

LETTERS OF SUPPORT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION
Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center
County of Prince Edward, Virginia
March 16, 2010

1. United States Congressman Tom Perriello, 5th District
2. State Senator Frank M. Ruff, Jr., 15th Senate District
3. Al Roberts, Provost, Southside Virginia Community College
4. Dr. Gwen S. Eddleman, President & CEO, Centra Southside Community Hospital
5. Scott Harwood, Harwood & Son Insurance
6. Debra Crowder, Exec. Director, South Central Workforce Investment Board
7. Lee Minix, Chair, Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce
8. Mary S. Hickman, Acting President & CEO, Commonwealth Regional Council
9. Kenneth Copeland, Jr., Dir. Eco. Development, Longwood University Real Estate Found.
10. Dan Albert, Exec. Director, Southside Virginia Family YMCA

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March 2, 2010

Mr. Robert M. Showalter, Chairman
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
P. O. Box 625
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Dear Mr. Showalter,

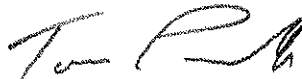
I am writing to express my strong support of the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center being built by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority. This public-private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will serve as a catalyst for the future economic development growth of Prince Edward County, as it will provide 80 full-time and 30-50 part-time jobs once completed and will require an estimated 100 tradesmen on the job daily during the construction phase.

Beyond just a workforce training center, the Granite Falls complex will not only provide quality hospitality training to high school through college students but will also offer numerous employment opportunities for graduating students at the complex or an associated hotel/hospitality facility owned by the developer, the flagged hotel, or the food service provider. I applaud this project's commitment to implementing a pipeline that will ultimately lead students to gainful employment.

When I was sworn into office in January 2009, our nation was losing 25,000 jobs a day. I voted for H. R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to assist state and local governments in their efforts to address their budget shortfalls and to begin building a future economic foundation. The Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center shares that same spirit by creating and expanding employment opportunities in Prince Edward County.

Thank you for your efforts on this project. If my office can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Tom Perriello
Member of Congress

TP/bj

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

FRANK M. RUFF, JR.
15TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
COUNTIES OF APPOMATTOX, CHARLOTTE, FLUVANNA, HALIFAX,
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March 1, 2010

Mr. Robert M. Showalter, Chairman
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
Post Office Box 625
Farmville, VA 23901

Dear Mr. Showalter:

I would like to express my support of the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center being built by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority. This Public/Private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel, Conference and Hospitality Training Center will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will act as a catalyst for the future economic development growth of Prince Edward County and the region.

The estimated cost of the training center is \$13 million and will provide quality hospitality training for students from high school through institutions of higher education. There will also be opportunities for students to go directly into the workforce through the Granite Falls complex or an associated hotel/hospitality facility owned by the developer, the flagged hotel, or the food service provider.

The overall estimated cost of the Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will be in excess of \$40 million and will provide 80 full-time jobs and 30 to 50 part-time jobs. It will also generate construction jobs during the construction phase with an expected 100 tradesmen on the job daily, making an immediate regional economic impact.

I request your favorable response to the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority's plans to construct the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank M. Ruff, Jr.".

Frank M. Ruff, Jr.
15th Senate District



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March 8, 2010

Mr. Robert M. Showalter, Chairman
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
P. O. Box 625
Farmville, VA 23901

Dear Mr. Showalter:

On behalf of Southside Virginia Community College, I would like to express our support of the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center being built by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority. This Public/Private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will act as a catalyst for the future economic development growth of our County and Southside Virginia Community College.

In addition, the estimated cost of the training center is \$13million and will provide quality hospitality training for students from high school through institutions of higher education. There will also be numerous opportunities for the students to go directly into the workforce through the Granite Falls complex or an associated hotel/hospitality facility owned by the developer, the flagged hotel or the food service provider.

The overall estimated cost of the Granite Fall Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will be in excess of \$40million and will provide 80 full-time jobs and 30 to 50 part-time jobs. It will also generate numerous construction jobs during the construction phase with an expected 100 tradesmen on the job daily, making an immediate regional economic impact in Prince Edward County and the Heartland Region of Virginia.

