



### **Community members needed for Cheatham Vision committees**

Cheatham Vision, a three-year economic, business, and workforce development plan, has been approved by the Chamber of Commerce and Joint Economic and Community Development boards, and adopted by the County Commission. They are now looking for community input to implement the plan.

Cheatham Vision is a consortium of community and business leaders interested in growing the county strategically in five areas: industrial development, education/workforce development, retail development, senior living and tourism.

Business owners, community leaders, civic groups and citizens are encouraged to become involved by joining one of the five committees formed to support the Vision.

The Cheatham Vision plan includes concrete objectives for each of the five initiatives, and community members are needed on each of the five committees to make sure those objectives are implemented.

Chairmen of each committee are Dan Moore, education and workforce development; Kelly Ellis, tourism development; James Fenton, industrial development; Wayne Reid, senior living; and Chris Neese, retail development.

Each committee plans to meet once a month for a one- to two-hour meeting.

"One of our goals is to communicate to the public that 'growth' is not a word to fear," said James Fenton, the county's economic and community development director.

"Planned, strategic growth ensures that we stay true to our rural roots while playing off of our strengths to create a revenue base that keeps local governments from having to dig into the pockets of residential property owners."

Chris Neese, director of the county's Chamber of Commerce, said, "One of the exciting aspects to Cheatham Vision is that each initiative strengthens our existing commercial base and improves our quality of life. Through this process we will protect, cultivate and

share the natural resources of the area, capturing much needed revenue for our county, while maintaining and even enhancing its beauty.”

The plan is available online at [www.cheathamchamber.org](http://www.cheathamchamber.org) and [www.cheathamconnect.com](http://www.cheathamconnect.com).

To join one of the five committees, please contact Natalie Shelton at [natalieshelton@cheathamconnect.com](mailto:natalieshelton@cheathamconnect.com) or (615) 792-2379.