

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY,  
GEORGIA TO CONSIDER IMPROVING THE AESTHETICS AND GREEN  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE COURTHOUSE PARKING DECK REHAB  
PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County recognizes the importance of incorporating public art and planting improvements into public spaces for the benefit of the community and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, parking decks are an important part of public infrastructure, but can often be visually unappealing and lacking in environmental benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that incorporating art and greenery into urban spaces can have numerous benefits, including improving air quality, promoting biodiversity, increasing property values and economic development, improving mental health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Decatur and nearby parking deck operators have made visual improvements to their parking lots and structures in an effort to improve aesthetics, placemaking opportunities, and green infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County is committed to creating vibrant and sustainable public spaces for the benefit of all residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia that:

1. The Administration is hereby requested to direct the Department of Facilities Management to develop a stakeholder's group of County employees and representatives of the Courthouse to engage and design an approach for public art and greenery installation at the Courthouse Parking Deck with an aim to recommend creation of a visually appealing and engaging space for visitors.
2. The Administration is hereby requested to create a budget and timeline for public art and greenery after receiving recommendations from the aforesaid stakeholder's group.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

October 23, 2023

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**ROBERT PATRICK**

Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners DeKalb  
County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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**MICHAEL L. THURMOND**

Chief Executive Officer DeKalb  
County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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**BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**

County Clerk  
Board of Commissioners and  
Chief Executive Officer

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