Therefore, we respectfully request your favorable response to the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority's plans to construct the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Al Roberts, Ph.D.
Provost

AR:cpm



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February 25, 2010

Mr. Robert M. Showalter, Chairman
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
P. O. Box 625
Farmville, VA 23901

Dear Mr. Showalter:

On behalf of Centra Southside Community Hospital, I would like to express our support of the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center being built by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority. This Public/Private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will act as a catalyst for the future economic development growth of our County and our Hospital.

In addition, the estimated cost of the training center is \$13 million and will provide quality hospitality training for students from high school through institutions of higher education. There will also be numerous opportunities for the students to go directly into the workforce through the Granite Falls complex or an associated hotel/hospitality facility owned by the developer, the flagged hotel or the food service provider.

The overall estimated cost of the Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will be in excess of \$40 million and will provide 80 full-time jobs and 30 to 50 part-time jobs. It will also generate numerous construction jobs during the construction phase with an expected 100 tradesmen on the job daily, making an immediate regional economic impact in Prince Edward County, the Heartland Region of Virginia, and our local hospital.

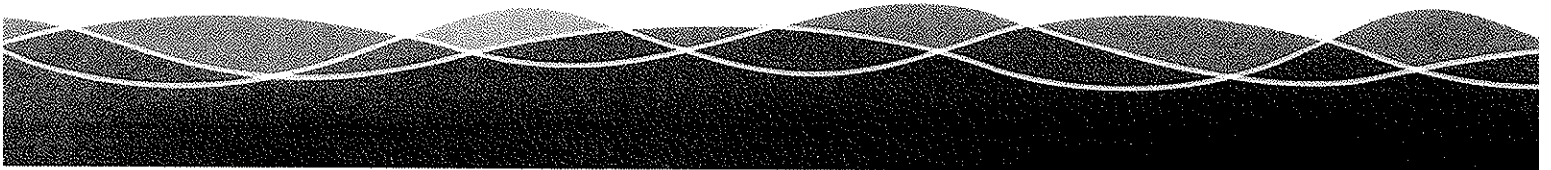
Therefore, we respectfully request your favorable response to the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority's plans to construct the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gwen S. Eddleman".

Gwen S. Eddleman, Ed.D., FACHE
President/CEO





February 26, 2010

Mr. Robert M. Showalter, Chairman
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
P.O. Box 625
Farmville, VA 23901

Dear Bobby,

I would like to express my support of the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center being built by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority. This Public/Private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will act as a catalyst for the future economic development growth of our County and our community.


In addition, the estimated cost of the training center is \$13million and will provide quality hospitality training for students from high school through institutions of higher education. There will also be numerous opportunities for the students to go directly into the workforce through the Granite Falls complex or an associated hotel/hospitality facility owned by the developer, the flagged hotel or the food service provider.

The overall estimated cost of the Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will be in excess of \$40million and will provide 80 full-time jobs and 30 to 50 part-time jobs. It will also generate numerous construction jobs during the construction phase with an expected 100 tradesmen on the job daily, making an immediate economic impact in Prince Edward County, the Heartland Region of Virginia, and Southside Virginia in general.

I respectfully request your favorable response to the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority's plans to construct the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best regards,


Scott M. Harwood

Thanks, Bobby!

February 26, 2010

Mr. Robert M. Showalter, Chairman
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
P. O. Box 625
Farmville, VA 23901

Dear Mr. Showalter,

On behalf of the South Central Workforce Investment Board, I am writing to support the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center being built by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority. This Public/Private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel and Conference Training Center will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will act as a catalyst for the future economic development growth of our County and the South Central Workforce Investment Board region.

In addition, the estimated cost of the training center is \$13 million and will provide quality hospitality training for students from high school through institutions of higher education. There will also be numerous opportunities for the students to go directly into the workforce through the Granite Falls complex or an associated hotel/hospitality facility owned by the developer, the flagged hotel or the food service provider. Also, the South Central Workforce Investment Board has funds to assist the eligible citizens of the area with training costs and supportive services.

The overall estimated cost of the Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will be in excess of \$40 million and will provide 80 full-time jobs and 30 – 50 part-time jobs. It will also generate numerous construction jobs during the construction phase with an expected 100 tradesmen on the job daily, making an immediate regional economic impact in Prince Edward County, the Heartland Region of Virginia and the South Central Workforce Investment Board area.

