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Pictured are, left to right, County Commissioner Steve Reeves, William Adair, Fayette County Planning Commission member Will Gresham, and County Commissioner Terry Leggett.



From left to right are Piperton Mayor Henry Coates, Fayette County Planning Commission member Annette Cutliff, County Commissioner Steve Anderson, and County Mayor Skip Taylor during the tour of the rallyard.

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On Saturday, September 24th, Fayette County officials were hosted for an informative update and onsite tour of the progress that has occurred to-date on the largest economic development project in the state of Tennessee. The Norfolk Southern Intermodal Yard, along with the accompanying Commercial/Logistics/Industrial complex will include upon completion over 2000 acres in Fayette County and Marshall County, Mississippi.

Mr. William Adair, owner and president of WCA Development, provided an explanation of the economic development opportunities to be realized by the citizens of Fayette County, including the cities of Piperton and Rossville, and Marshall County, Mississippi, as a result of this project.

Adair stated that officials from over fifty companies have expressed an interest in locating in Fayette County and benefiting from this development. Upon completion of the intermodal yard in the fall of 2012, Norfolk

Southern will add over 400 new jobs in Fayette County. While some of these new jobs will be relocated from other Norfolk Southern locations, many will be new jobs resulting from the new intermodal yard.

Adair shared with attendees that a University of Tennessee Economic Development Impact study conducted prior to the construction of the intermodal site in Fayette County projected that over 10,000 jobs will be created as a direct result of the project. According to Adair, many of these jobs will pay well above the current average income level of Fayette County.

Attending officials were encouraged to work together

and take advantage of what one attendee called a "once in a lifetime opportunity for the county." Numerous attendees asked questions concerning the classifications of positions that would be created for Fayette County residents, the types of job skills the Fayette County workforce would need to have to qualify for these positions, and need to invest in infrastructure development.

Mayor Henry Coates of the City of Piperton and Hugh Davis, vice-mayor of the City of Piperton, voiced their support from the City of Piperton taking advantage of this tremendous opportunity.

Mayor Coates also emphasized the commercial, retail and residential growth that

will occur as a result of development of the Piperton Hills Town Center that is currently being planned. The New Town Center development is a mixed-use community designed to encourage a walkable, environmentally-friendly environment for the citizens of Southwest Fayette County. The Center is strategically located to encourage new employees of the Commercial/Industrial/Logistics complex to live, work and play near their jobs in Fayette County.

Following the question and answer period, attendees participated in a tour of the new Norfolk Southern Intermodal site. This site will be one of the most innovatively designed intermodal sites in

the country. Adair is working closely with the Norfolk Southern designers and contractors to ensure that sur-

rounding communities are not negatively impacted by development of the site.

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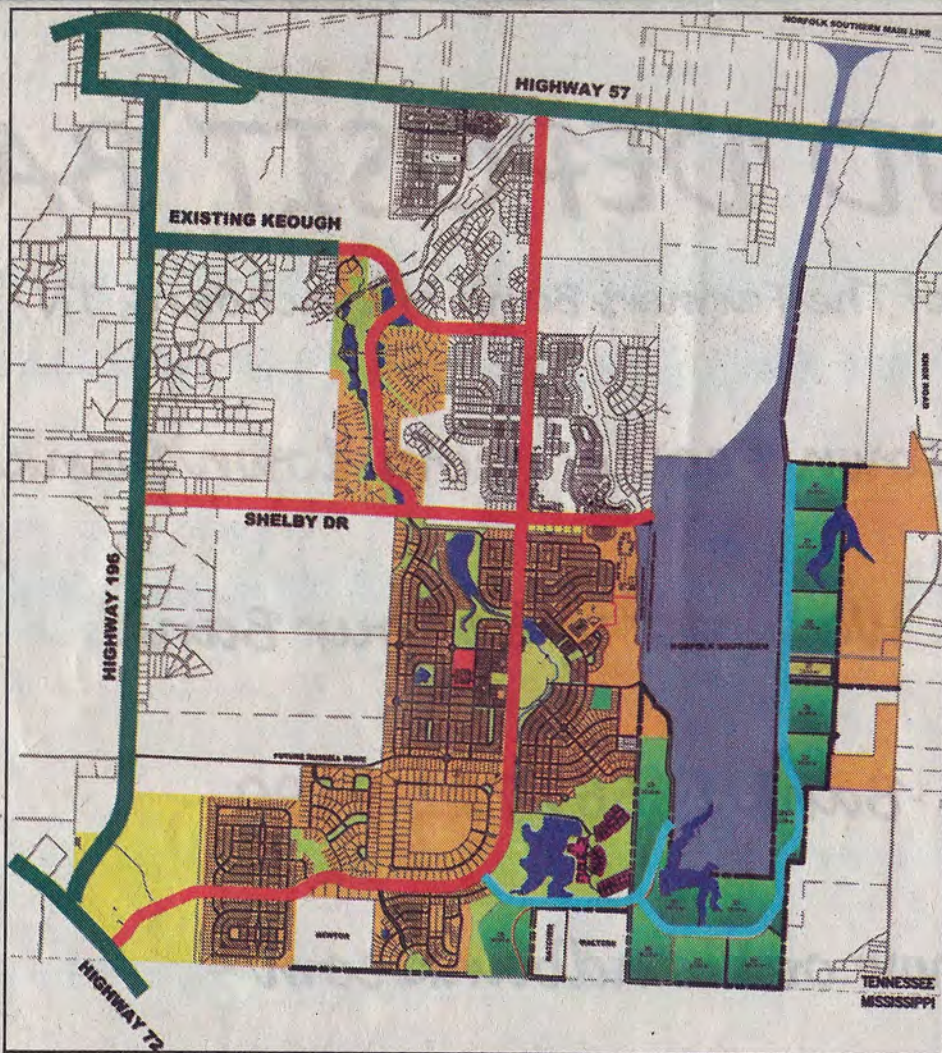


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Piperton Hills Map



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On The
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Monday
October 31st
3 pm - 5 pm**

Look for pumpkins in the windows of participating businesses to get your Halloween Treat.

