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Pittsylvania County remains committed to economic development

Pittsylvania County is still very much "open for business". While the County is forced to deal with very challenging economic conditions, we have not wavered in our commitment to encouraging and promoting economic development with the mission of creating new employment opportunities for our citizens. Sometimes tough challenges create new opportunities for innovation and creative thinking.

The County has determined that we need to streamline our economic development activities and focus on utilizing our staff in the most cost effective manner. The County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator for Facilities and Operations, Assistant County Administrator for Planning and Development and the County Attorney have extensive economic development backgrounds that will allow for an effective and efficient team approach to best utilize our resources.

We will also continue and strengthen our important partnerships with State organizations such as the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Virginia Tobacco Commission, with our County organizations such as the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce, Pittsylvania County Industrial Development Authority, and Pittsylvania County Service Authority, as well as our very important regional partnerships with the City of Danville and the Southern Virginia Regional Alliance. We particularly welcome the City of Danville's recent pledge of continued commitment to our very important and successful economic development partnership. Pittsylvania County also pledges our continued support of this partnership and we look forward to even greater success in the future. Pittsylvania County is also committed to continuing our mutually beneficial working relationship with the Towns of Chatham, Gretna, and Hurt. We have participated in, and supported, economic development projects in each of these communities and we recognize that job creation is vital to their future.

As we move forward on focusing our economic development efforts, we will be looking at our successful programs from the past, as well as the most current national trends in innovative economic development. We know that partnerships with the private sector have been successful for the County and we see that on the national level private sector professional site consultant firms are playing an increasingly large role in economic development recruitment. Moving forward, Pittsylvania County's economic development program will continue to build on our existing state, local and regional partnerships and pursue new partnerships, both public and private, that can help us maximize our efforts and most efficiently utilize our economic development resources.