

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On or about November 30, 2011, the County of Porter intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Program. This program is funded by Title I of the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development planning project that will include the following activities: planning for the renovation and historical preservation of the historic Collier Lodge. The total amount of CDBG to be requested is \$30,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons is \$9,120. The applicant also proposes to expend \$3,000 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will come from \$3,000 within the budget of the Kankakee Valley historical Society.

The County of Porter will hold a public hearing on October 18, 2011, at 2:00 PM CST in the Porter County Administrative Building located at 155 Indiana Avenue, Suite 205 in Valparaiso, IN, to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Robert J. Wichlinski, Porter County Auditor at the above address or by telephone at (219) 465-3445. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of October 3, 2011, at the Office of the Redevelopment Commission located at the above address in Suite 311 during regularly scheduled office hours Monday through Friday. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to John Shepherd, Director; Porter County Redevelopment Commission; 155 Indiana Ave., Suite 311; Valparaiso, IN 46383 no later than October 18, 2011 at 12:00 PM CST in order to insure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide public assistance to those displaced (there will be no displacement) has been prepared by the County and is also available to persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact John Shepherd at (219) 465-3027.

John A. Evans, President
Porter County Board of Commissioners
(September 30, 2011)