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The Fayette Ware High School 2011 Freshman football Homecoming King and Queen are Reeco Person and Weatherly Lewis. The Homecoming game was held last Friday night against Bolivar Central. (Add. photos on Page 8A)

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The intermodal yard is located over a mile south of Highway 57 and over a half of a mile west of Knox Road. Working with the natural lay of the land, the intermodal yard is surrounded by berms that are over twenty feet tall, that when completed will be landscaped with pine trees and weeping privet. Lighting fixtures used on the site are designed to shine downward, so that there will hardly be any light visible from the yard at night.

Adair stated that the completion of Interstate 269/ TN 385, and US Highway 72

both in Tennessee and Mississippi has been accelerated by at least ten years, with an anticipated completion date of late 2012. The tour also included the only road upon which intermodal truck traffic will be allowed to access the yard. This private road intersects U.S. Highway 72 in Marshall County, Mississippi. All intermodal truck traffic will have to use Highway 72 to come and go from the new intermodal site.

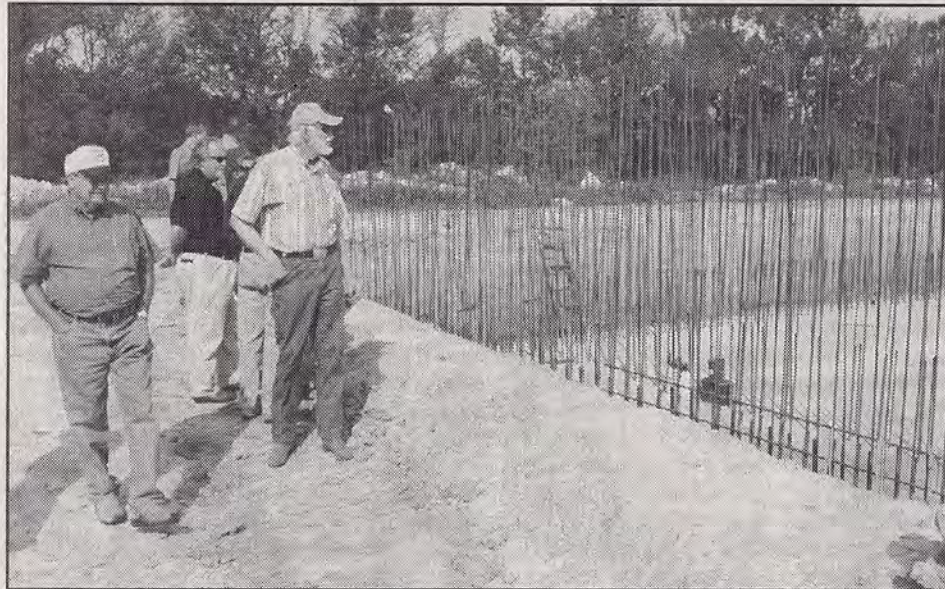
Both Adair and Mayor Coates emphasized that no intermodal truck traffic will access the yard from US Highway 57. The fact that all

intermodal truck traffic will access the intermodal yard from I-269 creates the opportunity for Piperton and Fayette County to benefit from a sales tax bonanza resulting from commercial and retail sales on Highway 72. One service station in this area could generate sales tax revenues in excess of \$500,000 per year.

Having completed the tour, attendees agreed with the observation that, "for the first time in over 100 years, Fayette County has an economic opportunity the likes of which may not occur for another 100 years."



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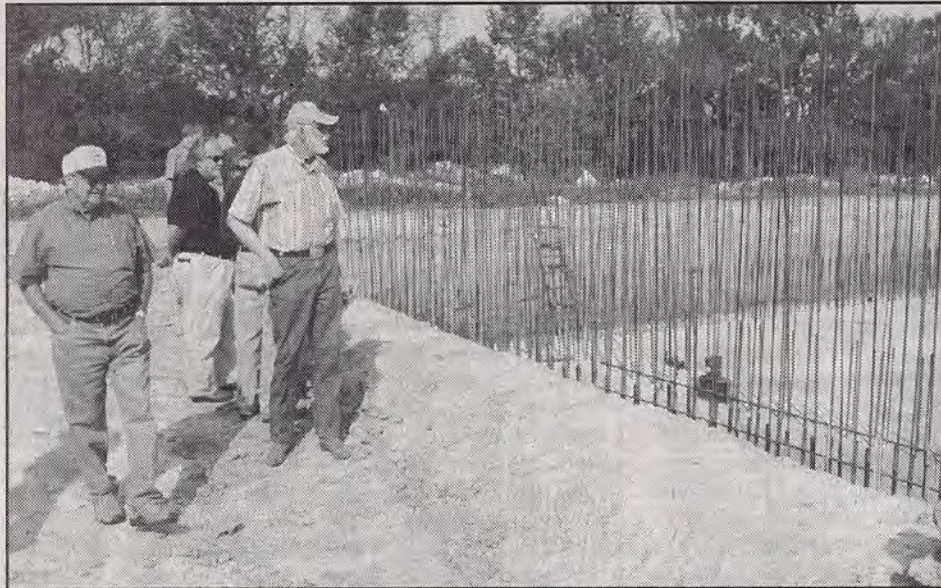
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Location of the planned development

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At the right are Donnie and Nancy Leggett. Donnie is the director of Hardeman-Fayette Utility.