

Thirty years ago, Decatur developed its Town Center Plan, a progressive, new-urbanist vision for downtown. Great schools, diverse restaurants and a strong sense of community are attracting a flood of new downtown residents, making that vision a reality. To maintain quality of life, Decatur must make its public space great. Improve sidewalks, enhance crosswalks, and please build more parks and plazas to serve all these new residents. The city is making progress on streetscapes, but parks remain very limited, especially downtown. Opportunities to create new public spaces disappear with each new development.

Lack of parkland was a big reason why we created the Downtown Decatur Neighbors, representing the 30% of Decatur homes located downtown. We have begun a conversation with the City about how we can unpave some parking lots and turn them into new parks and plazas that will keep Decatur the best place to live in Georgia.