan stakeholders are continuing to review the maps to help develop strategies in order to better serve Fort Carson families.

The maps can be found on PPACG's website: <http://www.ppacg.org/military-impact/fort-carson-regional-growth-plan-intro/project-materials/maps>.

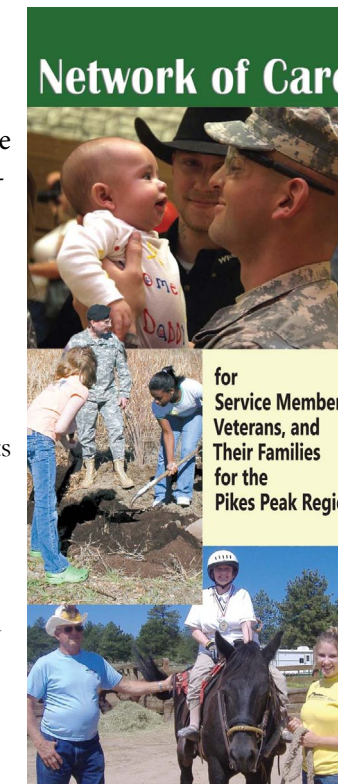
Network of Care

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35,000 articles and more than 4,000 health topics, including detailed information on medications, assistive devices, and health and wellness issues.

The Network of Care also includes community announcements and a community calendar, enabling organizations to share information about upcoming events or services. The Network of Care is continually updated to provide critical information to the entire military community, including veterans, family members, active-duty personnel, reservists, members of the National Guard, employers, service providers, and the community at large.

You can access the Network of Care at <http://pikespeak.networkofcare.org>. For additional information or to sign up for training sessions to learn more about the site's features, contact Kate Hatten, PPACG's Military Impact Planning Program Manager, at 719-471-7080, ext. 131 or khatten@ppacg.org.



CAB WILL INCREASE FORT CARSON POPULATION

The Department of Defense recently announced the stationing of a combat aviation brigade (CAB) at Fort Carson. The CAB is expected to bring an additional 2,700 Soldiers (approximately 8 percent officers, 11 percent warrant officers, and 81 percent enlisted) plus approximately 4,000 family members.

The CAB projections include PPACG's assumptions regarding the standing up of the unit (expected to begin in federal FY 2013 and completed in FY 2014). While it is anticipated that the CAB will deploy once it is fully established, no deployment information is available at this time. Key parameters that will be factored into our demographic model (once data are available) will include the general makeup of a CAB (breakdown of enlisted personnel, warrant officers, and officers), as well as factors related to family demographics based on rank (such as percent married, numbers and ages of children, etc.).



The assignment of the CAB will also result in the stationing of approximately 120 helicopters, which will require more than \$700 million in facility upgrades. Including the improvements necessary to accommodate the arrival of the CAB, approximately \$3.1 billion in military construction investments will have to be made to Fort Carson from FY 2006 through FY 2015.

**TOWN HALL UPDATES
COMMUNITY ON GROWTH**

PPACG hosted a Fort Carson Community Partnership Town Hall on May 5, 2011, bringing together military and community leaders to share information with the public.


Brigadier General James H. Doty Jr., Acting Senior Commander at Fort



Brigadier General Doty responds to a questions from the audience

Carson, provided a briefing on Fort Carson activities, including the stationing of a combat aviation brigade and ongoing deployments. Dennis Hisey, El Paso County Commissioner and First Vice Chair


of PPACG's Board of Directors, discussed the community's response to Fort Carson growth. Information on the Network of Care was provided (see article on page 1), and a panel of Fort Carson and community leaders (including Fort Carson's Garrison Commander Colonel Robert F. McLaughlin, Evans Army Community Hospital Commander Colonel Jimmie O. Keenan, and PPACG Executive Director Robert F. MacDonald) answered audience questions.

Copies of General Doty's and Commissioner Hisey's presentations are available on PPACG's website (www.ppacg.org/military-impact/fort-carson-regional-growth-plan-intro/meetings/town-halls). For information on upcoming public forums or other Growth Plan meetings and events, contact PPACG or visit PPACG's Growth Plan meetings page (www.ppacg.org/military-impact/fort-carson-regional-growth-plan-intro/meetings). 

PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION

PPACG is working with the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan partnership groups and consultant teams to implement recommendations of the Growth Plan. Current projects include the following:

- Demographic and Economic Analysis Updates: BBC Research & Consulting is assisting PPACG and regional stakeholders in more detailed updates to the Fort Carson Demographic Model and economic analyses regarding the impacts of Fort Carson growth on the region and the state.
- Military System of Care Strategic Plan: PPACG has contracted with Jody Alyn Consulting to assist the region in developing a collaborative system of care to better meet the behavioral health and social services needs of service members, veterans, and their families.
- Gate 19 Access Road Study: PPACG has contracted with Felsburg, Holt and Ullevig to conduct an improvements study for Charter Oak Ranch Road and Santa Fe Avenue in order to facilitate access to Fort Carson's Gate 19 (near exit 128 off Interstate 25).
- Touchpoints Training: Alliance for Kids is conducting trainings for early care and education staff, administrators, and home visitors who serve Fort Carson families in order to address behavior issues of pre-school-age children affected by parental deployments.

Each of these projects will be completed by the end of December 2011. PPACG staff continues to work with stakeholders throughout the region to address the changing conditions of military growth and deployments and the impacts on military families, veterans, and the community as a whole. 



Sustainability

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will contain descriptions of current conditions, indicators to measure progress, and measurable strategies to achieve the long-term goals created in Phase 1.

The project's four focus groups reconvened in March 2011 and continued to meet monthly until September 2011 to develop and refine strategies for the plan. The Consensus Committee, which provides oversight for PPSRP, met in April and June of 2011 and will continue to meet through October 2011 to revise and approve the work from the focus groups.

Based on the work of the focus groups and Consensus Committee, PPACG will develop and present the draft plan to the public at the [Southern Colorado Sustainability Conference](#) in November 2011. We expect the final plan to be completed by December 2011.

For further information about the Pikes Peak Regional Sustainability project, please visit PPACG's website (<http://www.ppacg.org/sustainability/aboutregplan>) or contact Sarah White, PPACG Military Impact Planner, at 719-471-7080, x140 or at swhite@ppacg.org. 