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NOTICE OF 2nd PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE
GRANITE FALLS CONFERENCE AND HOSPITALITY TRAINING CENTER

Prince Edward County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 12:00 NOON in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, Prince Edward County Courthouse Annex, 111 South Street, 3rd Floor, Farmville, Virginia to solicit public input on the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the Granite Falls Conference and Hospitality Training Center. Residents of the project area are encouraged to attend. The Granite Falls Conference and Hospitality Center will include the following activities:

1. The Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center is to be a workforce training facility as part of the public/private partnership with the Granite Falls Hotel Conference Center.
2. The Hospitality Training Center will be owned by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority (IDA) and leased back to the hotel.
3. The Hospitality Training Facility will be approximately 60,000sf, costing an estimated \$13million.
4. Applications for grants are anticipated to help defray the cost of the training center.
5. The Hotel's proposed manager estimates the Project will create, in the first three years of operations, a total of 85 full time equivalent positions. At least 51% of these positions will be made available to low- and moderate-income individuals (as defined by HUD).
6. Qualified graduates will be given preference for employment opportunities at the hotel and conference center.
7. Student enrollment will consist of dual enrollment from local high schools, the unemployed and under-employed, displaced workers, individuals interested in just career advancement, and business majors in hospitality related fields.
8. During construction there will be approximately 95 tradesmen working on the project daily with an anticipated payroll of over \$6million.
9. The Hospitality Training Center will be operated by a consortium of regional educational institutions, through an Advisory Board and Executive Director.

The draft CDBG proposal will be presented for comment along with information on projected beneficiaries, including the number of low-and moderate-income residents to benefit from the proposed project, and plans to minimize displacement. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on Prince Edward County's past use of CDBG funds. A fact sheet on the proposed project and the draft proposal is available at the Prince Edward County Administrator's Office at 111 South Street, Farmville and on the County's web-site at www.prince-edward.va.us. For additional information, contact Sharon Carney, at P. O. 625, 121 East Third Street, Farmville, VA 23901, (434) 392-1482, scarney@co.prince-edward.va.us.

Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Prince Edward County Administrators Office at P. O. Box 382, 111 South Street, Farmville, VA 23901 or call (434) 392-8837 or TDD (804) 819-4145, or e-mail info@co.prince-edward.va.us until March 12, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

It is the County's intent to comply with the requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need special accommodations, please contact W. W. Bartlett, County Administrator, at (434) 392-8837 or TDD (804) 819-4145 prior to March 12, 2010.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors,
W. W. Bartlett, County Administrator