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ORANGE COUNTY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS FOR ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR STRATEGIC VISIONING INITIATIVE

Orange County, VA – Following a joint meeting on May 9, 2013, between the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Economic Development Authority, and Planning Commission, a consensus was reached that expansion of the County's economy must be a priority. Specifically, a Route 3 Corridor Strategic Visioning Initiative is being developed for economic development along Route 3 in Orange County. At the June 11, 2013, Board meeting the Board voted to schedule public comment periods to provide an opportunity for the public to comment specifically on the Route 3 Corridor Strategic Visioning Initiative.

Three dates were established for this purpose: Tuesday, June 25, 2013; Tuesday, August 13, 2013; and Tuesday, September 24, 2013. These public comment periods will be held during the Board's regularly scheduled meeting after the dinner break. It is expected that these sessions will take place between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; however, the public is encouraged to view the Board's published agenda for definitive times.

Community meetings will be held on June 27, 2013, at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The first community meeting will be held with Board of Director members of the Lake of the Woods Association, Somerset Community Association, and Wilderness Shores Homeowners Associations. The Orange County Chamber of Commerce is co-hosting the second community meeting for businesses on the eastern end of the County. These groups have been invited to hear a presentation given by District Two Board Member, James K. White. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these presentations as well.

The County values all comments on these efforts to diversify and expand the local tax base. It is the desire of all three bodies that this economic development visioning initiative benefit all Orange County residents and businesses.

For more information on the County's joint visioning efforts, please contact Julie G. Summs, County Administrator, at (540) 672-3313.

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