

# **DeKalb County Government**

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### **Legislation Text**

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**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

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Libraries Transition Plan RFP.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

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