



**Monday, April 3, 2017
5:30 PM**

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Appearance of Citizens

Policy relative to Appearance of Citizens:

A 15 minute time period is provided for citizens to appear and express their views before the City Council. Each citizen who appears will be limited to 3 minutes. No immediate response will be given by City Council or City staff members. Citizens are to give their documents to the Police Officer for distribution to the Council.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 20, 2017 City Council Meeting

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

1. Proclamations and Recognitions
2. Resolution Terminating an Agreement with AECOM for Design of the Brush College Road Overpass Across the Norfolk Southern Track Yard CP 2009-33
3. Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract-Pro Lawn Care
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8. Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract-James Gahwiler
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10. Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract-Nature's Way Lawn Service
11. Consent Calendar: Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. If separate action is desired on any item, it will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- B. Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Central Park - Decatur Area Arts Council
- C. Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way 100 Block South Oakland Avenue Lock Stock & Barrel/Oakwood Business Association
- D. Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way 100 Block South Oakland Avenue - Lock Stock & Barrel Bike Night
- E. Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of East Marietta Street and North Warren Street Facing East Marietta Street
- F. Ordinance Establishing an All Way Stop Intersection at West Prairie Avenue and North Edward Street
- G. Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of East Main Street and 23rd Street Facing 23rd Street
- H. Resolution Approving Appointment - Plan Commission
- I. Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

VI. Other Business

VII. Recess to Closed Executive Session

Recess to Closed Executive Section Under Section 2. Open Meetings (c) (2) Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees

VIII. Adjournment

Council Information - The Agricultural Watershed Institute Progress Report
November 2016 - February 2017

Council Information - Decatur Human Relations Commission Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2016

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 20, 2017

On Monday, March 20, 2017, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray and Jerry Dawson. Councilman Bill Faber was absent. Six members present and one member absent. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizens, the following citizen appeared:

John Phillips stated Aaron Freeman, the President of U-Haul Company in Illinois, reached out to him and asked him for help. His company has the desire to have their plan reconsidered for the Northgate Mall area. Mr. Phillips gave Council members a copy of a letter Mr. Freeman is planning to send to the Herald & Review editor regarding this matter.

Jacob Jenkins, representing the Black Chambers of Commerce of Illinois and the Greater Decatur Black Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding inner City neighborhoods that need help. Mr. Jenkins requested Council allocate funds and resources to revitalize the neighborhoods.

Holly Mowry is a landlord in Decatur and stated she found eight properties between 752 West Macon and 1023 West Macon that are boarded up and are beautiful old houses. She stated the City should give families the houses and resources to fix up the houses. Ms. Mowry gave Council a list of the eight houses on West Macon Street.

Barry Zarzyczny, representing the Decatur Landlord's Association, stated he would like to go through the demo properties and make recommendations.

The minutes of the March 6, 2017 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for Unfinished Business and there being none, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

Proclamations and Recognitions:

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked John's Hill Magnet School Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach Jason Flournoy to the podium to say a few words about the winning boys' basketball team. Head Coach Jason Flournoy shared that the boys' basketball team won the State's Championship this year; they finished 24-0. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe, Head Coach Jason Flournoy and Assistant Coach Wallace Green presented the basketball team members with Stephen Decatur Medallions. Captains R.J. Walker and Ryan Bartley thanked the community, fans, parents, and students for their support.

Chief Jim Getz recognized retiring Auxiliary Police Captain Rodney Gant for his 28 year of voluntary service, over 7,000 hours of volunteer duty, and over 260 events worked. Captain Rodney Gant thanked the Auxiliary Officers for their dedication and commitment to the Decatur Police Department and community. He thanked his family for their support throughout the years. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition and accepted it on behalf of the entire Auxiliary Unit.

Brandon Miller representing the Boys and Girls Club asked Jayla Norman to read the Proclamation proclaiming March 27 – March 31, 2017, as Boys and Girls Club Week in Decatur, Illinois.

City Manager Tim Gleason shared that Fire Chief Jeff Abbott informed him that retired Decatur Fire Chief Phil Workman passed away this past Saturday.

City Manager Tim Gleason shared that Fire Chief Jeff Abbott informed him the City received their Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating back. The ISO evaluates Fire Departments in the United States. Based on the evaluation they assign a rating for each department from numbers one to ten with number one being the best. The Fire Department was rated an ISO rating of number two, which puts the Fire Department in the top three percent (3%) of 49,000 Fire Departments that are currently rated. City Manager Tim Gleason and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe congratulated Chief Abbott and his team on the excellent rating.

Resolution Authorizing Contract Pay and Benefits – AFSCME Local 268 and Decatur Public Library, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked Librarian Rick Meyer to come to the podium to answer Council's questions.

Councilman Jerry Dawson had concerns about the ten year contract and free health care for the full time employees. Councilman Jerry Dawson asked Librarian Rick Meyer about the volatility of the health care market, if he thought it was wise to promise free health care for ten years. Librarian Rick Meyer stated the current contract also provides for individual coverage but not for family coverage. He stated it would save them less than \$40,000 over the course of the ten year contract. It was a way to get this contract ratified and the Library Board believes it is a good deal. It got them ten years with an average salary increase of one and a half percent (1.5%)

per year. Councilman Jerry Dawson asked if residency requirements were discussed. Librarian Rick Meyer stated all their AFSCME members live in Decatur and it was not discussed this time around.

Councilwoman Dana Ray asked how they derived that they were going to save money over the next ten years when health care is unpredictable at this moment. Librarian Rick Meyer explained this is not about how much health care premiums are going to cost, this is about how much the employee is being asked to pay. Councilwoman Dana Ray shared she didn't feel comfortable committing to a pay increase each year over the ten year contract.

Councilman Chris Funk stated the Library contract had come to Council for ratification because they approve the levy. He asked Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland if the contract statutorily requires Council to approve and what happens if they don't. Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland explained that Council is actually a co-employer. Council has to approve the contract. Councilman Chris Funk was concerned about locking in a cost structure over a long period of time when there is so much flux in the Library business.

John Phillips stated the ten year contract was his doing.

Councilman Chris Funk asked for clarification of the family share employee Library cost. Librarian Rick Meyer stated that the Library pays \$450 for family coverage. Councilman Chris Funk stated his concern was to lock in a cost structure to a business that is dynamic.

Councilwoman Dana Ray requested a synopsis of what changed from the previous contract and to this contract.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory requested a walk through and a little history about how we got from the beginning to here. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory asked if the Library Board decides to give a pay increase beyond the one and a half percent (1.5%) does that pay increase transcend to all employees represented by this contract. John Phillips stated it could depending on how it was done. If we granted a general pay increase of three percent (3%) to all non-represented employees, we would be obligated to bring that through to the bargaining group. Librarian Rick Meyer shared some of the changes to the contract with Council.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved to table the motion; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion to table the item carried.

R2017-32 Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Street Maintenance by Municipality, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-33 Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Restoration of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code, City Project 2017-08, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-34 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Browning Chapman, LLC, for Parking Garages B & C Structural Improvements, City Project 2015-03, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Councilman Chris Funk asked what the term of the lease on Garage B was. City Manager Tim Gleason explained it was part of the agreement to bring ADM downtown and he is exploring the terms. It is a long term lease. Councilman Chris Funk asked what the City expected to pay as a result of an obligation to maintain the garage and the material says there is no identified funding for it. City Manager Tim Gleason shared that staff informed him the parking deck was the deal maker on the total deal.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2017-12 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52, Sections 4, 7, 8, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

City Manager Tim Gleason stated that staff has received requests to allow certain liquor licenses class holders to cater events off premise.

Councilman Chris Funk asked on the Class O liquor license what was the difference between a brewer and a brew pub. Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland explained when Class O was originally enacted by City Council the State's definition was much narrower and as that industry has expanded the State is expanding their definitions to do with manufacturing. This is an attempt to make the definition all encompassing.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through D and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. The Clerk read Items A - D:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- B. R2017-35 Resolution Approving Appointment – Decatur Sister Cities
- C. Receiving and Filing Official Zoning Map
- D. R2017-36 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Quitclaim Deed for Property Located at 1059 W. Macon Street.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved Items A through D be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to a Study Session for the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara presented the February 2017 Treasurer's Financial Report.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved _____
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk

Public Works

DATE: 3/24/2017

MEMO: 2017-22

TO: Honorable Mayor Moore Wolfe and City Council Members

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Richard G. Marley, P.E., Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Terminating an Agreement with AECOM for Design of the Brush College Rd Overpass Across the Norfolk Southern Track Yard CP 2009-33

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached Resolution terminating an Engineering Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) of Decatur, IL, to prepare final design plans and bid documents for the Brush College Road Bridge over the Norfolk Southern rail yard south of Faries Parkway.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2016, the City made a TIGER VII Grant Application for \$20 million in Federal funds to design and build the Brush College Road / Faries Parkway Grade Separation and Improvement Project. Later in July 2016, the City learned it was not selected for a grant.

In order to prepare for the next anticipated round of TIGER grants, the City asked for a debriefing from the US Department of Transportation to learn of short-comings in the City's grant application. Staff was advised that the most significant short-coming was that the City is not far enough along on the project to compete well against other applicants. The DOT officials advised the City to take steps to move the project along towards implementation including acquisition of needed rights-of-way. The City still has access to slightly more than \$2.0 million in Illinois Job Now! Grant funds, but those funds are currently obligated to pay for an engineering design contract. City staff discussed options with the Illinois Department of Transportation grant administrators and learned that the funds could be re-allocated for the purchase of rights-of-way provided that the engineering services agreement fund obligation was removed by terminating the engineering design agreement with AECOM.

CONTRACT TERMINATION PROCESS: The City's Professional Engineering Service Agreement contains a termination provision. The City may terminate a contract provided the Consulting Engineer is given not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior written notice of the intent to terminate, and an opportunity for consultation with the City prior to termination. That process has been followed and completed.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

1. May 18, 2015- City Council approved Resolution R2015-54, authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement between the City of Decatur and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) of Decatur, IL, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,156,599 to prepare final design plans and bid documents for the Brush College Road Bridge over the Norfolk Southern rail yard south of Faries Parkway.
2. May 18, 2015- City Council approved Resolution R2015-55, authorizing a Local Agency Agreement for State Participation to fund \$2,006,014 of the project costs through an Illinois Jobs Now! Grant.
3. July 16, 2013- City Council approved Resolution R2013-71, authorizing a change order to the agreement with URS Corporation to provide an additional \$39,998. The total design agreement increased to \$1,438,712.35.
4. November 9, 2011- City Council approved Resolution R2011-175, authorizing a change order to the agreement with URS Corporation to provide an additional \$587,714 to expand the project to include a structure crossing Faries Parkway. The total design agreement increased to \$1,398,714.35.
5. November 21, 2011- City Council approved Resolution R2011-177, authorizing an agreement with the Norfolk Southern Corporation in the amount of \$26,845 to review and comment on the preliminary design for the proposed rail yard crossing.
6. July 6, 2010- City Council approved Resolution R2010-140, authorizing an engineering design services agreement with URS Corporation (now AECOM) to perform preliminary design work to improve the Brush College Road crossing of the Norfolk Southern rail yard south of Faries Parkway. The design services agreement was for \$811,000 and was paid for by an "Illinois Jobs Now!" grant from the State of Illinois.
7. July 6, 2010- City Council approved Resolution R2010-141, authorizing a Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation to provide \$811,000 to fund the design agreement between the City and URS Corporation.

POTENTIAL OBJECTIONS: AECOM Technical Services, Inc., may object to this action.

INPUT FROM OTHER SOURCES:

Illinois Department of Transportation, Ann Schneider and Associates, Transportation Consultant.

STAFF REFERENCE: Richard Marley, Public Works Director. Richard Marley will be in attendance at the City Council meeting to answer any questions of the council on this item.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:

Approval of this resolution will permit \$2.0 million in Illinois Jobs Now! Grant funds to be re-allocated for the purchase of rights-of-way on the Brush College Road / Faries Parkway Grade Separation and Improvement Project. These funds do not require local matching funds. The expenditure of the funds are regulated by all applicable regulations for the expenditure of State Motor Fuel Tax funds. Because the project is likely to be implemented only with the assistance of Federal funds, all applicable regulations for the expenditure of Federal funds must also be followed.

LEGAL REVIEW: The project was reviewed by the City’s Legal Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
2017-22 Resolution	Resolution Letter

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION TERMINATING AN AGREEMENT
WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES INC,
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PREPARE
THE FINAL DESIGN PLANS AND BID DOCUMENTS
FOR BRUSH COLLEGE ROAD BRIDGE
OVER NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAIL YARD
SOUTH OF FARIES PARKWAY
CITY PROJECT 2009-33**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR,
ILLINOIS:**

Section 1. That the Agreement authorizing the Engineering Services Agreement for the final design plans and bid documents for the Brush College Road Bridge over the Norfolk Southern Rail Yard south of Faries Parkway between the City of Decatur and AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for the amount of \$2,156,599, no notice to proceed having ever been issued, is hereby terminated.

