



Help create a plan for Downtown Decatur!

New developments are popping up all around us, with more on the way. Newspapers are writing about the development boom in Downtown Decatur. And while the City has strategic plans, transportation plans and zoning codes, the 1982 Town Center Plan needs a broad update to create a comprehensive Downtown plan that captures our ideas and priorities. What could a Downtown master plan do?

LAND USE

- Define how we maintain our small town character and accommodate more density.
- Identify more specifically where that density will be located and what it will look like.
- Determine zoning transitions and other guidelines for Downtown and neighboring residents.

PUBLIC AND GREEN SPACES

- Set goals for the parks and plazas needed to serve existing residents, visitors and the thousands of Downtown Decatur residents expected to join us in the next few years
- Identify opportunities for additional public spaces in Downtown - what and where.
- Ensure that our tree ordinance preserves the downtown tree canopy.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Update the Downtown portion of the transportation plan; improve pedestrian & bicycle safety.
- Define where improvements to sidewalks & crosswalks are needed and how to pay for them.
- Identify where any new roads are needed and determine how we assure they are built.
- Improve parking accessibility, including signage, and set safety standards for parking decks.

We are overdue for an update of the Town Center Plan – and we need your support to make it happen. The City Commission and staff are hosting a retreat on January 18 to set priorities for the coming year. Contact them to let them know that a plan for Downtown should be a priority. A sample letter is on the DDN web site (downtowndecaturneighbors.com). Email addresses for the Commissioners are:

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Act now and make a difference!

The Downtown Decatur Neighbors advocates for the residents of the Downtown community, consisting largely of condominiums and apartments. By early 2016, 30% of all Decatur homes will be Downtown.