Groundbreaking ceremony for new hotel is Monday

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SENECA — A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hampton Inn is scheduled for Monday at 10 a.m. at the site located near the intersection of U.S. Highway 76/123 and S.C. Highway 130.

City officials announced plans for the hotel earlier this month. The hotel, which is being developed by Sanjay Desai, who is general manager of the Hampton Inn in Clemson, will cost $10 million to $12 million and will have 100 rooms, including 33 suites and a meeting room, which will seat 40 to 50 people. It is scheduled to open in September 2013.

The hotel is expected to be the anchor of a 5-plus acre mixed-use development park, which officials hope will include restaurants, retail businesses and office space.

The City of Seneca and Oconee County are putting about $1 million each into the project, with the developer providing the rest of the funding.

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