PRESENTED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra G. Bright, City Clerk

City Council Memorandum

No. 2017-08

March 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel
Susan Kretsinger, Neighborhood Inspections Administrator

SUBJECT: Weed Removal Contracts

RECOMMENDATION: An item on the agenda for the meeting of April 3, 2017 is a resolution authorizing action regarding Weed Removal Contracts. City staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND: This is the second time the City has solicited bids to hire individual contractors to mow lots owned by the Macon County Trustee at various locations throughout the community.

The City of Decatur accepted bids for removal of grass and weeds from lots owned by the Macon County Trustee that have failed to comply with Chapter 48 Section 8 of the City Code of Decatur. The City is divided into 21 Districts with each District ranging from 11 to 63 lots.

Bid Specifications and Scope of Work are: The Contractor shall provide all labor, tools and equipment to cut weeds and grass from Macon County Trustee owned lots (a lot is defined as having one Macon County tax identification number and specified in the official legal description, no other description is acceptable) in the City of Decatur. The Contractor will accept the responsibility of cutting weeds and grass from vacant properties with weeds and grass cut to a height of less than three (3) inches and bushes and trees less than one (1) inch in diameter cut and removed. The contract period shall be from the date of award through December 31, 2018.

The City of Decatur will issue a work order on each job assignment describing the work to be performed. The work order must be picked up within 24 hours after notification and completed within ten (10) days after receipt. If, after ten (10) days, the work order has not been completed, the work order will be withdrawn and reissued to another mowing contractor. Failure to perform within ten (10) days may be considered a default. The Contractor will be paid for each work order completed on an individual lot. The Contractor shall not complete the work if it does not match the description on the work order. The completed work orders shall be returned to the Neighborhood Services Department.

The Contractor will be responsible for placing any large materials and/or debris in a central location OR curbside for clean up by the City of Decatur. The Contractor will notify the Neighborhood Services Department, who will then initiate the appropriate process for removal.

This contract will be governed by the laws of the United States, the State of Illinois and the City of Decatur, Illinois.

STAFF REFERENCES: Any questions can be forwarded to Tim Gleason at TGleason@decaturil.gov or 217-424-2801, Wendy Morthland at wmorthland@decaturil.gov or 217-424-2807 or Susan Kretsinger at skretsinger@decaturil.gov or 217-424-2783.

BID SUMMARY

WEED REMOVAL CONTRACTS - 2017

CONTRACTOR	DIST	PRICE/LOT	# OF LOTS	ESTIMATED # OF MOWINGS	COST
PRO LAWN					
	6	\$33.00	27	6	\$5,346.00
	9	\$33.00	11	6	\$2,178.00
	12	\$33.00	48	6	\$9,504.00
	19	\$33.00	33	6	\$6,534.00
		TOTAL	119		\$23,562.00
KAUFMAN					
	3	\$35.00	36	6	\$7,560.00
	4	\$35.00	14	6	\$2,940.00
		TOTAL	50		\$10,500.00
TOM LAWN CARE					
	5	\$40.00	23	6	\$5,520.00
	7	\$40.00	44	6	\$10,560.00
		TOTAL	67		\$16,080.00
PEGASO					
	8	\$39.00	40	6	\$9,360.00
	10	\$39.00	52	6	\$12,168.00
	17	\$39.00	25	6	\$5,850.00
	20	\$39.00	16	6	\$3,744.00
	21	\$39.00	37	6	\$8,658.00
		TOTAL	129		\$39,780.00
JANDI SERVICES					
	13	\$44.00	38	6	\$10,032.00
	14	\$44.00	56	6	\$14,784.00
	18	\$44.00	63	6	\$16,632.00
		TOTAL	157		\$41,448.00
GAHWILER					
	15	\$45.00	46	6	\$12,420.00
	16	\$45.00	24	6	\$6,480.00
		TOTAL	70		\$18,900.00

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KIRK'S LAWN CARE	1	\$30.00	24	6	\$4,320.00
	2	\$30.00	<u>18</u>	6	\$3,240.00
		TOTAL	42		\$7,560.00

NATURE'S WAY LAWN SERVICE	11	\$45.00	<u>49</u>	6	\$13,230.00
		TOTAL	49		\$13,230.00

RESOLUTION NO. R _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WEED REMOVAL CONTRACT
-PRO LAWN CARE -**

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur solicited bids to hire private contractors to provide weed removal and mowing services on lots owned by the Macon County Trustee which have been divided into 21 districts; and,

WHEREAS, Districts 6, 9, 12 and 19 were awarded to Pro Lawn Care; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall extend to December 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the City of Decatur, Illinois is hereby, authorized and directed to make payments to Pro Lawn Care, upon receipt of invoice for said weed removal at \$33 per mowing in Districts 6, 9, 12 and 19, for an estimated annual cost of Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$23,562.00) and a total two-year cost of approximately Forty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$47,124.00).

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO. R _____

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-JIM KAUFMAN LAWN CARE -**

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WHEREAS, Districts 3 and 4 were awarded to Jim Kaufman Lawn Care; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall extend to December 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the City of Decatur, Illinois is hereby, authorized and directed to make payments to Jim Kaufman Lawn Care, upon receipt of invoice for said weed removal at \$35 per mowing in Districts 3 and 4, for an estimated annual cost of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500.00) and a total two-year cost of approximately Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00).

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

City Council Memorandum

No. 2017-08

March 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel
Susan Kretsinger, Neighborhood Inspections Administrator

SUBJECT: Weed Removal Contracts

RECOMMENDATION: An item on the agenda for the meeting of April 3, 2017 is a resolution authorizing action regarding Weed Removal Contracts. City staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND: This is the second time the City has solicited bids to hire individual contractors to mow lots owned by the Macon County Trustee at various locations throughout the community.

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Bid Specifications and Scope of Work are: The Contractor shall provide all labor, tools and equipment to cut weeds and grass from Macon County Trustee owned lots (a lot is defined as having one Macon County tax identification number and specified in the official legal description, no other description is acceptable) in the City of Decatur. The Contractor will accept the responsibility of cutting weeds and grass from vacant properties with weeds and grass cut to a height of less than three (3) inches and bushes and trees less than one (1) inch in diameter cut and removed. The contract period shall be from the date of award through December 31, 2018.

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This contract will be governed by the laws of the United States, the State of Illinois and the City of Decatur, Illinois.

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BID SUMMARY

WEED REMOVAL CONTRACTS - 2017

CONTRACTOR	DIST	PRICE/LOT	# OF LOTS	ESTIMATED # OF MOWINGS	COST
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	6	\$33.00	27	6	\$5,346.00
	9	\$33.00	11	6	\$2,178.00
	12	\$33.00	48	6	\$9,504.00
	19	\$33.00	33	6	\$6,534.00
		TOTAL	119		\$23,562.00
KAUFMAN					
	3	\$35.00	36	6	\$7,560.00
	4	\$35.00	14	6	\$2,940.00
		TOTAL	50		\$10,500.00
TOM LAWN CARE					
	5	\$40.00	23	6	\$5,520.00
	7	\$40.00	44	6	\$10,560.00
		TOTAL	67		\$16,080.00
PEGASO					
	8	\$39.00	40	6	\$9,360.00
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	13	\$44.00	38	6	\$10,032.00
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GAHWILER					
	15	\$45.00	46	6	\$12,420.00
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		TOTAL	70		\$18,900.00

BID SUMMARY

WEED REMOVAL CONTRACTS - 2017

CONTRACTOR	DIST	PRICE/LOT	# OF LOTS	ESTIMATED # OF MOWINGS	COST
KIRK'S LAWN CARE	1	\$30.00	24	6	\$4,320.00
	2	\$30.00	<u>18</u>	6	\$3,240.00
		TOTAL	42		\$7,560.00

NATURE'S WAY LAWN SERVICE	11	\$45.00	<u>49</u>	6	\$13,230.00
		TOTAL	49		\$13,230.00

RESOLUTION NO. R _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WEED REMOVAL CONTRACT
-T.O.M. LAWN CARE -**

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur solicited bids to hire private contractors to provide weed removal and mowing services on lots owned by the Macon County Trustee which have been divided into 21 districts; and,

WHEREAS, Districts 5 and 7 were awarded to T.O.M. Lawn Care; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall extend to December 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the City of Decatur, Illinois is hereby, authorized and directed to make payments to T.O.M. Lawn Care, upon receipt of invoice for said weed removal at \$40 per mowing in Districts 5 and 7, for an estimated annual cost of Sixteen Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$16,080.00) and a total two-year cost of approximately Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$32,160.00).

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

City Council Memorandum

No. 2017-08

March 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel
Susan Kretsinger, Neighborhood Inspections Administrator

SUBJECT: Weed Removal Contracts

RECOMMENDATION: An item on the agenda for the meeting of April 3, 2017 is a resolution authorizing action regarding Weed Removal Contracts. City staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND: This is the second time the City has solicited bids to hire individual contractors to mow lots owned by the Macon County Trustee at various locations throughout the community.

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BID SUMMARY

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NATURE'S WAY LAWN SERVICE	11	\$45.00	<u>49</u>	6	\$13,230.00
		TOTAL	49		\$13,230.00

RESOLUTION NO. R_____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WEED REMOVAL CONTRACT
-PEGASO ENTERPRISES LLC-**

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur solicited bids to hire private contractors to provide weed removal and mowing services on lots owned by the Macon County Trustee which have been divided into 21 districts; and,

WHEREAS, Districts 8, 10, 17, 20 and 21 were awarded to Pegaso Enterprises LLC; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall extend to December 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the City of Decatur, Illinois is hereby, authorized and directed to make payments to Pegaso Enterprises LLC, upon receipt of invoice for said weed removal at \$39 per mowing in Districts 8, 10, 17, 20 and 21, for an estimated annual cost of Thirty-nine thousand seven hundred eighty dollars (\$39,780.00) and a total two-year cost of approximately Seventy-nine thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$79,560.00).

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

City Council Memorandum

No. 2017-08

March 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel
Susan Kretsinger, Neighborhood Inspections Administrator

SUBJECT: Weed Removal Contracts

RECOMMENDATION: An item on the agenda for the meeting of April 3, 2017 is a resolution authorizing action regarding Weed Removal Contracts. City staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND: This is the second time the City has solicited bids to hire individual contractors to mow lots owned by the Macon County Trustee at various locations throughout the community.

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RESOLUTION NO. R _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WEED REMOVAL CONTRACT
-JANDI SERVICES-**

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur solicited bids to hire private contractors to provide weed removal and mowing services on lots owned by the Macon County Trustee which have been divided into 21 districts; and,

WHEREAS, Districts 13, 14 and 18 were awarded to Jandi Services; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall extend to December 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the City of Decatur, Illinois is hereby, authorized and directed to make payments to Jandi Services, upon receipt of invoice for said weed removal at \$44 per mowing in Districts 13, 14 and 18, for an estimated annual cost of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$41,448.00) and a total two-year cost of approximately Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$82,896.00).

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

City Council Memorandum

No. 2017-08

March 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel
Susan Kretsinger, Neighborhood Inspections Administrator

SUBJECT: Weed Removal Contracts

RECOMMENDATION: An item on the agenda for the meeting of April 3, 2017 is a resolution authorizing action regarding Weed Removal Contracts. City staff recommends approval.

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RESOLUTION NO. R _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WEED REMOVAL CONTRACT
-JAMES GAHWILER-**

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur solicited bids to hire private contractors to provide weed removal and mowing services on lots owned by the Macon County Trustee which have been divided into 21 districts; and,

WHEREAS, Districts 15 and 16 were awarded to James Gahwiler; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall extend to December 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the City of Decatur, Illinois is hereby, authorized and directed to make payments to James Gahwiler, upon receipt of invoice for said weed removal at \$45 per mowing in Districts 15 and 16, for an estimated annual cost of Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$18,900.00) and a total two-year cost of approximately Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$37,800.00).

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

City Council Memorandum

No. 2017-08

March 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel
Susan Kretsinger, Neighborhood Inspections Administrator

SUBJECT: Weed Removal Contracts

RECOMMENDATION: An item on the agenda for the meeting of April 3, 2017 is a resolution authorizing action regarding Weed Removal Contracts. City staff recommends approval.

