



# **Main Street of Perry**

## **Traits of Effective Board Members**

### **Effective Board Members are:**

#### **Committed**

Members are personally dedicated to the work of the agency and its vision for the future.

#### **Involved**

In addition to attending meetings, effective Board members lend their skills, expertise and talents to the agency through committees and special projects. They work in partnership with the staff to effect positive change.

#### **Informed**

Board members educate themselves about the work of the agency, fiduciary matters, policies and procedures and their positions.

#### **Clear about Expectations**

Members understand what is expected of them and express their expectations of the staff on a regular basis.

#### **Open to Challenges**

In addition to lending their expertise, effective Board members seek to learn new skills and work in different areas of agency governance.

#### **Well Trained**

Staff and current Board members conduct orientation programs which provide knowledge about the agency as well as the important role of the board.

#### **Held Accountable**

Members understand the importance of attending meetings and making promises; those who cannot maintain that level of commitment are asked to work on advisory committees or councils.