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CHARTS TRAIL and boat launch to open at Roslyn Landing Park on September 25, 2009

Lewis L. Johnson, Chairman of The City of Colonial Heights Appomattox River Trails System (C.H.A.R.T.S.) announced today that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday September 25, 2009 at 3:00 PM at Roslyn Landing Park. This will officially open phase 1 of the Appomattox River greenway trail and the small boat launch.

The ground breaking for the trail was on May 1st. Since that time the first 2000 lineal feet of trail has been completed, along with a small boat launch. The ribbon cutting will officially open the trail and boat launch for public use and thank the many contributors that have made these facilities possible.

The final construction cost of the trail project was \$145,000. Funding for this effort included a grant of \$100,000 from the Commonwealth of VA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) a \$10,000 contribution from Shamin Hospitality and \$35,000 from the City of Colonial Heights. A previous grant of \$54,900 from the Cameron Foundation provided the funding for the engineering and survey work necessary for the project. Right Contracting Inc. was the low bidder on the project and completed the project ahead of schedule.

The City of Petersburg, Roslyn Farm Corporation and Shamin Hospitality have provided land easements to allow the trail to be located along the river. Chairman Johnson indicated his thanks to the Colonial Heights City Council for supporting both projects, for also proving access to the river and financial support and staff assistance.

The small boat launch provides a concrete ramp for small boats and is the only public facility on the Appomattox River in the City of Colonial Heights. Councilman Milton

Freeland Jr. has provided the leadership in implementing this project. Many contributors made this project possible including: Tindall Concrete, Buchanan and Rice Construction Co., Metro Concrete, Pole and Auger Service, Va. Steel Erection, Dominion Va. Power and the City of Colonial Heights-Public Works Dept-Streets Division.

The next Phase of the trail is expected to be bid out in early 2010, which will add another 2,765 linear feet. The trail is 8' wide with an asphalt surface that meets ADA standards as it winds along the Appomattox River.

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