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	2	\$30.00	<u>18</u>	6	\$3,240.00
		TOTAL	42		\$7,560.00

NATURE'S WAY LAWN SERVICE	11	\$45.00	<u>49</u>	6	\$13,230.00
		TOTAL	49		\$13,230.00

RESOLUTION NO. R _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WEED REMOVAL CONTRACT
-KIRK'S LAWN CARE-**

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur solicited bids to hire private contractors to provide weed removal and mowing services on lots owned by the Macon County Trustee which have been divided into 21 districts; and,

WHEREAS, Districts 1 and 2 were awarded to Kirk's Lawn Care; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall extend to December 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the City of Decatur, Illinois is hereby, authorized and directed to make payments to Kirk's Lawn Care, upon receipt of invoice for said weed removal at \$30 per mowing in Districts 1 and 2, for an estimated annual cost of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$7,560.00) and a total two-year cost of approximately Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$15,120.00).

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

City Council Memorandum

No. 2017-08

March 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel
Susan Kretsinger, Neighborhood Inspections Administrator

SUBJECT: Weed Removal Contracts

RECOMMENDATION: An item on the agenda for the meeting of April 3, 2017 is a resolution authorizing action regarding Weed Removal Contracts. City staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND: This is the second time the City has solicited bids to hire individual contractors to mow lots owned by the Macon County Trustee at various locations throughout the community.

The City of Decatur accepted bids for removal of grass and weeds from lots owned by the Macon County Trustee that have failed to comply with Chapter 48 Section 8 of the City Code of Decatur. The City is divided into 21 Districts with each District ranging from 11 to 63 lots.

Bid Specifications and Scope of Work are: The Contractor shall provide all labor, tools and equipment to cut weeds and grass from Macon County Trustee owned lots (a lot is defined as having one Macon County tax identification number and specified in the official legal description, no other description is acceptable) in the City of Decatur. The Contractor will accept the responsibility of cutting weeds and grass from vacant properties with weeds and grass cut to a height of less than three (3) inches and bushes and trees less than one (1) inch in diameter cut and removed. The contract period shall be from the date of award through December 31, 2018.

The City of Decatur will issue a work order on each job assignment describing the work to be performed. The work order must be picked up within 24 hours after notification and completed within ten (10) days after receipt. If, after ten (10) days, the work order has not been completed, the work order will be withdrawn and reissued to another mowing contractor. Failure to perform within ten (10) days may be considered a default. The Contractor will be paid for each work order completed on an individual lot. The Contractor shall not complete the work if it does not match the description on the work order. The completed work orders shall be returned to the Neighborhood Services Department.

The Contractor will be responsible for placing any large materials and/or debris in a central location OR curbside for clean up by the City of Decatur. The Contractor will notify the Neighborhood Services Department, who will then initiate the appropriate process for removal.

This contract will be governed by the laws of the United States, the State of Illinois and the City of Decatur, Illinois.

STAFF REFERENCES: Any questions can be forwarded to Tim Gleason at TGleason@decaturil.gov or 217-424-2801, Wendy Morthland at wmorthland@decaturil.gov or 217-424-2807 or Susan Kretsinger at skretsinger@decaturil.gov or 217-424-2783.

BID SUMMARY

WEED REMOVAL CONTRACTS - 2017

CONTRACTOR	DIST	PRICE/LOT	# OF LOTS	ESTIMATED # OF MOWINGS	COST
PRO LAWN					
	6	\$33.00	27	6	\$5,346.00
	9	\$33.00	11	6	\$2,178.00
	12	\$33.00	48	6	\$9,504.00
	19	\$33.00	33	6	\$6,534.00
		TOTAL	119		\$23,562.00
KAUFMAN					
	3	\$35.00	36	6	\$7,560.00
	4	\$35.00	14	6	\$2,940.00
		TOTAL	50		\$10,500.00
TOM LAWN CARE					
	5	\$40.00	23	6	\$5,520.00
	7	\$40.00	44	6	\$10,560.00
		TOTAL	67		\$16,080.00
PEGASO					
	8	\$39.00	40	6	\$9,360.00
	10	\$39.00	52	6	\$12,168.00
	17	\$39.00	25	6	\$5,850.00
	20	\$39.00	16	6	\$3,744.00
	21	\$39.00	37	6	\$8,658.00
		TOTAL	129		\$39,780.00
JANDI SERVICES					
	13	\$44.00	38	6	\$10,032.00
	14	\$44.00	56	6	\$14,784.00
	18	\$44.00	63	6	\$16,632.00
		TOTAL	157		\$41,448.00
GAHWILER					
	15	\$45.00	46	6	\$12,420.00
	16	\$45.00	24	6	\$6,480.00
		TOTAL	70		\$18,900.00

BID SUMMARY

WEED REMOVAL CONTRACTS - 2017

CONTRACTOR	DIST	PRICE/LOT	# OF LOTS	ESTIMATED # OF MOWINGS	COST
KIRK'S LAWN CARE	1	\$30.00	24	6	\$4,320.00
	2	\$30.00	<u>18</u>	6	\$3,240.00
		TOTAL	42		\$7,560.00

NATURE'S WAY LAWN SERVICE	11	\$45.00	<u>49</u>	6	\$13,230.00
		TOTAL	49		\$13,230.00

RESOLUTION NO. R _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WEED REMOVAL CONTRACT
-NATURE’S WAY LAWN SERVICE-**

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur solicited bids to hire private contractors to provide weed removal and mowing services on lots owned by the Macon County Trustee which have been divided into 21 districts; and,

WHEREAS, District 11 was awarded to Nature’s Way Lawn Service; and

WHEREAS, the services provided shall extend to December 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the City of Decatur, Illinois is hereby, authorized and directed to make payments to Nature’s Way Lawn Service, upon receipt of invoice for said weed removal at \$45 per mowing in District 11, for an estimated annual cost of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$13,230.00) and a total two-year cost of approximately Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$26,460.00).

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
DECATUR PLAN COMMISSION

Thursday, February 2, 2017
City Council Chamber, Decatur Civic Center

The February 2, 2017 meeting of the Decatur City Plan Commission was called to order at 3:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber, Third Floor of the Decatur Civic Center, by Chairman Glenn Livingston who determined a quorum was present.

Members Present: Bruce Frantz, Ed Harris, Bruce Jeffery, Jack Myatt,
Kent Newton, Susie Peck, Terry Smith, Glenn Livingston

Members Absent: Bill Clevenger

Staff Present: Suzy Stickle, Joselyn Stewart, Troy Hall,
John Robinson, Janet Poland

It was moved and seconded (Smith/Harris) to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 meeting of the Decatur City Plan Commission. Motion carried with Jack Myatt and Susie Peck abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Kent Newton entered the meeting at 3:02 P.M.

New Business

Cal. No. 17-07	Petition of JACK A. WILKERSON to rezone property located at 1930 SOUTH TAYLORVILLE ROAD from B-2 Commercial District to M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District.
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Ms. Suzy Stickle was sworn in by Mrs. Janet Poland.

Ms. Stickle presented the recommendation of staff:

The subject site is approximately 0.75 acres and is located at 1930 South Taylorville Road. The subject site is a mix of commercial and industrial uses.

The petitioner proposes to rezone from B-2 Commercial District to M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District which would allow for all those uses permitted in the M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District.

The surrounding zoning includes M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District to the north and west and R-1 Single Family Residence District to the south and east. There is significant M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District in the area along South Taylorville Road. The Macon County and Decatur Comprehensive Plan shows this area as Retail. The permitted uses in the M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District are compatible with retail as shown in the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed zoning is compatible with adjacent uses to the north and west with a mix of industrial and commercial uses present.

South Taylorville Road is a well-traveled state route in the City. A more intensive zoning district fronting this state route is appropriate for the site as it is compatible with the other districts and uses along the route.

Staff recommends approval of the rezoning

Section XXIX. of the City of Decatur Zoning Ordinance requires the Plan Commission to hold a public hearing on a rezoning request, and then forward its report and recommendation to the City Council for final approval. A motion to forward Calendar Number 17-07 to the City Council with a recommendation for approval is suggested.

Mr. Jack Wilkerson, petitioner, was sworn in by Mrs. Poland.

Mr. Wilkerson stated there is a car restoration business in Springfield, Illinois that would like to relocate to Decatur, Illinois. The work involves painting and body work which requires him to rezone the property.

Mr. Jack Myatt asked if this is a one man business. Mr. Wilkerson said if help is needed they will employ a couple of additional people.

There were no objectors present.

It was moved and seconded (Myatt/Peck) to forward Calendar No. 17-07 to the City Council with a recommendation for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded (Jeffery/Harris) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 3:06 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kent Newton", is written over a horizontal line.

Kent Newton, Secretary
Decatur City Plan Commission

City Clerk

DATE: 3/13/2017

MEMO: 2017-04

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council Members

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Debbie Bright, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Central Park -
Decatur Area Arts Council

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests that City Council approve the proposed Ordinance authorizing the consumption of alcoholic liquor in Central Park for the Arts in Central Park 2017 event sponsored by Decatur Area Arts Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Ordinance	Ordinance
Hold Harmless Agreement	Backup Material
Certificate of Liability Insurance	Backup Material

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-_____

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSUMPTION OF
ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN CENTRAL PARK
-DECATUR AREA ARTS COUNCIL-**

WHEREAS, the Decatur Area Arts Council has planned its “Arts In Central Park 2017” event, with its Preview Party scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Decatur Area Arts Council to serve wine to its patrons age 21 and older for consumption at this event; and

WHEREAS, such consumption of alcoholic liquor in Central Park requires the express approval of the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it would be in the best interest of the Decatur Area Arts Council and of the City of Decatur that such consumption of alcoholic liquor as described be permitted for said limited time period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That on the day listed herein, and only on such day, between the hours listed opposite each, the above named alcoholic beverage only may be consumed in Central Park located in downtown Decatur, said day and hours being particularly described as follows:

Friday, September 15, 2017

5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Section 2. That no alcoholic beverage may be consumed as provided herein unless such alcoholic beverage is in a plastic or paper cup.

Section 3. That except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of Section 34(a) of Chapter 52 of the City Code remain in full force and effect.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Decatur Area Arts Council hereafter referred to as the "sponsoring agency", for itself, and its successors and assigns, agrees to indemnify and save the City of Decatur, Illinois, its officers, agents, and employees harmless against any and all loss, damage, or expense that it or they may sustain as a result of any suits, actions, or claims of any character brought on account of property damage, injury to, or death of any person or persons, which may arise in connection with the use of City of Decatur property for the Arts in Central Park on the following date and time:

Friday, September 15, 2017, 7 a.m. through Sunday, September 17, 2017, 7 p.m.

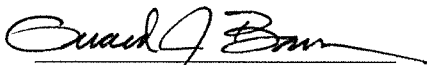
by the sponsoring agency, its officers, agents, employees, and registrants.

Furthermore, the sponsoring agency agrees to provide the City of Decatur evidence of third party liability insurance coverage for the event in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 aggregate, for property damage, and personal and bodily injury, including death.

If permission is granted for this event, evidence of liquor liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate must also be provided. The City of Decatur, Illinois, must be named as additional insured on both policies for the duration of the Event. Sponsoring agency's insurance will be primary.

For City of Decatur, Illinois:

For Sponsoring Agency:
Decatur Area Arts Council


Authorized Representative


Authorized Representative

09/09/2017
Date

2-27-17
Date



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
2/10/2017

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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PRODUCER Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. 101 S. Main Street, Suite 200 Decatur IL 62523	CONTACT NAME:	
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 630-595-5300	FAX (A/C, No): 630-694-4401
INSURED Decatur Area Arts Council 125 N. Water Decatur IL 62523	E-MAIL ADDRESS: certrequests@ajg.com	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
	INSURER A: Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Compan	
	INSURER B:	
	INSURER C:	
	INSURER D:	
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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A	☐ AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO ☐ ALL OWNED AUTOS ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☒ HIRED AUTOS ☒ NON-OWNED AUTOS			BA6217831	4/1/2016	4/1/2017	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
A	☒ UMBRELLA LIAB ☒ OCCUR ☐ EXCESS LIAB ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☐ DED ☒ RETENTION \$0			CPP6217831	4/1/2016	4/1/2017	EACH OCCURRENCE \$1,000,000 AGGREGATE \$1,000,000 \$
A	☒ WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A	WC6217831	4/1/2016	4/1/2017	☒ PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$500,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$500,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$500,000
A	Liquor Liability			CPP6217831	4/1/2016	4/1/2017	Occ & Agg 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

City of Decatur is named as additional insured for the liability evidenced above rising from the operations of the named insured for Arts in Central Park to be held in Central Park, 260 N. Water, Decatur, IL 62523 on:
Friday, September 15th
Saturday, September 16th
Sunday, September 17th

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

City of Decatur
1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza
Decatur IL 62523

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Patricia A. Gallagher

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City Clerk

DATE: 3/13/2017

MEMO: 2017-05

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council Members

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Debbie Bright, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way 100 Block South Oakland Avenue Between West Main Street and West Wood Street - Lock Stock & Barrel / Oakwood Business Association

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests City Council approve the proposed Ordinance allowing the consumption of alcohol on public rights-of-way for the Oakwood Business Association block parties.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Ordinance	Ordinance
Hold Harmless Agreements	Backup Material
Certificate of Liability Insurance	Backup Material

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-_____

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSUMPTION OF
ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY
100 BLOCK SOUTH OAKLAND AVENUE
BETWEEN WEST MAIN STREET AND WEST WOOD STREET
- LOCK STOCK & BARREL/OAKWOOD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION -**

WHEREAS, Lock Stock & Barrel/Oakwood Business Association has requested the closure of the 100 block of South Oakland Avenue between West Main and West Wood Street for Block Party Events; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Lock Stock & Barrel / Oakwood Business Association to offer alcoholic beverages for sale to patrons for consumption at this event; and,

WHEREAS, such consumption of alcoholic liquor in the 100 Block South Oakland Avenue between West Main Street and West Wood Street requires the express approval of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That on the days listed herein, and only on such days, between the hours listed, alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the 100 Block South Oakland Avenue, between West Main Street and West Wood Street, said days and hours being particularly described as follows:

Saturday, May 6, 2017	12:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
Saturday, June 24, 2017	12:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
Saturday, August 19, 2017	12:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.
Saturday, September 16, 2017	12:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m.

