



## STATUS UPDATE FOR FY2011 WORK PROGRAM

During the first quarter of the FY2011 Implementation grant period, the Fort Stewart Growth Management Partnership (FSGMP) has performed the following activities in closing out the activities of the FY2009-10 planning grant and initiating the work program for 2011.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OF THE FSGMP**

The Partnership staff has facilitated two meetings of the Partnership board. The Regional Growth Management Plan was adopted by the Partnership on July 27<sup>th</sup> and hard copies of the adopted plan were produced and distributed to Partnership members at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Partnership. Also during the September 14<sup>th</sup> meet of the Partnership board, the Partnership staff briefed the Partnership board on the implementation activities to be undertaken during FY2011 pursuant to the grant agreement with OEA. Finally, the Partnership staff has been working with Liberty County and OEA staff to close out the FY09-10 grant.

### **HOUSING TRENDS AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DATA TRACKING**

The Partnership staff has met with County and City planning and mapping officials in all four member counties and several member cities to ascertain the extent to which the necessary building and development data either already exists or needs to be synthesized in order to create the template for the monthly report. The first monthly report will be produced and published in November and cover the month of October.

### **REGIONAL WATER PLANNING**

The Partnership staff has attended the Liberty County Water Resources Council meetings in July and October and has been monitoring the development of the Coastal Regional Water Plan by the state of Georgia. Three active Partnership board members (Melton, McIver and Ratcliff) are on the committee that is preparing the Coastal Regional Water Plan for the State of Georgia and have expressed an interest in working collaboratively on implementation issues upon completion of the plan in December.

### **LAND USE SUSTAINABILITY UPDATES & SPECIAL AREA PLANS**

The Partnership staff has been meeting with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission in its regular monthly meetings July through September and in special workshops in September and October to discuss revisions to the development regulations for Liberty County and its municipalities. Alternative policies and ordinances are being drafted as a result of these meetings and workshops, and will be offered to the LCPC and the local governments of Liberty County for their consideration and adoption in the spring of 2011.



The Partnership staff has been working with the Long County planning and inspections staff to begin work on a supplemental element of the County's comprehensive plan to ensure quality growth and development in the County's primary growth area as identified in the Fort Stewart Regional Growth Management Plan. This supplemental plan will provide Long County Board of Commissioners with recommended policies and ordinances for consideration and adoption in June 2011.

#### **FORT STEWART ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Partnership staff has finalized the scope and work for this study in cooperation with Fort Stewart planning staff, HAMPO and OEA and are drafting a task work order to commence working on this with the LCPC in-house consultant. This study will be completed by the end of January 2011.

#### **ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION STUDIES**

The Partnership staff met with the Long County Development Authority at its regular September meeting in an effort to assess existing economic development strategies and determine how we can best assist them through our regional effort to promote economic diversification. The Partnership staff will receive an economic assessment for Long and Liberty Counties from the University of Illinois at Chicago in late October. These assessments will be present to the respective development authorities in November.

#### **HEALTHCARE PLANNING**

The Partnership staff met with regional healthcare stakeholders during August and September to get input on how to address the health care deficiencies identified in the regional growth plan. With assistance from Colonel Cordts at Winn Army Hospital at Fort Stewart, the Partnership staff is in the process of assembling a summit of major health care providers (CEO's) to discuss the region's health care issues and identify a collaborative strategy for addressing them.