

OPEN HOUSE

Presenting Decatur's Draft Plan

Join One Decatur as we reveal the draft citywide comprehensive plan.

Learn about the plan, see its recommendations, talk with the planning team and steering committee and vote for your priorities in a casual setting.

Hope to see you there!

OCT 3
5-7 PM

Brief presentation at 5:30

Location TBD

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ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS

1. What will happen at the Open House? Learn about the major recommendations through a series of stations in a casual setting. Members of the planning team and steering committee will be available to answer questions one-on-one. You will have an opportunity to offer feedback and comments and identify actions you think are most important. Listen to a brief presentation at 5:30pm that will provide an overview of the plan and how the previous public input and technical work led to the draft recommendations.

2. Who should attend the Open House? Everyone! Community input is important to the success of the plan and the Open House is the final opportunity, of three major rounds of public engagement, to give input on the draft plan before it moves into finalization and adoption.

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. What will happen after the Open House? The team will work with the One Decatur steering committee to refine the plan based on community input. The final draft plan will be presented to City Council for public review and commenting in early 2018.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME.

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