



# DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center  
1300 Commerce Drive  
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## Agenda Item

File ID: 2022-1543

Substitute

Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Board of Commissioners

### SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

An item of the DeKalb County Governing Authority to Adopt a Vision and Transition Plan for all library landscapes in DeKalb County by 2023

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### PURPOSE:

To adopt a Vision and Transition Plan for all library landscapes in DeKalb County by 2023 to establish a guide for the installation and overhaul of existing library landscapes as well as ensure proper guidelines for installations at future libraries in DeKalb County.

DeKalb County will consider a Fruitful Libraries Transition Plan by 2023 via the RFP process. This transition plan will include:

1. A roadmap on how to overhaul library landscapes to Productive Urban Landscapes.
2. The onboarding of DeKalb County Facilities Management and their vendors who are contracted to maintain the landscapes to ensure longevity and sustainability.
3. The coordination of library staff on strategies to incorporate the landscapes in their programming as a way of enhancing.
4. Public engagement and education to ensure constituents understand the resources and assets available to them.
5. Strategies to allocate existing landscaping budgets to be appropriated to this new landscaping paradigm.
6. The creation of RFPs specific to Productive Urban Landscapes.

### NEED/IMPACT:

Productive Urban Landscapes are beneficial community land assets that provide environmental restoration and resilience, outdoor opportunities for education and health benefits, and a place for community. This landscaping paradigm further is a solution to climate change and reduces air, soil, water, and noise pollution and associated public health risks, and prevents erosion while protecting soil. As a solution to climate change, Productive Urban Landscapes further provide a green job opportunity for existing and future landscaping facilities management, contractors, and vendors

### FISCAL IMPACT:

DeKalb County will allocate up to \$250,000 from the FY 2022 midyear budget to consider creating a Fruitful Libraries Transition Plan RFP.

### RECOMMENDATION:



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To approve the resolution and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.....