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

Vision: Regional communities, citizens, governments and organizations, Fort Leonard Wood (FLW), and 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 FLW 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. Achieve 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. Be 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. Ensure that FLW continues to be an enduring installation, with opportunities to grow with expanding or new missions.
4. Ensure the Viability of SOP. Improve SOP efficiency and operational effectiveness so it can successfully support the region and Fort Leonard Wood.

To achieve these goals, the SOP uses a small staff and many volunteers that make up the governing committee and lead our various initiatives. Currently, we are focused on the following areas:

- Economic development and jobs
- Education and workforce development
- Environment and natural resources
- Health and wellness
- Quality of life
- Transportation
- Utility infrastructure

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.