Section 2. That no alcoholic beverage may be consumed as provided herein unless such alcoholic beverage is in a plastic or paper cup.

Section 3. That this ordinance is expressly conditioned and approved upon Lock Stock and Barrel/Oakwood Business Association providing to the City of Decatur an agreement which will hold the City harmless for any and all damages incurred by persons attending this event and indemnifying the City for any and all damages and lawsuits.

Section 4. That except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of Section 34(a) of Chapter 52 of the City Code remain in full force and effect.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

ATTEST:

Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor

City Clerk

HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

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Saturday, May 6, 2017, 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, May 7, 2017, 12:00 a.m.

by the sponsoring agency, its officers, agents, employees, and registrants.

Furthermore, the sponsoring agency agrees to provide the City of Decatur evidence of third party liability insurance coverage for the event in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 aggregate, for property damage, and personal and bodily injury, including death.

If a temporary liquor license is granted for this event, evidence of liquor liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate must also be provided. The City of Decatur, Illinois, must be named as additional insured on both policies for the duration of the Event. Sponsoring agency's insurance will be primary.

For City of Decatur, Illinois:



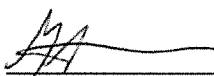
Authorized Representative

03/09/2017

Date

For Sponsoring Agency:

Lock, Stock & Barrel



Authorized Representative

3/9/17

Date

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Saturday, June 24, 2017, 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, June 25, 2017, 12:00 a.m.

by the sponsoring agency, its officers, agents, employees, and registrants.

Furthermore, the sponsoring agency agrees to provide the City of Decatur evidence of third party liability insurance coverage for the event in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 aggregate, for property damage, and personal and bodily injury, including death.

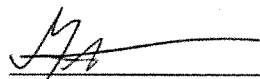
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For City of Decatur, Illinois:


Authorized Representative

03/09/2017
Date

For Sponsoring Agency:
Lock, Stock & Barrel


Authorized Representative

3/09/17
Date

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Saturday, August 19, 2017, 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 20, 2017, 12:00 a.m.

by the sponsoring agency, its officers, agents, employees, and registrants.

Furthermore, the sponsoring agency agrees to provide the City of Decatur evidence of third party liability insurance coverage for the event in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 aggregate, for property damage, and personal and bodily injury, including death.

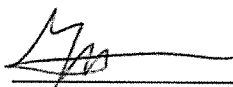
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For City of Decatur, Illinois:


Authorized Representative

03/09/2017
Date

For Sponsoring Agency:
Lock, Stock & Barrel


Authorized Representative

3/9/17
Date

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Saturday, September 16, 2017, 12:00 p.m. through Sunday, September 17, 2017, 12:00 a.m.

by the sponsoring agency, its officers, agents, employees, and registrants.

Furthermore, the sponsoring agency agrees to provide the City of Decatur evidence of third party liability insurance coverage for the event in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 aggregate, for property damage, and personal and bodily injury, including death.

If a temporary liquor license is granted for this event, evidence of liquor liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate must also be provided. The City of Decatur, Illinois, must be named as additional insured on both policies for the duration of the Event. Sponsoring agency's insurance will be primary.

For City of Decatur, Illinois:


Authorized Representative

09/09/2017
Date

For Sponsoring Agency:
Lock, Stock & Barrel


Authorized Representative

3/9/17
Date



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OP ID: TR

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

02/28/2017

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	OTHER:						\$
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	DED						\$
	RETENTION \$						
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY						☐ PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH)	Y/N	N/A				E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
A	Liquor Liability			10-2011-226	12/28/2016	12/28/2017	Liquor Liability 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Tavern. Coverage in place for Oakwood Block Parties on May 6, June 24, July 20, August 19, and September 16 of 2017.

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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City Clerk

DATE: 3/13/2017

MEMO: 2017-06

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council Members

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Debbie Bright, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way 100 Block South Oakland Avenue, Lock Stock & Barrel Bike Night

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests City Council approve the proposed Ordinance allowing the consumption of alcohol on public rights-of-way on Thursday, July 20, 2017, during the Lock Stock & Barrel Bike Night event.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Ordinance	Ordinance
Hold Harmless Agreement	Backup Material
Certificate of Liability Insurance	Backup Material

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-_____

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR
ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY
100 BLOCK SOUTH OAKLAND AVENUE
-LOCK STOCK & BARREL BIKE NIGHT-**

WHEREAS, Lock Stock & Barrel has requested the closure of the 100 block of South Oakland Avenue between West Main Street and West Wood Street for Lock Stock & Barrel's Bike Night; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Lock Stock & Barrel to offer alcoholic beverages for sale to patrons for consumption at this event; and,

WHEREAS, such consumption of alcoholic liquor in the 100 Block South Oakland Avenue between West Main Street and West Wood Street requires the express approval of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That on the day listed herein, and only on such day, between the hours listed opposite said day, alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the 100 Block South Oakland Avenue, between West Main Street and West Wood Street, said day and hours being particularly described as follows:

Thursday, July 20, 2017

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Section 2. That no alcoholic beverage may be consumed as provided herein unless such alcoholic beverage is in a plastic or paper cup.

Section 3. That this ordinance is expressly conditioned and approved upon Lock Stock & Barrel providing to the City of Decatur an agreement which will hold the City of Decatur harmless for any and all damages incurred by persons attending this event and indemnifying the City for any and all damages and lawsuits.

Section 4. That except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of Section 34 (a) of Chapter 52 of the City Code remain in full force and effect.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

HOLD HARMLESS and INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Lock, Stock & Barrel, hereafter referred to as the "sponsoring agency", for itself, and its successors and assigns, agrees to indemnify and save the City of Decatur, Illinois, its officers, agents, and employees harmless against any and all loss, damage, or expense that it or they may sustain as a result of any suits, actions, or claims of any character brought on account of property damage, injury to, or death of any person or persons, which may arise in connection with the use of City of Decatur property, 100 block of South Oakland Avenue, for the Lock, Stock & Barrel's Bike Night on the following date and time:

Thursday, July 20, 2017 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

by the sponsoring agency, its officers, agents, employees, and registrants.

Furthermore, the sponsoring agency agrees to provide the City of Decatur evidence of third party liability insurance coverage for the event in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 aggregate, for property damage, and personal and bodily injury, including death.

If a temporary liquor license is granted for this event, evidence of liquor liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate must also be provided. The City of Decatur, Illinois, must be named as additional insured on both policies for the duration of the Event. Sponsoring agency's insurance will be primary.

For City of Decatur, Illinois:


Authorized Representative

03/09/2017
Date

For Sponsoring Agency:

Lock, Stock & Barrel


Authorized Representative

3/9/17
Date



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OP ID: TR

CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Public Works

DATE: 3/27/2017

MEMO: 2017-24

TO: Honorable Mayor Moore Wolfe and City Council Members

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Richard G. Marley, P.E., Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of East Marietta Street and North Warren Street Facing East Marietta Street.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of the attached Ordinance authorizing the installation of stop signs at the intersection of East Marietta and North Warren Street facing East Marietta Street.

BACKGROUND:

February 23, 2017 – Traffic & Parking Commission approved a request from City staff recommending that the existing yield signs at the intersection of East Marietta Street and North Warren Street be replaced with stop signs.

City staff observed with the recent opening of Crossing Healthcare at 320 E. Central Avenue, traffic has increased along North Warren Street. The intersection of East Marietta Street and North Warren Street currently has yield signs facing Warren Street, but now that the traffic on Warren Street surpasses that of Marietta Street traffic control should face the street with less traffic. Based on accidents and traffic volumes the accident rate at this intersection is high enough to warrant a change in traffic control. Using stop signs to control right-of-way at an intersection is more typical than using yield signs.

The Traffic and Parking Commission's recommendation is attached with the ordinance for Council's review.

SCHEDULE: Stop signs are usually installed within 14 days of approval.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

POTENTIAL OBJECTIONS: No objections anticipated.

INPUT FROM OTHER SOURCES: Traffic and Parking Commission

STAFF REFERENCE: Richard Marley, Public Works Director, and Matt Newell, City Engineer. Richard Marley, Public Works Director, will be in attendance at the City Council meeting to answer any questions of the Council on this item.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:

Budget Impact: Budgetary impacts are approximately \$250 for the installation of the requested signs and pavement markings.

Staffing Impact: Approximately 2 hours of staff time to make and install the signs.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
2017-24 Ordinance	Ordinance
2017-24 Location Map	Backup Material
2017-24 Excerpt from T & P Meeting	Backup Material

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT THE
INTERSECTION OF EAST MARIETTA STREET AND NORTH WARREN STREET
FACING EAST MARIETTA STREET**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR,
ILLINOIS:**

Section 1. That when appropriate signs are erected giving notice thereof, the driver of a vehicle on East Marietta Street approaching North Warren Street from the east and west shall stop and yield the right-of-way to vehicles on North Warren Street which have entered the intersection of said street or which are approaching so closely thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard, but said driver having so stopped and yielded the right-of-way may proceed at such time as a safe interval occurs.

Section 2. That the provisions of all Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance which insofar as the same do conflict therewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEBRA G. BRIGHT, CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

DEBRA G. BRIGHT, CITY CLERK

REQUESTED STOP SIGNS N. WARREN STREET AT E. MARIETTA STREET

2



PROPOSED STOP SIGNS



REMOVE YIELD SIGNS

**Traffic Count performed on 10/4/2016
to 10/5/2016**

ADT (vehicles) = Average Daily Traffic

SPEED DATA:

xx mph = Average Speed

(xx mph) = 85th Percentile Speed

**City of Decatur, Illinois
Public Works Department
Engineering Division**

Item #2 Request for Stop signs along East Marietta Street at its intersection with North Warren Street.

City staff has observed that with the recent opening of Crossing Healthcare at 320 E. Central Avenue, traffic has increased along N. Warren Street which used to see very little traffic. The intersection of N. Warren Street and E. Marietta Street currently has Yield signs facing Warren Street but some observed near accidents necessitated a look at to whether accidents have increased at this intersection.

Upon looking at accident records it was found that there have been three recorded accidents at this intersection within the last three years. All of them have occurred since the Crossing Healthcare opened.

Traffic counts were performed and found a total of 995 vehicles entering the intersection per day with 557 of them on N. Warren Street and 438 of them on E. Marietta Street. The accident rate at this intersection is 2.75 accidents per million vehicles entering the intersection. Typically the Traffic and Parking Commission looks for accident rates above 1.5 accidents per million vehicles entering the intersection to determine if stop signs are needed.

The increased traffic along Warren Street has made it the major street compared to Marietta. Since many of these vehicles along Warren Street are just passing through to get to and from Crossing Healthcare the use of the road has changed. Typically traffic control faces the street with fewer vehicles. It may also be beneficial for the traffic control to face the street with more residential traffic since they can become more accustomed to the signs and be more aware of traffic patterns in their neighborhood. For these reasons City Staff recommends replacing the Yield signs with Stop signs and move them to face E. Marietta Street instead of N. Warren Street where they currently face. The stop signs will also have plaques which say "Crossing Street Does Not Stop" to help communicate the traffic control no longer exists along Warren Street.

City staff recommends placing stop signs along East Marietta Street at its intersection with North Warren Street.

