

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY 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 that:

1. The CEO of DeKalb County is hereby requested to report back for the mid-year budget cycle a plan to include public art and planting improvements for the courthouse parking deck rehab project.
2. The plan should outline specific measures to incorporate art and greenery into the parking deck rehab project, including but not limited to the following:
  - The types of plants to be used, including any native or drought-resistant species, can help improve the environmental sustainability of the parking deck.
  - The placement and design of art installations within the parking deck aim to create a visually appealing and engaging space for visitors.
  - The budget and timeline for the project, as well as any potential funding sources or partnerships with local organizations or businesses.
3. The CEO of DeKalb County is further requested to provide regular updates to the Board of Commissioners on the project's progress, including any challenges or opportunities that arise.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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**ROBERT PATRICK**

Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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**MICHAEL L. THURMOND**

Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Clerk  
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