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City Secures Industrial Site as Part of Oakwood 2030 vision plan

OAKWOOD, Ga. (July 8, 2010) – Taking another step forward in its long-term vision plan, the City of Oakwood today announced the purchase of 32 acres for a new industrial park on W White Road near I-985.

The land acquisition, authorized by the Oakwood Development Authority, allows the City to immediately initiate plans to move its Public Works Department to the new site, making room downtown for further development under the Oakwood 2030 vision plan.

“We will dedicate the first four acres of this new industrial site to our Public Works division,” said Stan Brown, Oakwood’s city manager. “That allows us to relocate such equipment as our sanitation trucks and trash containers to a more appropriate area and, more importantly, away from downtown.”

Brown added that the relocation of Public Works had been planned as part of Oakwood 2030 to open up the downtown for future development of a town commons, retail shops and a neighborhood village.

The Public Works facility currently occupies about a third of a city block behind the downtown Police Department. Demolition of the building and construction of the department’s new home will begin in 2011, Brown said.

The City’s new industrial park is located south of town on W White Road near Georgia Precast Concrete and just north of ICI Paints’ Glidden plant. The land was purchased from the owners of the RS Senter Trucking Company, which formerly operated on the site and has since relocated.

Brown said the City already has talked to a number of potential private-sector partners about developing the park for manufacturing prospects.

“The property is rectangular in shape and the topography really lays well with mostly pastureland – such that only a minimal amount of site preparation will be required,” Brown said. “Within the park, we could envision development of as many as eight different sites for smaller manufacturing facilities.”

The Oakwood City Council recently rezoned the property from M-1 (light industrial) to M-2 (heavy industrial) to allow greater flexibility for development, Brown said.

“The City Council and staff are very excited over this strategic land acquisition,” said Oakwood Mayor Lamar Scroggs. “From an acreage standpoint, it may be a small industrial park but it is so significant because it represents yet another big step toward fulfilling our Oakwood 2030 program.”