



## Legislation Text

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**Public Hearing:** YES  NO

**Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 6

**SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** Commission Districts 4 and 6

To Appropriate \$15,000 from D6 Reserve for Appropriation for the MicroLife Institute Design Studio Project for the greater Scottdale and Scottdale Overlay District.

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**PURPOSE:**

In February 2022 an agenda item was approved by the Board of Commission for District 4 and 6 to support the 2022 MicroLife Institute Design Studio which targeted the shared Memorial Drive-I 285 to Stone Mountain.

This agenda item is to appropriate reserve for appropriation funds from District 6 for continued shared support of the Design Studio collaboration focusing this time on the greater Scottdale and Scottdale Overlay District.

**NEED/IMPACT:**

Scottdale is conveniently located just inside Hwy 285 only minutes from two other major thoroughfares, Hwy 20 and Hwy 85, which provide easy access to all parts of metro-Atlanta. Scottdale is just north of Avondale Estates only minutes to downtown Decatur, The CDC and Emory University. Living in Scottdale offers residents an urban suburban mix feel.

This Design Studio project brings together urban design, architecture with consideration of the “Green New Deal”, and high-performance building students to collaborate on producing urban design proposals and modeling their performance.

Georgia Tech School of Architecture students will reimagine the town of Scottdale through sustainable and resilient redevelopment incorporating high performance urbanist principals. Student teams from the Georgia Tech School of Architecture, led by Ellen Dunham-Jones, will produce proposals to incorporate sustainable urban and planning designs for the Scottdale overlay district using transportation, use of subdividing and land use, as well as partnering with High Performance Building Lab for sustainability input.

MicroLife Institute will support this Design Studio by aiding in logistics and connecting with the community while supporting the initiatives of both GA Tech and DeKalb County. After the Design Studio, MicroLife will work on educating and informing the results with the community and local leaders. (Scope included)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this project includes \$15,000 from the District 6 Reserve for Appropriations

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve this funding request and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.