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CEO Burrell Ellis Adopts Sustainable Landscaping Policy Supports Vision of a “Clean, Green, Safe, and Thriving Community: the Place Where Your Future Lives”

Decatur, Ga. – DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis recently signed the first 2013 Executive Order for Sustainable Landscaping Management practices that will support the county’s commitment to be the “Greenest Urban County in America.”

“Because of the Sustainable Landscaping policy, DeKalb County will continue to lead the charge in innovative green initiatives,” CEO Burrell Ellis said. “I am honored to announce our new Sustainable Landscaping policy that will allow DeKalb County to be cleaner, greener and more thriving.”

The policy endorses environmentally responsible and sustainable landscaping management practices such as Integrated Pest Management, which protects the county’s water supply. In addition, it prevents and manages pests with minimal impact on human health and the environment.

Newly constructed and existing county facilities and grounds will use sustainable landscaping practices such as drought tolerant, locally adapted plants. The policy also promotes a healthy landscape that will save water and require applying fewer chemicals.

For more information on the Sustainable Landscaping Management policy and county programs that encourage conservation and reduce environmental impact, visit www.dekalbcountyga.gov/greenfocus.

DeKalb County is Georgia’s third largest county with more than 700,000 residents calling it home. Known for its business and education hub, growing international community and natural wonders, DeKalb County Government is led by [Chief Executive Officer Burrell Ellis](#) and legislative policy is set by a seven-member [Board of Commissioners](#).

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