



WORK GROUP TOPIC AREAS

- 1. CONNECTIVITY AND PARTNERSHIPS** - This group will help maximize the valuable work already being done by local individuals and organizations by identifying and prioritizing hurdles to resident and community success and connecting appropriate partners.
- 2. HOUSING, BUILDING, AND LAND RE-USE** - This group will develop strategies for encouraging new housing development, for the care and rehabilitation of existing structures and to promote the reuse of vacant land and buildings.
- 3. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE** - Volunteers will identify initiatives to enhance the community's cleanliness and appearance, including work along corridors.
- 4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS** - The goal here is to identify and reduce government hurdles to business and residential growth and development.
- 5. ENERGIZE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS** - Today Decatur has a large number of defined neighborhoods (Old Kings Orchard, South Shores, West End, Neighborhood United, etc.) Volunteers will define programs, projects and initiatives to reinvigorate declining neighborhoods to enhance stable areas. Residents looking to work in specific neighborhoods would select this committee
- 6. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GROWTH AND VITALITY** - This committee will identify and prioritize barriers to economic and social progress in our community, address factors leading to long-standing generational poverty and identify existing or define new initiatives as solutions. Public safety, educational access and increased expectations are all factors to be considered as part of the work.
- 7. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS** - This committee will address factors related to the overall physical and mental health of our community and the specific populations within it.
- 8. JOBS AND JOB READINESS** - Growing the local economy will require continued increases in the number of local jobs and an assurance that local residents are prepared for those opportunities. Volunteers will identify industries for future employment growth and target gaps in preparedness for such work, improve access to workforce training and work with the local educational community to ensure educational success as preparation.
- 9. INNER-CITY OPPORTUNITIES** - Our inner-city faces a series of unique challenges and it's clear that it will take special attention to turn things around. The challenges are numerous and the goal for this group is to decide what we are going to do turn things around and create stability for our inner-city communities.