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**Signature hotel at Lake Lanier Islands Resort to receive upgrade**  
***\$16 million to be invested in renovations to Emerald Pointe Hotel and six executive cottages***

ATLANTA (April 4, 2007) –The signature hotel at Lake Lanier Islands Resort -- Emerald Pointe Hotel & Conference Center is going through a substantial renovation to be completed by March of 2008. Upgrade plans include \$10 million to transform the 216-room hotel into a more rustic, natural wood style often seen in the grand lodges of the west, and \$6 million to construct six new executive cottages near the hotel.



“By this time next year our guests will be greeted by a new exterior and lobby and two newly renovated restaurants,” said Grier Todd, General Manager of the Resort. The room upgrades, already underway, will be completed this May and will include:

- Enlarged bathrooms with custom Italian tile, oil-rubbed bronze hardware and granite countertops
- Walk-in showers to be available in a number of rooms
- Overstuffed sofas and chairs
- Upgraded bedding, including Serta Pillow Top mattresses and luxurious linens with high thread counts
- Natural wood furniture with drawer pulls fashioned to resemble tree branches
- Flat screen televisions
- Wireless internet in rooms and throughout the hotel.

“We’re on the move here at Lake Lanier Islands Resort,” says Director of Décor, Mendy Williams Bowling, who is an owner in the Resort and the daughter of managing owner Virgil Williams. “Our guests will be very impressed with the improvements to the quality and look of Emerald Pointe Hotel. Starting with the hotel and our new vacation rental cottages, we want people to get a glimpse of what is to come here at Lake Lanier Islands Resort.”

Construction will begin in June on six new executive cottages that will

nestle below the hotel. The multi-unit cottages will be approximately 2000 square feet each and will celebrate the wilderness of the natural Lake Lanier Islands landscape, yet provide the creature comforts of a modern resort. Exteriors will incorporate the most revered material used to create the cherished character of our National Historic Park Lodges built at the turn of the 20th Century. These were heavily crafted in stone and timber with large expanses of glass to view the water and changing scenes of the seasons.

In August 2005, the lease interest in the hotel and businesses at Lake Lanier Islands was sold to LLI Management Company, a resort enterprise of the Virgil R. Williams family of Gwinnett County, Georgia. The Williams family is committed to enhancing the recreational experience on the Islands through higher quality developments and accommodations, more leisure opportunities and superior landscape.



The Williams Family will present specifics on their master plan for the Islands at an April 19, 2007 work session of the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority, which oversees the lease on the 1,100-acre Resort.

About Lake Lanier Islands Resort Forty-five miles from northeast Atlanta, Lake Lanier Islands Resort is situated on the shores of Lake Sidney Lanier and is Georgia's most visited lakeside resort destination. The 1,100-acre resort provides a variety of amenities and services. Emerald Pointe Hotel & Conference Center, 30 lakeside cottages, award-winning lakeside golf, scenic horseback riding, spa services, famed wine tasting dinners, campsites and boat rentals from Harbor Landing are currently available for reservations. Each year, the Beach & WaterPark is open during the summertime and Magical Nights of Lights, the world's largest animated holiday light extravaganza, takes place mid-November until the end of December.