

# SUMMIT ON THE FUTURE

**Join us if you care about  
the future of Decatur's...**

neighborhoods, housing,  
downtown and riverfront, public  
services, amenities, transportation,  
environment, and city image.

The Summit will build on the Listening &  
Learning phase and set the direction for  
where and how our city will grow.

Don't miss this opportunity to help make  
Decatur the best it can be!

**April 4  
6-8 PM**

Ingalls Harbor Pavilion  
802-A Wilson Street, NW

**Please let us know if you are  
planning to attend so we can  
accommodate everyone!**

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# ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

**1. What will happen at the Summit on the Future?** In a two-hour workshop, you'll learn about conditions that are shaping the city and its future, evaluate the vision and goals, and help us refine the map that illustrates where and how the city will grow. It's a chance for you to help ensure that One Decatur is moving in the right direction.

**2. Who should attend the Summit on the Future?** Everyone! The Summit builds upon the input from over 500 participants at the Listening & Learning workshops held in November 2016. If you attended a Listening & Learning Workshop, you'll want to see how your ideas have been translated into the draft vision and goals. If you didn't attend a previous workshop, this is a new opportunity to get involved in moving Decatur forward.

**3. Do I have to be an expert to contribute?** You are an expert if you live or work in Decatur. Who knows the community better than someone who lives or works here?

**4. What is One Decatur?** One Decatur is a process to involve the community in creating a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Decatur. It will build off the city's past plans, identify core critical needs, define a long-term vision for the community, and serve as a guide for future development.

**5. What is a Comprehensive Plan?** A comprehensive plan is a strategic guide that expresses the values and aspirations of a community. It is the broadest public policy document our community can create and sets forth the long-range vision for development, housing, environment, economic development, transportation, and related topics. This document gives a universal view of the whole city, is a tool to prepare for change, and acts as both a business plan and guidebook for decision makers. The Plan is not a legally binding document, but it serves as the foundation for the city's budgeting process, zoning ordinances, land development regulations, and the like. A separate effort to update those regulations will be undertaken to implement the final Plan.

**6. Why is Decatur updating its Comprehensive Plan?** In general, planning represents good stewardship. There has never been a better time to consider our community's values in light of local, regional and national trends, and to develop well-supported policies to create the best possible future.

**7. Who is leading the planning process?** A 40-member citizen steering committee has been established that will help guide the public process and the plan's recommendations. Members were selected to reflect the city's diverse backgrounds and interests in an open application process. More than 190 residents submitted applications! City staff is working closely with a planning consulting team to facilitate the steering committee's work, to convene public workshops, to conduct technical work, and to draft the plan.

**8. How do we get involved?** Community input is important to the success of the plan. We need everyone to attend the second round of community involvement, the Summit on the Future. The Summit will be April 4, 2017, at Ingalls Harbor Pavilion from 6-8 PM. Your input is important; please plan to attend.

**EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME.**

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