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**NEWS RELEASE**

**COUNTY KICKS-OFF 2010 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVES  
WITH FREE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS**

Kane County will kick-off the 2010 application cycle for its “Community Investment Initiatives” by holding three workshops designed to provide information and assistance to potential applicants. Several Kane County programs will be highlighted, including the Riverboat Fund, Community Development Fund, and Small-Cities Economic Development Program, which together distribute more than \$2 million annually to municipalities and non-profit organizations for a wide variety of worthwhile projects.

In addition, workshop attendees will learn about Recovery Zone Bonds – which offer lower-cost financing for both public and private development activities – and expanded job-training opportunities available from the Workforce Investment Board. These programs are authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (known as the “Stimulus Bill”) and are intended to spur local economic development.

Kane County staff will be on-hand at each workshop to provide an overview of the programs (including qualifications, guidelines, and the application process), and to answer questions. Additionally, representatives from the City of Elgin will attend the northern workshop, which is co-sponsored by the city and county. City staff will discuss Elgin’s Community Development Program, which is also accepting applications for 2010 funding. Workshop times and locations are as follows:

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| Central Kane County  | Mon, Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> , 7 pm | Kane County Government Center<br>Building “A” Auditorium<br>719 Batavia Avenue<br>Geneva IL 60134 |
| Southern Kane County | Wed, Oct 28 <sup>th</sup> , 3 pm | Messenger Public Library<br>Meeting Room<br>113 Oak Street<br>North Aurora IL 60542               |
| Northern Kane County | Tues, Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 9 am | The Centre of Elgin<br>West Conference Room<br>100 Symphony Way<br>Elgin IL 60120                 |

Those interested in obtaining application materials for any of the Kane County programs mentioned above may go to [www.countyofkane.org](http://www.countyofkane.org) (click on “Community Investment Initiatives” at the right-hand side of the screen), or contact Riverboat Fund Administrator **Barb Rahden at 630-208-3834**, Community Development Program Manager **Scott Berger at 630-208-5351**, or Economic Development Director **Chris Aiston at 630-208-5350**. Completed applications for all programs are due on January 8, 2010. The County Board is expected to make final funding decisions next spring.

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