



Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU)

TOTAL COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

Engagement

Inform	What's Happening – Website, Email Blast, CEO & Commissioners – One Way
Consult	What Do You Think? – Surveys, Public Comment, - One Way
Involve	Your Ideas – Engage DeKalb, Workshop, Charette, - Two Way
Collaborate	Let's Work Together – Committee Appointments – Two Way
Empower	Citizen Led – Referendum – Quasi -Two Way

County Driven

Purpose

- ▶ Neighborhood Planning Units (NPU's) shall provide an opportunity for the citizens of DeKalb to formally engage with county government, for promoting greater transparency, accountability, and communication on the part of County government and ensure a broader diversity of community members participating in DeKalb County Governmental processes. NPU's shall make recommendations to the CEO and Board of Commissioners on issues relevant to the community under the jurisdiction of DeKalb County Government.

Structure

- ▶ The CEO in conjunction with the planning department shall identify unique neighborhoods in each of the 5 commission districts. Each NPU shall have an approximate number of residents based on the findings of the planning department. There will be no NPU established for the super districts.
- ▶ Each NPU shall establish by-laws appropriate for their NPU.
- ▶ Each NPU shall meet frequently as designated in their by-laws but not less than quarterly.

Structure

- ▶ Each NPU shall elect officers on a bi-annual basis. All positions are elected by the NPU members, none shall be appointed by county government officials.
- ▶ Each NPU can establish the format of their meetings. They can be a representative form, townhall or another format deemed appropriate by the NPU

Membership

- ▶ Any person desiring to be elected to the NPU Board must be:
 - ▶ (1) A person of 18 years of age or older
 - ▶ (2) A primary resident of the NPU for one (1) year prior to the election
 - ▶ (3) A registered voter of DeKalb County residing within that district

NPU Support

- ▶ The County shall establish a department of Neighborhood Planning Units. The CEO shall ensure that each NPU receive the following:
 - ▶ (1) Training on the NPU structure, duties, and responsibilities.
 - ▶ (2) Technical assistance in creating bylaws.
 - ▶ (3) Assistance with notification of meetings to other residents in the NPU.

NPU Support

- ▶ (4) Assistance with copying the agenda and other relevant documents or providing a projector and/or other resources that will display the agenda for regularly scheduled meetings
- ▶ (5) A space free of charge for the NPU to hold regular meetings
- ▶ (6) Provision of a county planner that will provide technical information to the NPUs about the zoning, land-use, and planning proposals that require citizen input.

Charter or Ordinance?