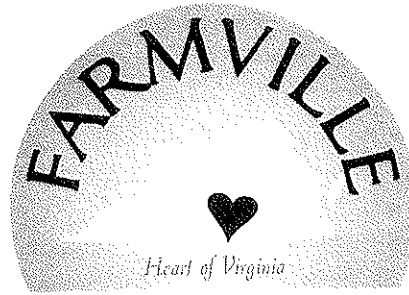
Therefore, we respectfully request your favorable response to the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority's plans to construct the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Debra Crowder
Executive Director



FARMVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 26, 2010

Mr. Robert M. Showalter, Chair
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
Post Office Box 625
Farmville, VA 23901

Dear Mr. Showalter,

On behalf of the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our support of the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center. This Public/Private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will act as a catalyst for the future economic development of our County and the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce.

The training center will provide quality hospitality training for students from high school through institutions of higher education. There will be numerous opportunities for students to go directly into the workforce through Granite Falls complex or an associated hotel/hospitality facility owned by the developer, the flagged hotel or the food service provider.

The overall estimated cost of the Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will be in excess of \$40 million and will provide 80 full-time jobs and 30 to 50 part-time jobs. It will also generate numerous construction jobs during the construction phase with an expected 100 tradesmen on the job daily, making an immediate regional economic impact in our area.

Therefore, we respectfully request your favorable response to the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority's plan to construct the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lee Minix, Chair
Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

The counties of Amelia | Buckingham | Charlotte | Cumberland | Lunenburg | Prince Edward
and Longwood University

March 8, 2010

Mr. Robert Showalter, Chairman
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
P.O. Box 625
Farmville, Virginia 23901

Dear Mr. Showalter,

On behalf of the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC), I am happy to provide this letter of support for the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center being built by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority.

This Public/Private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will act as a catalyst for the future economic development growth within the County and the entire Commonwealth Regional Council region.

Furthermore, in March 2008, the Commonwealth Regional Council adopted a Regional Economic Development Strategy & Action Plan for the region. The document sets forth a plan for creating a stronger economy in the Commonwealth Regional Council region. Of high priority in the document is the creation of a tourism-based economy for the region. Thus, this proposed project compliments the desire for new job creation and investment within the region and provides an enhanced amenity to support tourism.

Accordingly, I am pleased to provide this letter of support on behalf of the Commonwealth Regional Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary S. Hickman".

Mary S. Hickman
Acting President & CEO

C: Commonwealth Regional Council Board Members



March 11, 2010

Mr. Robert M. Showalter, Chairman
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
P. O. Box 625
Farmville, Virginia 23901

Dear Mr. Showalter:

On behalf of Longwood University, I would like to express our support of the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center being built by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority. This public/private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will act as a catalyst for the future economic development growth of our County and Longwood University.

In addition, the estimated cost of the training center is \$13 million and will provide quality hospital training for students from high school through institutions of higher education. There will also be numerous opportunities for the students to go directly into the workforce through the Granite Falls complex or an associated hotel/hospitality facility owned by the developer, the flagged hotel or the food service provider.

The overall estimated cost of the Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will be in excess of \$40 million and will provide 80 full-time jobs and 30 to 50 part-time jobs. It will also generate numerous construction jobs during the construction phase with an expected 100 tradesmen on the job daily, making an immediate regional economic impact in Prince Edward County, the Heartland Region of Virginia, and Longwood University.

Therefore, we respectfully request our favorable response to the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority's plans to construct the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

P. Kenneth Copeland, Jr.
Director of Economic Development



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Mr. Robert Showalter
Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority
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Dear Mr. Showalter;

On behalf of the Southside Virginia Family YMCA, I would like to express our support of the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center being built by the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority. This public/private partnership for the proposed new Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center which will include the construction of a hospitality workforce training center in conjunction with a full service 175 room hotel and conference facility. This development will act as a catalyst for the future economic development growth of our county and the Southside Virginia Family YMCA.

The overall estimated cost of the Granite Falls Hotel Conference and Hospitality Training Center will be in excess of \$40 million and will provide 80 full-time jobs and 30 to 50 part-time jobs. It will also generate numerous construction jobs during the construction phase with an expected 100 tradesman on the job daily, making an immediate regional economic impact in Prince Edward County, the Heartland Region of Virginia, and the Southside Virginia Family YMCA.

Therefore, we respectfully request your favorable response to the Prince Edward Industrial Development Authority's plans to construct the Granite Falls Hospitality Training Center.

Thank you in Advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,


Dan Albert