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The City of Hopewell announces the preparation of *The City of Hopewell Brownfields Reuse Plan*, an undertaking of the U.S. Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Redevelopment Study

HOPEWELL, VA. It is a pivotal time in Hopewell. Significant economic investment has been occurring throughout the City. Now is the time to build upon that progress and create a vision and identify specific redevelopment and revitalization projects for the City's vacant or underutilized post-industrial and brownfields properties. Key catalyst sites are located throughout the City.

In order to spur new private economic development investments and foster broader revitalization efforts with a specific emphasis targeted on potential brownfields properties, the City has assembled a project team of technical experts to prepare specific economic development and reuse recommendations for catalyst properties. The effort includes identifying redevelopment specific economic development projects as well developing area-wide infrastructure recommendations needed to support redevelopment efforts.

In order to expedite determining specific project recommendations and to facilitate focused and efficient public engagement in the project, **the city will hold a public workshop from 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. on Wednesday, April 29th, 2015.**

In addition, three daytime topic-specific public work sessions will be held on Thursday, April 30th, 2015.

From 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. a Public Focus Group Meeting will be held to discuss Economic Development, Downtown, & Main Street.

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From 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. a Public Focus Group Meeting will be held to discuss Infrastructure & Public Facilities.

From 3:00 P.M - 4:30 P.M. a Public Focus Group Meeting will be held to discuss Neighborhood Improvement & Housing.

Community participation is essential to well-informed reuse plans and recommendations. All events will be held at the Appomattox Regional Library, 209 E. Cawson Street, Hopewell, VA 23860

There are various activities scheduled and all are welcome to attend. Information about the project and the entire schedule for the days of April 29th & 30th will be available on the City's website.

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