

# Create Oconee event creating buzz

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SENECA — No one knows what the next 10 or 20 years will hold for Oconee County, but some would like to think the area is on a pathway for success and beauty.

That's what organizers of the "Create Oconee" event hope to foster during Leadership Oconee's kick-off event March 24.

The event will be held at The Vault in Seneca starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Live music will be provided.

According to Matthew Hedtke, class member of this year's leadership class, the event should be a big success.

"The feedback has been great and so have the donations," he said. "It's a

great thing to see."

He added that, "During the previous five years, multiple entities within our community have conducted

various inventories, assessments, surveys

and studies as they relate to future cultural, environmental and industrial impacts in Oconee County.

Leadership Oconee's Class of 2010-2011 is responsible for the creation and current implementation of Create Oconee and the upcoming, 'What's Your Foot-



print?' Kickoff Event.

"By establishing the 'Create Oconee' cultural master plan, we are building upon the foundation set by those who came before us in a multi-year process of assessment, research and community engagement undertaken to chart a course for Oconee's cultural, environmental and industrial growth over the next 20 years."

Hedtke said that his personal goal for Oconee in the upcoming years is to get everyone engaged.

"We want this to be personal to each individual," he said. "We want them to be proud of their county; when that happens, we can make major strides."

For information log on to [www.oconee.k12.sc.us](http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us). Click Community and then Create Oconee.