Lyle Meador motioned to move forward with placing stop signs along East Marietta Street at its intersection with North Warren. Seconded by Ed Hurst, and on call of the roll, Commission Members Broderick, Newell, Hurst, Meador and Stewart voted aye. The chairman declared the motion carried.

Public Works

DATE: 3/27/2017

MEMO: 2017-25

TO: Honorable Mayor Moore Wolfe and City Council Members

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Richard G. Marley, P.E., Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Ordinance Establishing an All Way Intersection at West Prairie Avenue and North Edward Street.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of the attached Ordinance establishing an all way stop intersection at the intersection of West Prairie Avenue and North Edward Street.

BACKGROUND:

February 23, 2017 – Traffic & Parking Commission approved a request from City staff recommending that an all way stop at the intersection of West Prairie Avenue and North Edward Street be established.

A resident notified City staff of observed numerous accidents at the intersection of West Prairie Avenue and North Edward Street. Upon the review of accident reports and from staff observations at the site, some of the traffic currently treats the intersection as if it was an all way stop intersection even though stop signs are only facing Prairie Avenue currently. Based on accidents and the traffic volume the accident rate is high enough to warrant a change in traffic control and since an all way stop seems intuitive to some of the traffic, an all way stop was recommended.

The Traffic and Parking Commission's recommendation is attached with the ordinance for Council's review.

SCHEDULE: Stop signs are typically installed within 14 days of approval.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: None

POTENTIAL OBJECTIONS: No objections anticipated.

INPUT FROM OTHER SOURCES: Traffic & Parking Commission

STAFF REFERENCE: Richard Marley, Public Works Director, and Matt Newell, City Engineer. Richard Marley, Public Works Director, will be in attendance at the City Council meeting to answer any questions of the Council on this item.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:

Budget Impact: Budgetary impacts are approximately \$250 for the installation of the requested signs and pavement markings.

Staffing Impact: Approximately 2 hours of staff time to make and install the signs.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
2017-25 Ordinance	Ordinance
2017-25 Location Map	Backup Material
2017-25 Excerpts from T & P Meeting	Backup Material

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ALL WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT WEST PRAIRIE
AVENUE AND NORTH EDWARD STREET**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR,
ILLINOIS:**

Section 1. That the intersection of West Prairie Avenue and North Edward Street in the City of Decatur, Illinois, be and is hereby designated and established as all way stop intersection.

Section 2. That when appropriate signs are erected giving notice thereof, the driver of a vehicle approaching said intersection from any direction, shall stop and after having stopped, shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles which have entered the intersection from another direction or which are approaching so closely on the roadway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when said vehicles are moving across or within the intersection, and thereafter having so stopped and so yielded, may proceed at such time as a safe interval occurs.

Section 3. That the provisions of all Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance which insofar as the same do conflict therewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

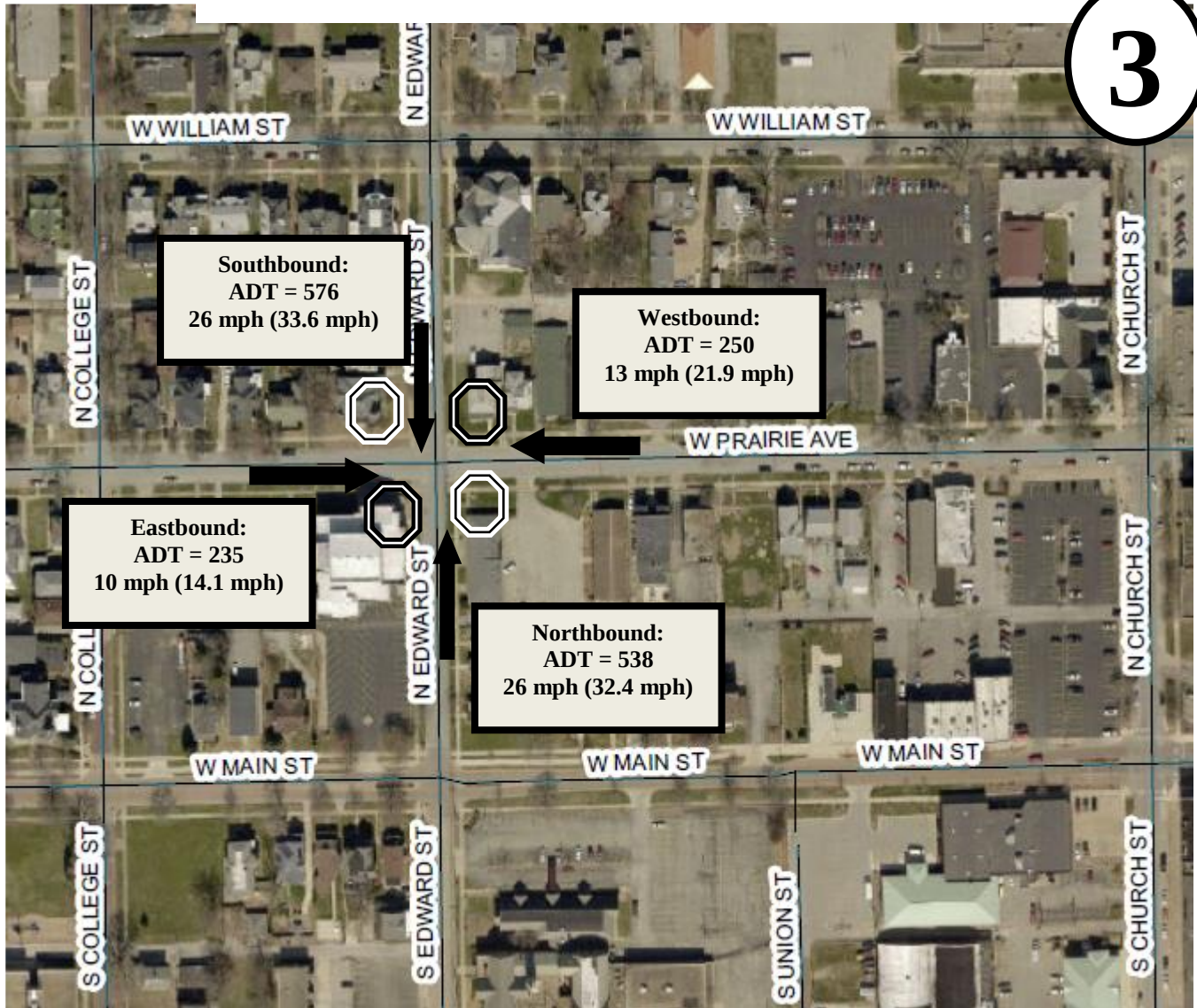
ATTEST:

DEBRA G. BRIGHT, CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

DEBRA G. BRIGHT, CITY CLERK

**REQUESTED FOUR-WAY STOP
N. EDWARD STREET AT W. PRAIRIE AVENUE**



PROPOSED STOP SIGNS

EXISTING STOP SIGNS

**Traffic Count performed on 2/15/2017
to 2/16/2017**

ADT (vehicles) = Average Daily Traffic

SPEED DATA:

xx mph = Average Speed

(xx mph) = 85th Percentile Speed

**City of Decatur, Illinois
Public Works Department
Engineering Division**

Item #3 Request for four way stop at North Edward Street and its intersection with West Prairie Avenue.

A concerned resident contacting City staff after observing numerous accidents at the intersection of North Edward Street and West Prairie Avenue. The intersection currently has a pair of stop signs facing Prairie Avenue.

Upon looking at accident records it was found that there have been nine recorded accidents at this intersection within the last three years. All of which resulted from drivers either disobeying the stop signs, confusion about it not being a four-way stop, and misjudging gaps needed to cross the intersection. Upon observation from staff it was not uncommon to see vehicles on Edward Street either slow down or come to a stop thinking the intersection was a four-way stop.

Traffic counts were performed and found a total of 1599 vehicles entering the intersection per day with 1114 of them on N. Edward Street and 485 of them on W. Prairie Avenue. The accident rate at this intersection is 5.14 accidents per million vehicles entering the intersection. Typically the Traffic and Parking Commission looks for accident rates above 1.5 accidents per million vehicles entering the intersection to determine if corrective action is needed.

Despite the traffic volume along Prairie being nearly half that of Edward it seems traffic behaves as if the two streets seem equal. The high accident rate is also reason to try further traffic control at this intersection. For these reasons City Staff recommends installing stop signs facing N. Edward Street making the intersection of N. Edward Street and W. Prairie Avenue a four-way stop.

City staff recommends four way stop at North Edward Street at its intersection with West Prairie Avenue.

Matt Newell motioned to move forward with four way stop at North Edward Street at its intersection with West Prairie Avenue. Seconded by Ed Hurst, and on call of the roll, Commission Members Broderick, Newell, Hurst, Meador and Stewart voted aye. The chairman declared the motion carried.

Public Works

DATE: 3/24/2017

MEMO: 2017-23

TO: Honorable Mayor Moore Wolfe and City Council Members

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Richard G. Marley, P.E., Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of East Main Street and 23rd Street Facing 23rd Street.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the approval of the attached Ordinance authorizing the installation of stop signs at the intersection of East Main Street and 23rd Street facing 23rd Street.

BACKGROUND:

February 23, 2017 – Traffic & Parking Commission approved a request from City staff recommending that the stop signs be installed at the intersection of East Main Street and 23rd Street with the stop signs facing 23rd Street.

Decatur Police Department notified City staff that the intersection of East Main Street and 23rd Street has no current traffic control and has had multiple accidents. Based on the traffic volumes the accident rate is high enough to warrant stop signs.

The Traffic and Parking Commission's recommendation is attached with the ordinance for Council's review.

SCHEDULE: Stop signs are usually installed within 14 days of approval.

POTENTIAL OBJECTIONS: No objections anticipated.

INPUT FROM OTHER SOURCES: Traffic and Parking Commission

STAFF REFERENCE: Richard Marley, Public Works Director, and Matt Newell, City Engineer. Richard Marley, Public Works Director, will be in attendance at the City Council meeting to answer any questions of the Council on this item.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:

Budget Impact: Budgetary impacts are approximately \$250 for the installation of the requested signs and pavement markings.

Staffing Impact: Approximately 2 hours of staff time to make and install the signs.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
2017-23 Ordinance	Ordinance
2017-23 Location Map	Backup Material
2017-23 Excerpt from T & P Meeting	Backup Material

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT THE
INTERSECTION OF EAST MAIN STREET AND 23RD STREET FACING 23RD STREET**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR,
ILLINOIS:**

Section 1. That when appropriate signs are erected giving notice thereof, the driver of a vehicle on 23rd Street approaching East Main Street from the north and south shall stop and yield the right-of-way to vehicles on East Main Street which have entered the intersection of said street or which are approaching so closely thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard, but said driver having so stopped and yielded the right-of-way may proceed at such time as a safe interval occurs.

Section 2. That the provisions of all Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance which insofar as the same do conflict therewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEBRA G. BRIGHT, CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

DEBRA G. BRIGHT, CITY CLERK

REQUESTED STOP SIGNS E. MAIN STREET AT 23rd STREET

1



PROPOSED STOP SIGNS

**City of Decatur, Illinois
Public Works Department
Engineering Division**

**Traffic Count performed on 11/1/2016
to 11/2/2016**

**Due to the presence of on-street
parking, some vehicles may have been
missed.**

ADT (vehicles) = Average Daily Traffic

SPEED DATA:

xx mph = Average Speed

(xx mph) = 85th Percentile Speed

Item #1 Request for Stop signs along 23rd Street at its intersection with East Main Street.

Decatur Police Department notified City staff of intersections without any traffic control which have seen a high number of accidents most of them along East Main Street. The intersections of East Main Street between 16th Street and 21st Street were discussed at a previous Traffic and Parking Commission meeting. City staff has studied the intersection of East Main Street and 23rd Street as it was a part of that list. There have been three recorded accidents at this intersection within a three-year period between 2013 and 2016. One of those three accidents was the result of a vehicle sliding on the ice into a parked car which would not be correctable by adding stop signs. Thus, two accidents were potentially correctable by the presence of stop signs.

Traffic counts were performed and found that a total of approximately 838 vehicles enter the intersection per day. East Main Street sees the majority with 530 vehicles per day and 23rd Street sees 308 vehicles per day. Average speeds on Main Street range from 16-17 mph with the 85th percentile speed ranging from 25-28 mph. Average speeds on 23rd Street range from 11-16 mph with the 85th percentile speeds ranging from 17-20 mph. 23rd Street is considered the minor street since it has the lower volumes. The lower speeds suggest that traffic treats Main Street as the major street.

The accident rate for this intersection comes to 2.18 accidents per million vehicles entering the intersection. Typically, the Traffic and Parking Commission looks for accident rates above 1.5 accidents per million vehicles entering the intersection to determine if stop signs are needed. For this reason, City staff recommends installing stop signs at this intersection with the signs facing 23rd Street as the minor street.

