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**Underserved Residents Can Now Shop in Own Neighborhood:  
New Food Lion Opens on Brownfield Site**

**Chesapeake, VA** – For many years, residents in the South Norfolk neighborhood of Edmonds Corner have been in need of better access to food and pharmacy services. Starting tomorrow, their long wait is over; Food Lion will welcome the first customers to its newest Hampton Roads store with **opening ceremonies beginning at 7:45 a.m. on May 10.**

The store, located at the corner of Campostella Road and Atlantic Avenue, anchors the new Atlantic Commons Shopping Center. The 64,000 square foot neighborhood retail center also features a new Eckerd Drug and several other community retailers.

The 8.8-acre project is a significant redevelopment project for the community and City. The property had operated for many years as the Edmonds Corner Auto Salvage Yard, in an area surrounded by homes and warehouses. The recent redevelopment of several nearby properties, however, increased the visibility and potential value of this site.

A significant challenge to the complete repositioning of the property was the potential environmental hazard that had been created through its long time use as a salvage yard. The developers, JDH Capital of Charlotte, North Carolina, spent in excess of \$1 million on remediation prior to construction of the new retail center.

“The City of Chesapeake sincerely appreciates the significant investment made by JDH Capital, Food Lion, and other retailers in the redevelopment of this strategic crossroads,” said Chesapeake Mayor Dalton S. Edge. “One of the most important components of a successful managed growth program is the ability to find high value reuse opportunities and then market them to the private sector. The Economic Development Department worked closely with Advantis GVA and JDH Capital to turn this property into a new project that creates more value for the owners, for the retailers, for the City, and most importantly for the residents it will serve.”

**Economic incentives played no role in the development** of this \$6.4 million project, a great testament to the value of the City’s comprehensive redevelopment plans for the South Norfolk and Portlock communities. This center sits within the South Norfolk Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

The opening of Atlantic Commons Shopping Center places full grocery and pharmacy services within walking distance of the Chesapeake Crossing Seniors Community. The 522-unit senior living apartment complex is managed by the Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

The developers and store officials will be on-hand tomorrow morning and available for comment. **For more information, please call David Brandt at 456-5212 or 404-2032.**

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