

# Community Sustainability

## Building Community Support

### 2012 Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Retreat

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# Core Principles Set Direction

## Decatur Strategic Plan Vision 2000 & 2012

“The purpose of the City of Decatur is to assure a high quality of life for its residents, businesses and visitors, both today and in the future.”



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# Define Community Sustainability

- “Provide opportunities for building and sustaining a healthy, active and engaged community across all social and economic interests.” (2009 Budget Document)
- “Yes, if...rather than No because”



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# What Is Community?



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# Core Values

- Encourage interaction between residents and between residents and the city
- Support inclusiveness and diversity
- Inform and educate citizens
- Develop and encourage responsible citizens



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# Community Interaction



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# Support Inclusiveness & Diversity

“A society is measured by how it cares for the weakest members” -*Ghandi*



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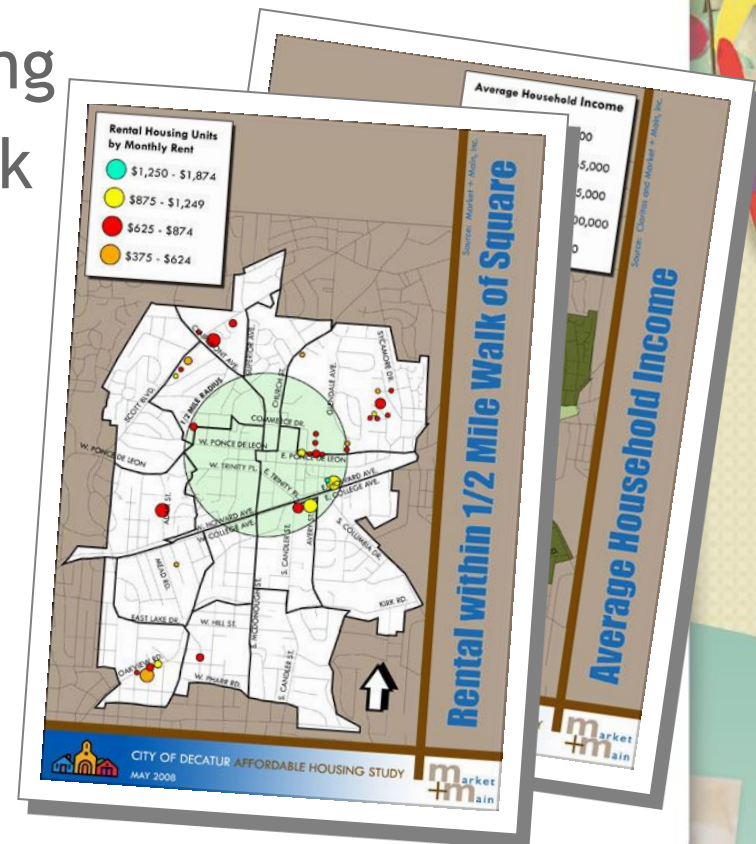
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# Support Inclusiveness & Diversity

“Increase opportunities for economically diverse housing for persons who live or work in Decatur.”

*-Decatur Strategic Plan Goal*



# Inform and Educate Citizens

“In the absence of information,  
People will make up their own.”

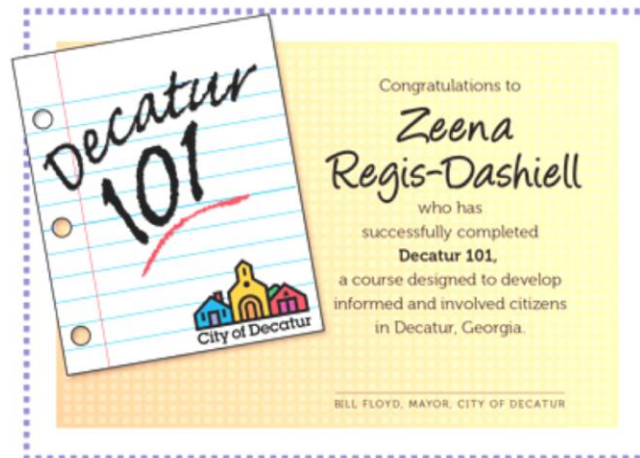


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# Develop & Encourage Responsible Citizens

“A community is only as good as its citizens choose to make it.”



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# Responsible Citizens



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# Responsible Citizens

**Statement of Interest**  
QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD,  
COMMISSION OR AUTHORITY, CITY OF DECATUR, GEORGIA



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSION \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD, COMMISSION OR AUTHORITY FOR WHICH YOU ARE CONSIDERING FOR \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF BOARD THAT YOU ARE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CORPORATE BACKGROUND \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE APPOINTMENT AND OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR OTHER COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT IN THE CITY OF DECATUR \_\_\_\_\_



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# Nurturing a Sense of Community

“We are what we repeatedly do;  
excellence then is not an act, but a  
habit.” - *Aristotle*



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# Community Sustainability

“Our imagination is the only limit to what we hope to have in the future.”

- Charles F. Kettering



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