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Visioneers try to sum up Chattanooga trip

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Today's final day in the Visioneering Wichita fact-finding mission to Chattanooga, Tenn., will focus on brainstorming and how to translate downtown revitalization into economic development.

Two sessions are scheduled with the city's revitalization consultant, Goody Clancy, to discuss what participants have learned in an intensive three-day look at how Chattanooga, a failing industrial community, revitalized its downtown over 40 years through public-private partnerships.

In addition, the group will hear from Hamilton County Mayor Claude Ramsey and Chattanooga Chamber president Tom Edd Wilson on landing the big economic development fish.

The trip will conclude at mid-day with a visit to the construction site of Chattanooga's new Volkswagen plant, which will employ about 2,000 when it opens in 2010.

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