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Planning Through COVID19

During the challenges of the COVID 19 pandemic, Long Range Planning has continued to produce at a high level, while keeping everyone safe. Teleworking has allowed us to provide services in a more efficient way, through the use of technology. Some of the new tools and strategies implemented:

- Remote Servicing Page
- Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Who to Call Matrix
- Microsoft Teams for Meetings & Collaboration
- Microsoft Planner for Managing Projects
- ARC Webinars for Industry News
- SharePoint and OneDrive for File Storage
- Zoom for External Customer Meetings
- More Meetings = Improved Communication



2050 Unified Plan

The purpose is to create a unified plan that combines the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and Comprehensive Plan referred to as the 2050 Unified Plan to ensure a positive impact on strengthening the Atlanta Region's economy and communities at both the local and regional levels.

Currently, we are within the Request for Proposals phase, in which we will select the most qualified candidate to complete the project. We anticipate completion of this phase in August, and kick-off for the project in September 2020.

For more information about the 2050 Unified Plan, contact:



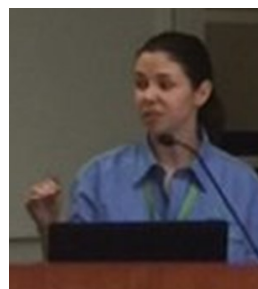
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2019 Annual Development Report (ADR)

The 2019 ADR is complete, and now ready for viewing. It is intended to be an evolving, useful tool for staff as well as the public to track building and development activity throughout DeKalb County, Georgia's Land Use Character Areas. The activity highlighted in this report is segmented between planning and zoning, structural permits, business license and land development activity.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 2019 Story Maps.

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Memorial Drive Revitalization Needs YOU!

As one of the first steps to implementing the recommendations in the Memorial Drive Revitalization Plan, is that the community is intimately involved in the progress of projects becoming a reality.

The Community Action Group (CAG) is designed to be the community advocacy needed to move the needle on short and long term projects. If you would like to be involved using the blueprint of the Memorial Drive Plan to help revitalize the corridor, [CLICK HERE](#) and take the survey. For more information on the Memorial Drive Plan, contact:



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Pedestrian Friendly Design



Expanding Mixed Use

Glenwood Columbia Plan

The purpose is to prepare a plan that provides education and a toolkit for the business community to build a consensus on how to strengthen economic development in the area. This project will provide a vision for the redevelopment of this underutilized commercial node in DeKalb County, and will have an emphasis on community understanding and buy-in for redevelopment through training and education of stakeholders.

Currently, we are in the final stages of selecting a consultant to partner with the County and complete the project. Anticipated start time is July 2020. Participation is critical for all business owners with the Columbia and Glenwood Road area. For more information on this project and how you can become involved, contact:



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The DeKalb Neighborhood Registry

The DeKalb County Long Range Planning Department has established the Neighborhood Registry to get residents more involved in decisions affecting their neighborhoods and to improve participation. Neighbors and neighborhood organizations that are not already on the Neighborhood Registry are invited to join. So far, the registry has over 500 people. [CLICK HERE](#) to join.

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DeKalb County 2035 Comprehensive Plan 5-Year Update

Long Range Planning is about to embark upon a mandated report, due to the State of GA Department of Community Affairs. This update is not a full update (every 10 years) but a 5-year update to the DeKalb County 2035 Comprehensive Plan. It will highlight a Report of Accomplishments and Community Work Program of new projects from all DeKalb County Departments. Updates to other elements such as land use and demographics will also be addressed. Failure to update the plan by October 2021, will jeopardize the County's ability to retain our Qualified Local Government status. Stay tuned for updates on how you can get involved upcoming public meetings. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