City staff recommends placing stop signs along 23rd Street at its intersection with East Main Street.

Matt Newell motioned to move forward with placing stop signs along 23rd Street at its intersection with East Main Street. Seconded by Ed Hurst, and on call of the roll, Commission Members Broderick, Newell, Hurst, Meador and Stewart voted aye. The chairman declared the motion carried.

City Clerk

DATE: 3/28/2017

MEMO: 2017-08

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council Members

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Debbie Bright, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Staff request Council pass the proposed Resolution approving the appointment of Michael Peoples to the Plan Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Resolution	Resolution Letter

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Consent of the Council is hereby requested for the appointment by the Mayor of the following named as a member of the board or commission set opposite his respective name, to serve a term expiring upon the date set opposite his respective name or until his respective successor is appointed and qualified:

Michael J. Peoples

Plan Commission

04/30/2018

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. R2017-_____
RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That consent of the Council be, and it is hereby, given to the appointment by the Mayor of the person aforesaid as by said Mayor requested, which said request be, and it is hereby, received, placed on file and approved.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Having received your consent I hereby appoint the named in the foregoing request by you approved as therein requested.

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

Julie Moore Wolfe, Mayor

City Council Memorandum

No. 2017-09

March 27, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Tim Gleason, City Manager
Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel
Susan Kretsinger, Neighborhood Inspections Administrator

SUBJECT: Unsafe Structures

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION: An item on the agenda for the meeting of April 3, 2017 is a resolution authorizing action regarding Unsafe Structures. City staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND: This is the beginning of the process seeking court-ordered demolition of unsafe and abandoned structures throughout the community.

POTENTIAL OBJECTIONS: None anticipated at this time.

INPUT FROM OTHER SOURCES: Legal Department staff.

STAFF REFERENCES: Any questions may be forwarded to Tim Gleason at TGleason@decaturil.gov or 217-424-2801, Wendy Morthland at wmorthland@decaturil.gov or 217-424-2807 or Susan Kretsinger at skretsinger@decaturil.gov or 217-424-2783.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS: The source of funding of these demolitions will be determined at the time Judgments are obtained. This action can vary, but is usually completed in six (6) months from initiating the case, unless the case is contested through the courts and dependent on funding.

Council Demo Narrative

April 2017

1502 N. Church. This property was posted as Unfit for Human Habitation in August 2015 after a fire damaged most of the structure. There was significant structural damage to the property. It was subsequently acquired by the Macon County Trustee who attempted to sale the property at auction in 2016 with no success. The water service was disconnected on April 29, 2015 and the utilities have been removed.

1060 E. Grand. This is the commercial warehouse at the corner of Grand and Illinois Streets that burned in January 2015. Water and utilities have been terminated to the property. It remains a pile of brick and debris.

1636 E. Grand. This case is on a garage only. A large limb fell onto the garage during a storm in July 2016, causing significant structure damage. There are no utilities to the structure.

114 S. Hilton. This property was posted Unfit for Human Habitation in March 2016 after a fire damaged most of the structure. There was significant structural damage to the property. The water service was disconnected on March 21, 2007 and the utilities have been removed.

856 S. Illinois. This property was posted as Unfit for Human Habitation in April 2015 after a fire damaged most of the structure. There was significant structural damage to the property. The water service was disconnected on April 23, 2015 and the utilities have been removed.

239 S. Jasper. This property was posted as Unfit for Human Habitation on February 28, 2017. A hole in the roof of the main structure has allowed water to enter causing significant damage to the walls, floors and ceilings. A garage at this location is also severely deteriorated. The water service was disconnected on January 23, 2014 and the utilities have been locked in the off position.

757 E. Lincoln. This property was posted as Unfit for Human Habitation on December 7, 2015 after a fire damaged the interior of the property and the roof. The water service was disconnected on May 29, 2015 and the utilities have been removed.

725 S. Maffit. This property was posted as Unfit for Human Habitation on August 26, 2016. There is an open hole in the roof that has allowed moisture to enter causing significant damage to the floors, ceilings and walls. The foundation is crumbling and most of the plumbing has been removed from the structure. The water service was disconnected on August 13, 2014 and the utilities have been locked in the off position.

1653 E. North. This property was posted as Unfit for Human Habitation on July 21, 2014. The property owner is deceased with no will or probate filed. The water service was disconnected on January 23, 2014 and the gas and electric utilities have been locked. There is a hole in the

roof that has allowed moisture to enter. There is significant water damage on the interior of the property. Mold is visible in most areas with the deterioration continuing to spread. The garage roof has collapsed.

4345 Oak Dr. This property was posted as Unfit for Human Habitation on November 5, 2014. There are open cracks in the foundation and rotted structural members. The roof has started to fail, allowing moisture to enter and further damage the walls, floors and ceilings. The water service was disconnected on November 12, 2013 and the utilities have been locked in the off position.

1228 E. Prairie. This property was posted Unfit for Human Habitation on October 28, 2015. A fire occurred in January 2017. The fire caused significant structural damage to the property. The water service was disconnected on October 29, 2009 and the utilities have now been removed.

822 S. Webster. This property was posted as Unfit for Human Habitation on February 16, 2016. A hole in the roof has allowed moisture to enter causing significant damage to the floors, walls and ceilings. The water service was disconnected on May 4, 2010 and the utilities have been removed.

1028 S. Webster. This property was posted Unfit for Human Habitation on August 22, 2016 after a fire damaged most of the rear of the property. There was significant structural damage to the property. The water service was disconnected on February 10, 2016, the gas meter is locked and the electric meter has been removed.

969 E. William. This property was posted Unfit for Human Habitation on February 11, 2015. The roof is not complete, with no shingles over approximately half of the structure, allowing moisture to enter the property. The interior of the structure has been gutted. The water service was disconnected on September 10, 2014 and the utilities are locked in the off position.

1353 E. William. This property was posted Unfit for Human Habitation on January 6, 2015 after a fire damaged most of the rear of the property. There was significant structural damage to the property. The water service was disconnected on June 9, 2014, the electric meter has been removed and the gas meter is locked in the off position.

RESOLUTION NO. R _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTION
-REGARDING UNSAFE STRUCTURES-**

**1502 N. Church
1060 E. Grand
1636 E. Grand
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856 S. Illinois
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757 E. Lincoln
725 S. Maffit**

**1653 E. North
4345 Oak Dr.
1228 E. Prairie
822 S. Webster
1028 S. Webster
969 E. William
1353 E. William**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, has found and does hereby find that certain structures within the City located on premises at the addresses set forth above, are dangerous and unsafe, or are uncompleted or abandoned; and

WHEREAS, it is in the better interest of the general public health, safety and welfare that said structures be repaired or demolished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the officers and employees of the City be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to make payments to give such notice and to take such action as may be provided by law, including application for order of court, to cause said structures to be put in safe condition or, if not so repaired to be demolished.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 2017.

JULIE MOORE WOLFE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK



Progress Report to City of Decatur

Period Covered: November 2016 – February 2017

This report summarizes activities and progress during this period under the agreement between the Agricultural Watershed Institute (AWI) and the City of Decatur for financial support of watershed research, on-farm demonstrations, and educational activities.

Sediment and nutrient reduction / TMDL implementation:

The **Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plans** completed by AWI for the Big Creek/Long Creek watershed located east of Decatur in Macon County and the Big Ditch watershed near Rantoul in Champaign County continue to guide activities by AWI and partners to reduce sediment and nutrient loads impacting Lake Decatur.

AWI continues to work with Macon County SWCD, NRCS, and other partners to implement the USDA **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)** project to provide federal funding for on-farm conservation practices. AWI participates in recruiting partners and identifying sites for BMPs including **bioreactors, saturated buffers, and drainage water management systems**. During this reporting period, Tim McMahon of AWI collected samples from a **bioreactor** in the Friends Creek subwatershed and delivered them to be tested for nitrate by the Sanitary District and Decatur Water Department labs. Dr. Greg McIsaac manages the monitoring program and analyzes lab results. A site also draining to Friends Creek for **drainage water management** was approved, designed and installed. The photo shows Dr. McIsaac, Tim McMahon, and Steve John at a DWM control structure to discuss monitoring.



During the previous reporting period, AWI prepared and submitted a grant application to Illinois EPA for on-farm demonstrations of **harvestable saturated buffers or slopes and harvestable seasonal wetlands** at six sites in the Lake Decatur watershed. AWI also collaborated with U of I scientists to prepare and submit a proposal to the Illinois Nutrient Research & Education Council for on-farm research on these concepts in the Vermilion River watershed. Neither proposal was approved for funding. We have received feedback from IEPA and NREC and expect to submit revised proposals to these or other funders in 2017.

Water resources planning and management:

As ongoing activities during this period, AWI staff participated in meetings and activities of various watershed stakeholder groups including:

- The Heart of the Sangamon Ecosystem Partnership
- Oakley Township Sediment Basin Advisory Committee (Tim McMahon)
- Macon County Community Environmental Council (CEC) board (Steve John)
- Friends of Lincoln Trail Homestead State Park (Steve)
- Steering committee exploring creation of a statewide Environmental Utility (Steve)
- Green Lands Blue Waters steering committee and Watershed Initiative committee (Steve)
- An organizational meeting for a new consortium of groups working in the Sangamon Watershed from its headwaters, through Decatur, to the Illinois River.

AWI continues to manage prairie establishment for the City's **Corley landfill "mud-to-parks" project**. Prairie grasses and forbs were planted in 2015 and were dormant over the winter. During this period, Tim McMahon provided weed control assistance for removal of teasel (an invasive weed) along the borders of the prairie planting.

Steve John continues to be an active member of the statewide steering committee exploring creation of an Illinois **Environmental Utility (EU)** and is part of the core group led by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. During this period, a white paper on the EU concept was finalized by Ross Strategic, a consulting firm retained by the US Water Alliance. The innovative EU concept is related to implementation of the new Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS) and to reduction of soil erosion and sedimentation.

As previously reported, AWI participated in a team led by University of Illinois scientists to submit a major proposal for the National Science Foundation's **"Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems"** (INFEWS) grant program. The 2016 proposal was not successful but the team received positive evaluations and helpful feedback and decided to submit a modified proposal in 2017. During this reporting period, AWI worked with U of I on two separate INFEWS proposals. AWI is included as a subgrantee in each of these proposals to assist in developing and modeling scenarios, outreach and education activities, and coordination of stakeholder engagement.

- Proposal led by engineering professor Dr. Ximing Cai: **"Advancing FEW system resilience in Corn Belt watersheds using integrated technology-environment-economics modeling of nutrient cycling"**. This project includes the Sangamon watershed as the main site in which to analyze innovative approaches to reduce and recover nutrients by means of perennial crops in the watershed and engineering approaches in grain processing facilities. The City of Decatur, Sanitary District of Decatur, and Tate & Lyle each provided letters of collaboration.
- Proposal led by economics professor Dr. Madhu Khanna: **"Meeting the Demands for Food, Bioenergy and Environmental Services in the Mississippi River Basin Sustainably"**. If funded, this project will examine integrated systems to enhance food and bioenergy production, farm profitability, and water quality throughout the Mississippi River Basin.

Perennial biomass crops for renewable energy, forage, and water quality:

A major focus of AWI activity continues to be on our Local Bioenergy Initiative. City funding is applied to work in, or directly benefitting, the Lake Decatur watershed. Initiative goals are: (1) Establish the Lake Decatur watershed as a showcase for R&D perennial biomass and water quality; (2) Advance learning networks in Illinois and the Midwest on perennial biomass crops for watershed enhancement; and (3) Promote economic development related to perennial biomass supply chains, markets, and enterprises.

Activities related to perennial biomass and watershed management during this period include:

- As a member of the Green Lands Blue Waters (GLBW) steering committee and Watershed Initiative core group, Steve participated in conference calls, spoke at the 2016 GLBW conference biomass session at University of Missouri, and participated in the 2-day annual meeting of the GLBW steering committee.
- Steve also continues to serve on the Illinois Biomass Working Group (IBWG) and Midwest Conservation Biomass (MCBA) steering committees. During this period, he participated in MCBA conference calls to develop plans for 2017.
- The IEPA, NREC, and NSF proposals mentioned above are all related to AWI's ongoing work on biomass and water quality.
- In November, Steve spoke at a workshop on biomass crops and water quality in Springfield. A similar workshop will be held in Decatur in March.
- In February, Tim arranged for farmer David Brix to bale grasses at the Caterpillar—AWI Prairie for Bioenergy demonstration plots and for use as animal bedding.
- Participated in calls and meetings related to market development for Kernza, a perennial wheat variety developed by The Land Institute.

