



## Communications Department

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### **Public meeting set on developing railroad corridor**

A public meeting has been scheduled to obtain input on developing the downtown railroad corridor from Aggie Road at Arkansas State University to Riceland Foods. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in the lobby of the Municipal Building, 300 South Church St.

Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the University of Memphis School of Architecture, Kansas State University's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) and certain departments within the city will facilitate the meeting.

A University of Memphis team, which includes five students, will arrive in Jonesboro on March 3, to gather information and data for the development of case studies. That information will be presented at the March 17 meeting.

"We are fortunate to have such a strong technical support team on board to collaborate with staff and residents on design and implementation," Mayor Harold Perrin said.

"Development of the railroad corridor will create jobs and sustainability, not just for downtown Jonesboro and North Jonesboro, but the entire city."

The City will apply for an EPA planning grant in late spring to develop a strategy and budget for the project.

“I am excited that the City of Jonesboro is able to provide its citizens with the opportunity to discuss their views regarding the railroad corridor project,” Kimberly Marshall, city grants administrator, said. “The Grants Department believes this project will enhance and foster economic development for that area and its citizens”

The meeting will be hosted by the Grants and Community Development Department. Anyone who would like to participate in the meeting is asked to call Emma Agnew, community services manager for the city, by phone at 870-336-7210 or by email at [eagnew@jonesboro.org](mailto:eagnew@jonesboro.org).

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