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Sustainable Ozarks Partnership Fact Sheet

The Sustainable Ozarks Partnership (SOP) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2012.

Mission: Foster the region's continuing commitment to national defense, and advocate for local and regional development initiatives, as well as FLW sustainment and growth. Coordinate and facilitate growth of a diverse, sustainable economy for the region, publicize regional consensus while respecting individual interests of the members, and function as the central point of contact for regional partners.

Vision: Regional communities, governments and organizations, FLW, state and federal enablers working together as stakeholders to make the region an ever-better place to live, work, and play, while enabling FLW mission success and advocating for mission sustainment and growth.

We serve: The SOP focuses on Fort Leonard Wood and the four-county area that surrounds the installation, including Laclede, Phelps, Pulaski, and Texas counties. We work with regional communities, governments, organizations, Fort Leonard Wood, and state and federal enablers. We collaborate with existing organizations without duplicating their work.

Our goals:

1. Gain positive recognition for the region by achieving state and national recognition for the region as an excellent place for people to live, work, and play and for businesses to prosper
2. Strengthen the region by being a catalyst for positive change for citizens, businesses, and governments throughout the region to improve the quality of life, and grow a diverse, sustainable economy.
3. Strengthen Fort Leonard Wood by ensuring that Fort Leonard Wood continues to be an enduring installation, with opportunities to grow with expanding or new missions.
4. Ensure the viability of the SOP by improving SOP efficiency and operational effectiveness so it can successfully support the region and Fort Leonard Wood.

Our work: is guided by our desire to gain positive recognition for the region and to strengthen the region and FLW. The SOP's strategic plan outlines the organization's vision, mission, and four overarching goals that focus SOP activities. Each goal has a number of priority strategies with specific actions, timelines, and measures of success. It is the position of the SOP that if each of these goals is accomplished, the SOP will be fully successful in achieving its vision. We are confident that our collective efforts continue to allow the Army and others to see the value of a sustained and increased military investment in FLW, our region, and our state. We bring the region together through a variety of initiatives that can create efficiencies at FLW, enhance military readiness, and the installation's resiliency.

Fort Leonard Wood: Including indirect revenue and jobs created off post, Fort Leonard Wood delivers an estimated economic impact of over \$3 billion to the region. Over 80,000 military members and civilians are trained at Fort Leonard Wood each year. Over 200,000 family members visit the Fort Leonard Wood region each year to attend graduation ceremonies.

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