During this period, we made significant progress on our **long-term efforts for transition to more perennial biomass crops** on the agricultural landscape for multiple benefits including:

• “Multifunctional Agriculture: A New Paradigm of Mixed Cropping”

Steve John and Greg McIsaac completed final editing of this paper for *Solutions Journal*. It was published on-line and in print in February. The paper describes major agricultural transformations in the 20th Century that are associated with Decatur companies: soybeans (Staley) and ethanol (ADM). It presents an action plan for wide adoption of perennial biomass crops grown for forage, bioenergy, and bioproducts plus clean water, wildlife, healthy soils, and climate mitigation. Photo shows agronomist Dr. D.K. Lee and a prairie cordgrass cultivar he developed for biomass and water quality. The *Solutions* paper is submitted with this progress report.



- **Organizational activity for the proposed GLBW Perennial Biomass Initiative**

The *Solutions* paper will help guide AWI and GLBW efforts for perennial biomass crops in the coming years. Our previous report described AWI's proposal which to the GLBW Steering Committee recommending a long-term, multi-state Perennial Biomass Initiative to overcome obstacles for adoption of bioenergy crops. During this period, Steve discussed the proposal at the Committee's annual meeting in January, 2017, and received an informal green light to begin organizing the Initiative and seeking funding. As start-up activities Steve and various collaborators have:

- Developed a list of potential initiative participants including people from universities, nonprofits, agriculture, government agencies, and business;
- Begun meeting with potential participants in the Midwest;
- Begun discussions with potential funding organizations;
- Scheduled a trip to Washington DC for meetings with national organizations; and
- Formed a committee to organize a perennial biomass workshop this summer.

- **Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau**

Steve's presentation titled "**Charlie Meharry, Gene Staley, and the Changing Illinois Landscape**" was accepted for inclusion in the 2016-17 roster of *Road Scholars* presentations. <https://www.ilhumanities.org/program/road-scholars-speakers-bureau/> Due to the state budget situation, the Road Scholars program has been suspended. However, Steve has agreed to give this presentation to organizations and the general public around Illinois. The first scheduled presentation will be in LaSalle in March. Steve will present a modified version of this talk in Decatur on May 4 as part of Millikin University's Science Entrepreneurship Speaker Series. <http://www.millikin.edu/isespeakers> The Millikin talk will draw useful lessons from local agricultural history to our vision and action plan for the transition to multifunctional perennial agriculture

Feature



DoKyoung Lee

University of Illinois Associate Professor DoKyoung Lee has developed a cultivar of Prairie cordgrass (*Spartina pectinata*) as a bioenergy crop. Its tolerance of seasonally wet conditions makes it a promising grass for planting in saturated buffers or poorly drained soils to reduce nutrient loss from adjacent row crops.

In Brief

The dominant agricultural paradigm in prime cropland areas of the American Midwest are farms producing corn and soybeans. Within this region, some states in the Mississippi River Basin have developed nutrient loss reduction strategies aimed at decreasing nutrient loading in rivers that contributes to the hypoxic “dead zone” in the Gulf of Mexico. While several conventional conservation practices applied to corn-soybean fields can reduce nutrient loss, converting annual crop acreage to perennial biomass crops would be far more effective.

New and expanded uses and markets for perennial biomass crops are needed in order for them to gain wide adoption. Bioenergy grasses can be used for various bio-based products and for renewable energy in the form of heat, electricity, or transportation fuels. Many of the high-yielding grasses that will be used for bioenergy in the future make good forage for livestock.

U.S. energy policy encouraging cellulosic biofuel production could drive the adoption of perennial biomass crops. Biomass crops are unique among the sources of renewable energy, in that they can also provide a suite of ecological benefits such as clean water, soil health, greenhouse gas reduction, and wildlife habitat. Policy mechanisms to incentivize farmers for these benefits may be necessary for the economic viability of perennial biomass crops in prime crop areas.

Over the next 20 years, multifunctional agriculture featuring perennial biomass crops can become a new paradigm to produce the agricultural goods that society needs, plus important ecosystem services. For that to happen, engagement of a wide range of stakeholders is needed, including farmers, landowners, scientists, conservation professionals, policy makers, entrepreneurs, industrialists, investors, and philanthropists.

Agriculture in much of the Midwestern United States is dominated by farms that produce two annual row crops—corn and soybeans—and have no livestock. Such grain-only farming operations became the norm roughly between 1950 and 1970. They produce a bountiful harvest for many food and non-food uses, but are heavily reliant on fossil fuels. And, even when conscientious farmers follow management practices recommended by Land Grant universities and conservation agencies, farmland dominated by annual row crops contributes to a number of environmental problems including greenhouse gas emissions, loss of wildlife habitat, and hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico.

As farmers, scientists, and policy makers seek to remedy adverse impacts associated with annual row crops, it is time to change how we think about farms at a field and watershed scale. The shift from fossil fuels to renewables, and the urgency of mitigating and adapting to climate change can be the main drivers of a landscape transformation.

Bioenergy is controversial because it is seen as competing for land with food production and long-term carbon storage in trees and soils.¹ Current federal energy policy calls for ramping up production and transitioning from first-generation biofuels, made from corn and soybeans, to advanced biofuels, made mainly from cellulosic plant material.² Cellulosic feedstocks include dedicated bioenergy crops and crop residues, such as corn stalks and leaves, that are generally left in the field when grain is harvested. How the transition to advanced biofuel is accomplished can significantly affect, for better or worse, the environmental outcomes.

The vision presented here is known as Multifunctional Agriculture because it is designed to produce both agricultural goods and environmental benefits.³ A key feature of this concept is often the inclusion of perennial

crops and cover crops—sometimes called continuous living cover—that can enhance soil health and reduce dependence upon fertilizer and pesticides while also producing the food, feed, fiber, and fuel that society needs.

Key Concepts

• The dominant agricultural paradigm in much of the American Midwest is farming operations that produce corn and soybeans.

• This intensive row crop system is associated with environmental impacts, including soil erosion and depletion, loss of habitat and biodiversity, nutrient loss impacting surface waters and the Gulf of Mexico, and greenhouse gas emissions. Existing conservation practices for corn and soybeans are not sufficient to meet the nutrient reduction targets established to shrink the Gulf “dead zone.”

• Perennial biomass crops can be sited and managed to produce harvestable biomass and reduce soil and nutrient loss. Polycultures of grasses, legumes, and other forbs can produce biomass and create wildlife and pollinator habitats.

• Perennial biomass crop systems can be part of a virtuous cycle of innovation to produce renewable energy and reduce agricultural use of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions while meeting society’s needs for agricultural goods.

• Multifunctional agriculture systems featuring perennial crops involve the co-production of agricultural goods and ecosystem services. In prime row crop areas, policies to provide incentives for water quality improvement, greenhouse gas reduction, and conservation benefits may be needed for economic viability.

To think creatively about how to achieve desirable change, lessons can be drawn from a selective look back at how farming changed in Illinois and neighboring states during the 20th century.

Back to the Future

A century ago, farms in this region typically grew corn, small grains (e.g., oats, wheat, barley), and hay, and managed pasture for livestock and draft horses. Soybeans, which had been brought to the United States from China many years earlier, were just beginning to attract interest as a forage crop and rotational legume. Charles Meharry was one of the soybean pioneers. He first planted soybeans on his Champaign County farm located near the University of Illinois campus in 1909, and, within a few years, began hosting field days on his farm with presentations by university scientists and extension specialists such as W.L. Burlison and J.C. Hackleman.⁴ Adoption of the new crop was slow at first. In 1921, a total of 32,000 acres of soybeans were planted in the entire state of Illinois. Potential food and non-food uses of soybeans were coming to be recognized, but there were no industrial facilities for processing soybeans into animal feed or food products.

A. E. (Gene) Staley ran a corn mill company in Decatur, Illinois. In November 1921, Staley announced that, “In response to the general and urgent desire on the part of the farmers of Central Illinois,” his company had decided to build “a plant for grinding and extracting the oil from the soya bean.”⁵ The next year, Illinois soybean acreage more than quadrupled to 135,000. Between 1922 and 1925, the Staley soybean plant operated intermittently, with shutdowns due to equipment problems, limited quantity, or poor quality of beans. Staley persevered and overcame these hurdles. The company’s research department developed many new uses for soy oil and meal.

Soybean production, markets, and uses grew steadily from the mid-1920s into the 1940s, changing the Midwestern landscape and agricultural economy. While many other individuals and organizations contributed to this growth, Charles

Meharry, William Burlison, and Gene Staley stand as suitable exemplars for the essential roles of farmer, scientist, and industrialist, respectively.

As soybean acreage climbed, farm mechanization reduced the need for oats and hay to feed draft horses. Through the 1940s, beef cattle and dairy cows remained an integral part of agriculture, even in prime row crop areas. But that was about to change, driven in large part by a truly disruptive technology—manufactured nitrogen fertilizer.

Nitrogen Fertilizer and Grain-only Farming

The Haber-Bosch process, named for its inventors Fritz Haber and Carl Bosch, uses high temperatures and pressures (and therefore high energy) with catalysts to combine atmospheric nitrogen with hydrogen from natural gas (methane) to form ammonia, which, when applied to the soil, is readily available to plants. Prior to Haber-Bosch, conversion of atmospheric nitrogen gas to biologically-available forms that are essential for the creation of proteins was largely limited to biological nitrogen fixation by soil bacteria often associated with leguminous plants. The Haber-Bosch process was used to manufacture nitrogen-based munitions during World War II. As the U.S. returned to a peacetime economy, some munitions plants switched over to production of inorganic nitrogen fertilizers, and plants dedicated to ammonia production were built on a scale that would eventually increase the amount of biologically reactive nitrogen globally by 50 percent.⁶

Michael Pollan described the implications of manufacturing nitrogen fertilizer using “prodigious amounts of electricity” and natural gas: “When humankind acquired the power to fix nitrogen, the basis of soil fertility shifted from a total reliance on the energy of the sun to a new reliance on fossil fuel... What had been a local, sun-driven cycle of fertility, in which the legumes fed the

corn which fed the livestock which in turn (with their manure) fed the corn, was now broken.”⁷

Ruth DeFries called this a pivot point that, “smashed open the bottleneck of soil fertility.”⁸ Inexpensive nitrogen fertilizer and new hybrid corn varieties caused corn yields and total grain production to skyrocket and also affected what people ate. “More grain meant more animals at the trough, which meant more people enjoying meat, eggs, and dairy more often... There is no mistaking that the Haber-Bosch process was one of humanity’s all-time pivot points, changing diets and ratcheting up the number of mouths that the world’s supply of food could feed.” In beef feedlots and other animal feeding operations, cattle, swine, and poultry ate primarily grain-based rations. With manure no longer essential for corn production, many farmers in parts of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, and neighboring states became corn-soybean specialists, supplying grain to livestock operations in areas less suited to annual row crops. Pasture and livestock declined sharply in areas with fertile prairie soils and plentiful rainfall.

Figure 1 shows crop acreage in three Central Illinois counties since the 1920s. The transition from mixed grain-livestock operations to grain-only farms after World War II represented a paradigm change in U.S. agriculture. By 1970, crop patterns were much like they are today. Corn and soybeans dominate the Midwestern landscape, with acreage of each crop fluctuating in response to market and policy signals. Perennial forages and sod-forming small grains account for a small fraction of total farm acres. In the three-county area of Central Illinois, which is representative of prime cropland in the Upper Midwest, corn and soybeans have accounted for at least 95 percent of total reported crop and pasture acreage since 1978. This large-scale conversion of vegetation on the landscape has

resulted in unintended and undesirable environmental consequences: degraded water quality, greenhouse gas emission, and loss of biodiversity.

