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Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor (CSSC) recipient of national sustainable communities award

The Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor, a regional planning consortium to support BRAC growth at Aberdeen Proving Ground and surrounding communities, was recently named a 2006-2007 Sustainable Community Award recipient by the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Center for Sustainable Communities. The awards, presented every two years, recognize the most effective and innovative county-led partnerships with private sector, faith-based or community groups in developing economically prosperous, environmentally safe, and socially equitable communities.

The "*Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor: An Unprecedented Partnership*," was one of 10 awards given to communities throughout the country. At the time of application, CSSC was comprised of the four original member jurisdictions of Harford, Cecil, and Baltimore Counties and Baltimore City. In Spring '07, the CSSC Consortium expanded to include eight jurisdictions in three states (MD, DE, and PA) in a unifying effort to coordinate regional planning for BRAC growth at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG).

"The CSSC is a great example of working across state and county lines and is appropriate for the response to growth and development in the North East region of Maryland," said David Craig, Harford County Executive. Harford County is home to Aberdeen Proving Ground and anticipates the largest impact in the region with more than 19,000 jobs, 7,000 households, and an increase in public school population of 4,600 resulting from BRAC growth. Harford's BRAC Action Plan included participation from surrounding jurisdictions in the early stages of the BRAC 2005 decision fostering an initial regional approach to market the area now known as the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor or 'CSSC'.

"We knew from the very beginning of the BRAC process, establishing the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor Consortium was the right thing to do for Cecil County, our partners in the region and for the thousands of people transferring to APG with tough choices to make," said Bill Manlove, President of the Cecil County Board of Commissioners. Cecil is anticipated to receive approximately 1,500 new jobs and nearly 2,000 additional households, and a 1,300 public school enrollment increase as a result of base realignment and closure at APG.



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"Baltimore County is a proud founder and partner in a regional partnership that is taking a comprehensive approach to economic development and opportunity," said Jim Smith, Baltimore County Executive. Baltimore County's BRAC Action Plan focuses on redevelopment opportunities and emphasizes available office space and residential opportunities in a location with access to both Aberdeen Proving Ground and Ft. Meade. With APG alone, Baltimore County anticipates nearly 5,000 jobs, 5,100 households and nearly 3,400 additional public school students.

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"Only through regional partnerships such as CSSC can the Baltimore region fully realize BRAC's economic development potential," said Baltimore City Mayor Sheila Dixon. The city hopes to capitalize on the residential aspects of BRAC, drawing civilian workers to an urban environment amidst revitalization and offering an easy reverse commute for APG employees. Reports indicate approximately 950 jobs will come to the city as a result of BRAC, bringing nearly 900 households and 600 additional public school students.

The CSSC will be formally recognized at a NACo. reception in Washington, D.C. in January.