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Getting Organized at the Local Level: Best Practices From the Field

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Mission: Fort Walker, a Regional Collective Training Center, provides innovative, flexible, and relevant training enablers in order to support Army, Joint and Interagency readiness. On order, support contingency operations in the mid-Atlantic and National Capital regions.

Annual Transient Training Throughput: 30,000+

Fort Walker at a Glance

Higher Headquarters:

- Installation Management Command (ID-Sustainment)

History & Purpose:

- Established as an Army training facility on June 11, 1941 in Caroline County, VA (76,000 acres)
- Today, remains a training and maneuver center focused on providing realistic joint and combined arms training

Workforce

- 2 Soldiers, 220 DA Civilians, and 42 Contractors

Tenant Organizations:

- 16 Organizations, with approx. 50 personnel (total)

Partner Communities:

- Towns of Bowling Green & Port Royal
- Counties of Caroline, Essex, King George and Spotsylvania

Community Impact

- \$116M Per Year in Local Economy
- 1,289 Jobs (Direct, Indirect & Induced)





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Fort Walker's Integrated Approach to Partnership - Highlights

STATE LEVEL

Virginia Military Advisory Council

(Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs)

- Increase Military Value in the Commonwealth
- Improve Quality of Life for Service Members and their Families
- Supports Relations between the Installations and Communities
- VDA Participates in Fort Walker Executive Steering Committee

REGIONAL LEVEL

Fredericksburg Regional Military Affairs Council

(Supports Fort Walker, Dahlgren, Quantico & Army National Guard)

- Advocacy and Support
- Education and Special Events

LOCAL LEVEL

Fort Walker Executive Steering Committee

The purpose of this forum is to increase communication and collaboration between community partners, with an emphasis on compatible land use planning.

- Formed in 2014 (after completion of JLUS)
- Chaired by Fort Walker Garrison Commander
- Members are Leaders of Surrounding Communities
- Represented are Two Towns, 4 Counties and Commonwealth of VA
- Meets Biannually and as Requested





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Community Partnership Highlights

- **Installation Joint Land Use Study / Fort Walker Executive Steering Committee**
 - 2 Towns / 4 Counties
- **Community Land Use Planning**
 - Technical Review Committees
 - Dark Skies Friendly Ordinances
 - Real Estate Disclosures
- **Intergovernmental Support Agreements**
 - 6 Total (Base Operations Support & Environmental Support)
- **Improved Communication & Outreach**
 - Installation Renaming
 - Know Your Army (Schools / Community Engagements)
 - Sharing Best Practices (i.e. Environment)
 - Operational Alerts (Noise / Smoke)
 - Recreational Offerings (Hunting & Fishing Programs)
 - Sharing Job Opportunities



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