

## **CITIZENS MEETING**

## FORT LEE GROWTH AS A RESULT OF BRAC ACTION

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Monday, December 3, 2007 Union Train Station 103 River Street Petersburg, Virginia

The counties and cities adjacent to Fort Lee will confront a number of unique challenges due to significant growth in the number of Army personnel scheduled to relocate to the installation during the next five years. The Base Realignment & Closure (BRAC) expansion is expected to bring approximately 3,400 new military, civilian and contract employees to Fort Lee, along with approximately 6,000 family members. These new residents will begin arriving in 2009.

The communities adjacent to Fort Lee are assessing a range of possible social and economic impacts in areas such as housing, education, childcare, employment opportunities for trailing spouses, and transportation. Even though it is expected that the primary impact area will encompass Chesterfield, Dinwiddie and Prince George Counties and the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Petersburg, it is anticipated that all of the localities in the Crater Planning District will be affected. Based upon this assessment, a Strategic Action Plan has been prepared that identifies key impacts, action steps and specific recommendations in order to deal with the challenges.

Citizens are invited to attend this critical meeting to become better informed as to the future steps that our BRAC communities will be taking, in concert with Fort Lee, to prepare for Fort Lee's anticipated growth.

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