

VISION 2020

Vision 2020 will pave the way for the full transformation of the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) into an economic engine for the Oak Ridge region. ETTP was once home to a complex of facilities that enriched uranium and provided support for defense missions and the nuclear power industry for 40 years.

The Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management's (OREM) Vision 2020 is to complete all cleanup at ETTP and convert the site into a privately owned industrial park that enables private sector economic development.

Vision 2020 paves the way for:



INNOVATION

ETTP is in close proximity to national security, science, and energy research assets at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Y-12 National Security Complex. As we near Vision 2020, ETTP is ideally suited to leverage these assets for economic development opportunities including big data, new nuclear technologies, and advanced manufacturing.

GROWTH

More than 20 businesses currently call ETTP home, ranging from offices to manufacturing, and warehouse tenants. To date, 700 acres have been transferred for private sector use. The large, flat parcels of land and ETTP's location near major infrastructure are selling points to attract new industry.



TRANSPORTATION

The Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority is working with community partners to develop a general aviation airport at ETTP. The airport will stimulate economic growth by bringing jobs and visitors from around the country directly to Oak Ridge.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

The U.S. Department of Energy coordinated with state and federal agencies to establish the Black Oak Ridge Conservation Easement at ETTP. This 3,000 acre tract provides habitat for endangered songbirds and recreational opportunities for the public including hiking, bird-watching, and biking.



EAST TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY PARK IN THE YEAR 2020



Rendering of ETTP after meeting Vision 2020

Meeting Vision 2020 requires the safe demolition and disposal of all unneeded facilities within ETTP and addressing any contaminated soil and groundwater. The conclusion of site cleanup will mark the first closing of a gaseous diffusion complex anywhere in the world.

Not only will the area be safer, but 2,200 acres of flat, useable real estate will be ready for industrial development by the private sector to bolster the regional economy. Additionally, OREM is committed to commemorating the site's history as well as protecting and nurturing wildlife habitat at ETTP and creating more opportunities for conservation.



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