

## Owensboro gets tips from Greenville, SC

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OWENSBORO, KY (WFIE) - Leaders from Owensboro and Daviess County will be going to Greenville, South Carolina to get some ideas on how to make over the riverfront.

Russell Stall with the group Greenville Forward spoke Thursday morning at the Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Rooster Booster breakfast.

Greenville, SC is a city Owensboro leaders are using as a model for the city's downtown plans.

Thursday 14 News also met up with a downtown business owner who has big plans already underway.

Rosemary Conder and her husband are renovating a historic building on Second street that will eventually become condos.

Conder said, "We can kind of remember the nostalgia of downtown and we can really just see that's where the trends are going to be. I think it's a future thing to. I think people want that connection to friends and family and entertainment and living."

The talk all over town is about downtown.

At Thursday morning's Rooster Booster breakfast Randall Stall from Greenville shared his thoughts on downtown development.

"I look at Owensboro and I look at downtown Greenville and 15 to 20 years ago, we're very similar to each other" Stall said.

The Conders want to take some historic buildings on Second and St. Ann Street and turn them into condos and some business store fronts downstairs.

They say they understand what the city is trying to do with the downtown development and they want to be a part of that.

Conder says, "All we have to do is be a little proactive and have a vision and be patient and make the investment."

Stall says making that investment in downtown is very important for Owensboro's future.

"We very strongly believe that you need a place where people can gather and then jump off to go do the other stuff in other parts of the county," Stall went on to say.

Local leaders are planning that trip for May.

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