



# The Drum Roll

*“Fort Drum...The Best Place You Ever Lived”*

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## Residential Communities Initiative Project at Fort Drum Officially Kicks-Off

On January 28th, the Residential Communities Initiative Project at Fort Drum kicked off with a three day partnering session that began at the Commons on Fort Drum. The day consisted of both the Fort Drum RCI and the Actus Lend Lease teams hearing from three speakers about the current and future housing needs at Fort Drum.

CPT Benjamin Croom, CSM Ret. Ken Lopez, and COL Mark Milley provided the group with different perspectives on the importance of housing and some of the improvements that are needed at Fort Drum. The group then departed for the Riveredge Resort in Alexandria Bay, N.Y. for two days of partnering sessions.

Carol Vivieros, from Bovis Lend Lease, facilitated the partnering sessions. Speaking from her vast experiences with partnering sessions, Carol presented the group with some Elmo dolls. Elmo is a very popular Sesame Street character, but participants quickly learned that this Elmo had nothing to do with Sesame Street. In this case, Elmo was an acronym for Enough Lets Move On. “Elmo” became the mantra for staying focused during the sessions.

The group was then separated into five functional groups that will continue to work together throughout the development of the Community Development and Management Plan (CDMP) at Fort Drum. Those groups include: Executive, Design & Construction, Planning, Legal & Financial and Property Management. The main purpose of this session was for each group to determine their role and goals in the process. The groups also identified what they will need from the other groups to attain their goals.

The partnering session went very well and established a firm base for developing the CDMP here at Fort Drum. HOOAH!!



Garrison Commander, COL Ray Helton, presents to the crowd.



CSM Tony Mercante addresses the crowd.



RCI Program Manager Jim Corriveau gives a presentation.



Participants listen intently to one of the speakers at the partnering



### The Fort Drum RCI Project Mission Statement:

*Collaborate, Innovate, and Passionately Engage to create an Outrageously Successful Fort Drum CDMP...HOOAH!!!*

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## RCI & Actus Teams Educate The Fort Drum Community about RCI Project

Since the Residential Communities Initiative Project at Fort Drum kicked off on January 28th, RCI and Actus have been busy briefing the FGO spouses, Mayors' Advisory Council, Jefferson County Legislature, Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization, Carthage Central School District, and Jeff-Lewis BOCES. All of the briefings have been well-received, and well-attended. As part of the briefings, participants are being informed of an upcoming opinion survey being offered to better understand the needs and challenges facing Soldiers and their families who call Fort Drum home.



*Jeff-Lewis BOCES briefing February 26, 2004*

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

- **March 2nd**  
Public Works Briefing, The Commons, 8 a.m.
- **March 4th**  
Greater Watertown-North Country Chamber of Commerce Job Fair briefings, Dulles State Office Building, Watertown, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- **March 25th**  
AUSA Mixer, Best Western Carriage House Inn, Watertown, 6 p.m.
- **April 1st**  
Government Procurement Workshop, Sponsored by the Small Business Development & Actus Lend Lease, Jefferson Community College, 8 a.m.— 5 p.m.

## RCI Project looking for input from Soldiers and their families.

As part of the RCI project at Fort Drum, Actus Lend Lease is looking for input from Soldiers and their families on how to make Fort Drum the best place they have ever lived. Actus and RCI have met with many Soldiers and their spouses to hear their concerns, but their next step is to conduct an on-line survey open to everyone stationed at Fort Drum.

Surveys are being offered at [www.actusmilitaryhousing.com/drum](http://www.actusmilitaryhousing.com/drum) For those who do not have internet

access at home there are computer terminals at the McEwen Library on post and at the RCI Office located off of West Street in building T-11. Hard copies of the survey are available at the Soldier and Family Information Center at the Salmon Run Mall. This survey is an opportunity to influence the renovations and new construction that will be performed at Fort Drum. Your input will determine the types of:

community centers, recreation facilities, fixtures and floor plan, just to name a few.



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