

R-16-21

**A RESOLUTION
ADOPTING
THE 2016 CITY OF DECATUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur Comprehensive Plan was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, except as otherwise set forth in various changes approved pursuant to said Minimum Standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur Comprehensive Plan has been presented at advertised public hearings held on February 1, 2016, September 13, 2016, and September 19, 2016, at which the City of Decatur solicited community input on community needs and issues, and which were conducted pursuant to the State's Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures.


WHEREAS, the City of Decatur Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission on November 15, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Decatur City Commission finds that the 2016 City of Decatur Comprehensive Plan and the Short Term Work Program for 2016-2020 furthers the purposes of promoting the health, safety, morals, conveniences, order, prosperity, aesthetics and general welfare of the present and future citizens of the City of Decatur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Decatur, Georgia and by the authority of the same, the City Commission does hereby adopt the 2016 City of Decatur Comprehensive Plan as per the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

ADOPTED this 21th day of November, 2016.

FOR THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF DECATUR


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk

December 22, 2016

Honorable Patti Garrett
Mayor, City of Decatur
Post Office Box 220
Decatur, GA 30031-0220

Dear Mayor Garrett:

Congratulations on the recent adoption of your Comprehensive Plan Update! In recognition of the City of Decatur's impressive achievement, the Department of Community Affairs is honored to award Qualified Local Government (QLG) status to your community.

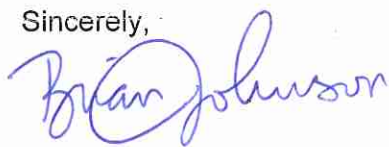
Please note that this award has no effect upon your community's compliance with the Service Delivery Act (O.C.G.A. 36-70-20). Please visit our website at: <http://www.georgiaplanning.com/DCACommunity/> to keep abreast of upcoming planning deadlines for your community.

Now begins the challenging work of implementing this plan. We believe that the plan should provide a framework for making sound decisions for the City's long-term growth and development. We hope that you and other decision makers will refer to the plan in the day-to-day decisions you make concerning the community.

Further rewards await your community for effectively implementing the comprehensive plan. Please consider seeking PlanFirst designation if your community has established a consistent track record of plan implementation. This program offers substantial financial incentives as well as recognition for Georgia's best planning communities of all sizes. For more information, visit: <http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/PlanFirst.asp>.

Please don't hesitate to contact DCA's Office of Planning and Environmental Management or your Regional Commission with any questions or assistance needs you may have. Best wishes for the successful implementation of your plan!

Sincerely,



Brian Johnson, Director
Office of Planning and Environmental Management

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