**Cheatham County** is one of the hidden jewels in the vibrant and fast paced Middle Tennessee area. It is a place where Opportunity and Nature co-exist in abundance and is truly a wonderful place to live and work.

In the broadest sense, positive economic development is a critical use of a community's fiscal, social, and physical resources in a long-term process aimed at preserving and improving the quality of life and livelihood of each member of that community.

## The Cheatham County Economic and Community Development Goal is:

- A commitment to identify local and county needs
- Prioritize our organization's work and activities in accordance with those needs

## The elements necessary to support economic development are well known:

- Sufficient and suitable land
- Appropriate and adequate infrastructure
- Available and trained workforce (most of which drive an average 30 miles for employment)

**Cheatham County** is fortunate to be located in one of the stronger economic areas of the country and is impacted positively by the area growth.

- The county is bordered by 2 major U.S Interstate Highways (I-24 and I-40) as well as a major 4 lane artery (Hwy 12) leading right into the heart of the county. This supports transportation needs as well as access for tourism.
- The county has a short-line Railway operating through to the center of the county.
- Low Unemployment rate (2.3%, Dec 2017)
- The Cumberland River is a major waterway of the Southern United States. The 688-milelong river dissects the county providing significant transportation opportunities as well as providing great recreation.

Cheatham County Economic and Community Development is committed to maintaining the beauty and resources of our county and also providing a positive Economic Development for future generations.