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WAKE FOREST USING RECOVERY ACT FUNDS TO UPGRADE COMMUNITY HOUSE

WAKE FOREST, NC – January 10, 2011 – In October the North Carolina Energy Office awarded \$495,506 in Recovery Act funds to Wake Forest and six other communities. The funding may be used in selected public buildings to upgrade heating and air conditioning systems, retrofit lighting, improve weatherization, and install solar panels.

Earlier this month Wake Forest began using a portion of its Recovery Act funds to make energy efficiency improvements at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave. Upgrades to the facility include the installation of a solar water heater, an energy efficient heating and cooling system, subfloor insulation, and energy efficient windows and doors. These enhancements are expected to result in reduced energy usage, energy bills, and maintenance costs.

Work at the Community House is scheduled to be completed in late January. Upgrades are also planned for the Wake Forest Police Department, 225 S. Taylor St., and the Northern Wake Senior Center, 235 E. Holding Ave.

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