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Tappahannock and Emerson's Ordinary Awarded 2022 Industrial Revitalization Fund

The Town of Tappahannock is pleased to announce that the Town, in partnership with Ross-Simpson Properties, is a recipient of a \$250,000 grant award from the Virginia DHCD, 2022 Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) Awarded Projects. These funds will support the renovation of historic Emerson's Ordinary, a tavern dating back to 1710 and considered one of the oldest surviving ordinaries in Virginia.

In July 2022, the Tappahannock suffered a massive fire that destroyed almost an entire block located in the historic downtown. The 1710 Tavern project will fill the need for fine dining in Tappahannock's downtown district and further enhance the Town as a tourist destination. The project serves as a cornerstone in advancing Tappahannock Main Street's initiatives and is expected to create between 20 to 30 new jobs.

Beth Sharpe, Executive Director of the Tappahannock Main Street Program reached out to congratulate owners Jennifer and Greg Huff to say, "We are so incredibly lucky to have business owners, citizens, and friends like you in our community."

The owners, Greg and Jennifer Huff's, vision is to restore Emerson's Ordinary, a structure steeped in patriotism and the founding of our Country. The building's history includes ties to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other prominent historical Virginians. The owners envision the 1710 Tavern to be a meeting place for residents, visitors, and a home to a new generation's celebrations. "A place for everyone to enjoy fellowship of this community in a living piece of history."

Town Manager, Eric Pollitt, remarked "All the credit goes to the Huffs who spearheaded this application. Our community will benefit from the opening of the 1710 Tavern that will not only preserve this piece of history for the Town but will offer the community a place to gather. The IRF will support the vision of this landmark structure and strengthen Tappahannock's unique features as we continue to focus on the redevelopment of the downtown area. Can't wait to enjoy this one-of-a-kind dining experience."

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Manager Eric S. Pollitt at (804) 443-3336 or epollitt@tappahannock-va.gov, Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.