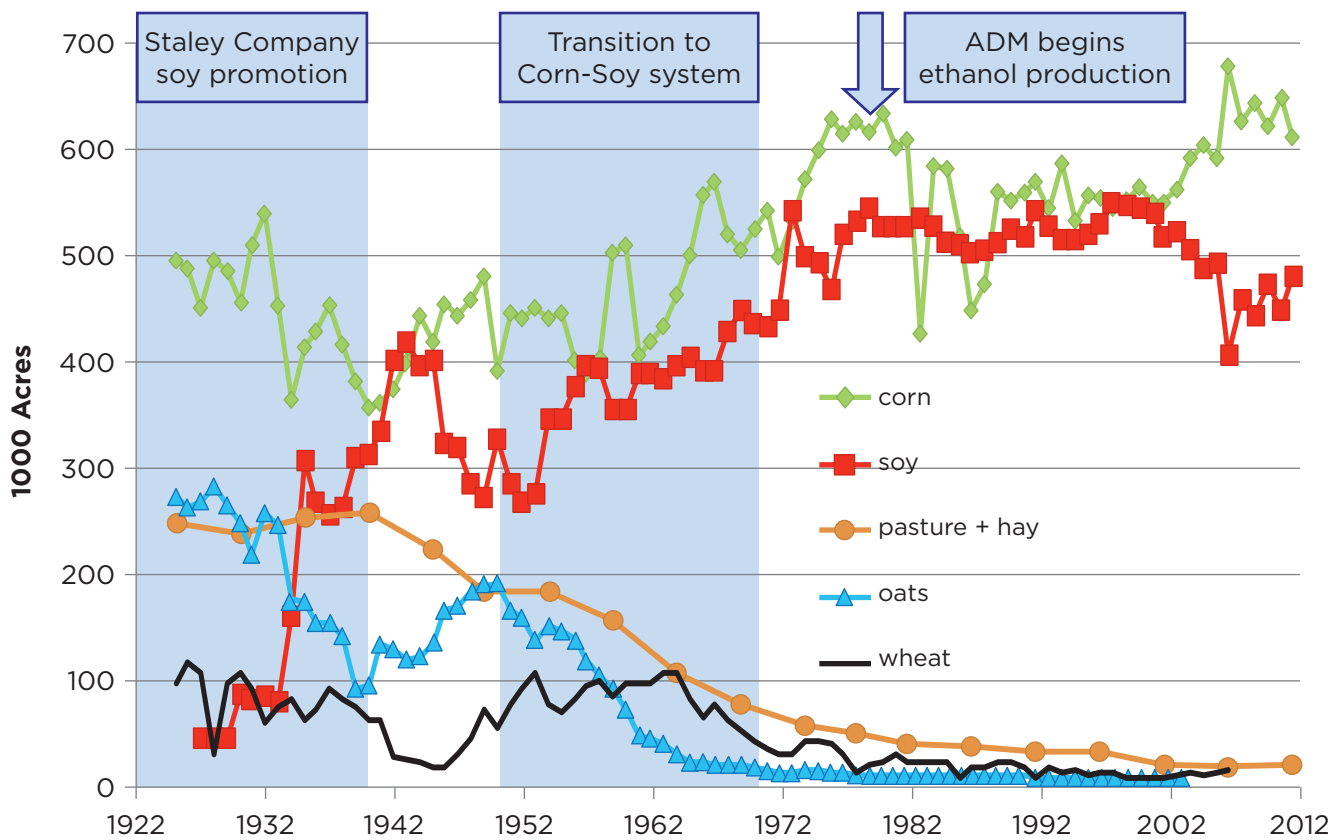
Managing Environmental Impacts

In the half century since grain-only farming became dominant, the impacts of intensive row crop agriculture on soils, habitat, and water quality have been recognized and federal policies have attempted to mitigate these impacts.

In an effort to alleviate the negative environmental impacts of corn-soybean agriculture, the 1985 Farm Bill introduced Sodbuster, Swampbuster, and Conservation Compliance provisions, and established the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Subsequent Farm Bills added new conservation programs.⁹ CRP and similar programs provide financial incentives to take land out of annual row crop production and plant perennial vegetation for wildlife habitat, clean water, and soil conservation. In prime corn-soy areas, land enrolled in CRP accounts for much of the perennial cover on the farm landscape, but usually represents a small percentage of farmland—less than 1.5 percent in the three-county Illinois illustration. With limited exceptions, CRP rules prohibit harvesting hay or grazing enrolled acreage.

In addition to Farm Bill conservation programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), federal Clean Water Acts since 1972 have created a framework administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address “nonpoint source pollution,” including agricultural runoff. Point sources, such as municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plants, are regulated and must meet pollutant limits in their effluent discharge permits. Except for large animal feeding operations, nonpoint sources are addressed through the promotion of voluntary Best Management Practices, such as

Crop Area in Macon, Piatt, Champaign Counties, IL



Greg McIsaac

Figure 1. Crop area changes in central Illinois, illustrating the rise of soybeans in the 1920s and '30s and the shift to grain-only farming in the 1950s and '60s.

grassed waterways, terraces, and nutrient management plans

While some conservation programs provide incentives for planting perennial vegetation (but not harvestable crops) for conservation, other farm and energy policies have provided incentives for planting more acres of corn and soybeans. Since 1980, federal tax credits, import tariffs, and more recently, the Renewable Fuel Standard have supported the domestic production of ethanol and other biofuels. More than one third of the US corn crop has been used for ethanol production in recent years.¹⁰ Rather than changing the agricultural landscape, incentives for corn ethanol and soy biodiesel have largely reinforced the corn-soy system, but the mandate for second-generation biofuels has the potential to support a more diversified

landscape by creating a market for perennial bioenergy crops.

Current federal policy is designed to drive development and deployment of technologies to produce second-generation biofuels from cellulosic feedstocks, including crop residues, perennial grasses, and woody biomass, rather than from corn and soybeans. The 2007 Energy Bill expanded the Renewable Fuel Standard to mandate 36 billion gallons per year by 2022, including 16 billion gallons of cellulosic biofuel.¹¹ The 2008 Farm Bill introduced incentives for production of cellulosic feedstocks, including perennial biomass crops. Macro-analyses of scenarios to achieve federal bioenergy policy goals, such as the "Billion-Ton" reports issued by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), typically conclude that corn stover—the stalks, leaves,

and cobs left in the field when corn is harvested—will be the major cellulosic feedstock produced in Illinois and much of the Corn Belt.¹² If this comes to pass, increased production of cellulosic biofuels may, like first-generation biofuels, reinforce the corn-soy system, rather than leading to significantly more continuous living cover on the land.

It is noteworthy that the latest Billion-Ton report issued in July 2016 pays more attention to perennial energy grasses and short-rotation woody crops.¹³ DOE has recently held workshops and issued grants to address water quality and other benefits of sustainable landscape design for bioenergy feedstock production. The USDA is also supporting research on synergies between bioenergy and enhanced water quality. These actions suggest that executive branch agencies



Steve John

University of Illinois graduate student Andy Wycislo, in orange shirt, talks with visitors to the Agricultural Water Institute University of Illinois bioenergy grass plots at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Illinois.

are thinking about the challenge of developing multi-objective policies and programs explicitly intended to combine renewable energy targets with additional environmental goals.

A New Paradigm

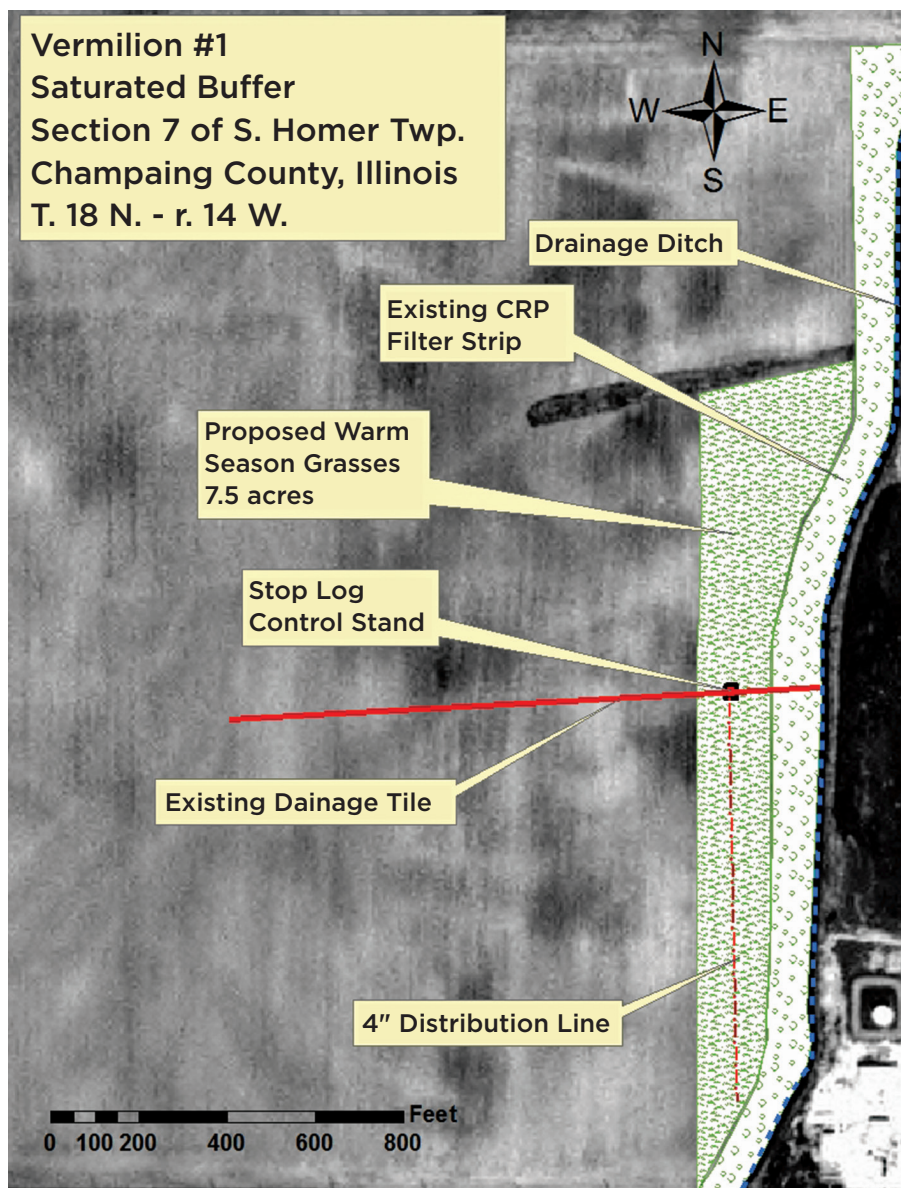
A new agricultural paradigm could be designed to address two pressing environmental concerns facing the U.S. today. One significant driver is the nutrient enrichment of surface waters causing algal blooms and hypoxia in estuaries and coastal waters, such as the northern Gulf of Mexico. Under pressure from the EPA, states in the Mississippi River Basin have developed nutrient loss reduction strategies that aim to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus in rivers by 45 percent. To meet this target in Corn Belt states, including Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota, significant amounts of row-crop land need to incorporate cover crops or be converted to perennial crops (i.e., adopt continuous living cover).

A second, and arguably more urgent driver is the complex, interconnected set of issues associated with the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to climate change, and the shift from fossil fuels to renewables. EPA estimates that nine percent of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions are from the agriculture sector, with more than half of that represented by nitrous oxide (N₂O) from agricultural soils.¹⁴

Our argument, in brief, is that implementation of standard conservation practices for reducing nutrient losses from annual row crops is not a cost effective approach to reducing nutrient loss and shrinking the greenhouse gas footprint of agriculture. The nature and magnitude of these challenges call for consideration of solutions outside the current corn-soy paradigm. Agricultural systems featuring perennial biomass crops offer a promising approach to address these concerns, and also enhance other aspects of U.S. agriculture, food, and energy systems.

The model of paradigm change set forth by Thomas S. Kuhn for the physical sciences offers a useful way of thinking about transformational change.¹⁵ A generally-accepted scientific paradigm effectively limits the set of questions and solutions considered by scientists. A paradigm change occurs when they encounter anomalies that defy explanation within the current paradigm, and begin to look at problems from different perspectives and explore alternative solutions. Kuhn describes a scientific revolution as a change in world view.

Transformational change in economic sectors results from a variety of causes that may or may not involve deliberate efforts to solve thorny problems. Today, as society addresses major issues, including hypoxia and climate change, it is time for scientists and policy makers to work with farmers, industry, and other stakeholders to chart a course toward an improved agricultural future.



Preliminary layout by the Agricultural Watershed Institute for proposed harvestable saturated buffers to produce saturation-tolerant forage or bioenergy crops and reduce nitrate loss from crop fields via drainage tiles.

Next Steps

So how to begin? A Multifunctional Agriculture paradigm featuring perennial crops and farming systems can meet society's needs for agricultural goods and also improve environmental, social, and economic outcomes. To start making the case, consider that perennial biomass crops, including grasses, forbs, and short rotation trees can help to reduce nutrient loss, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance ecosystems in agricultural areas.

Nearly all water quality improvement plans for agricultural watersheds focus on adoption of conservation practices and implicitly assume there will be little or no change in what crops are grown over an implementation timeline stretching 20 years or more into the future. Some state nutrient strategies note that converting from annual to perennial crops is an effective way to reduce nutrient loss from farmland, but do not project a significant increase in perennial crop acreage.^{16,17}

As Midwestern farmers and conservation agencies address nutrient loss impacting drinking water supplies and the Gulf of Mexico, nitrate loss from tile-drained farm fields poses a special challenge. Subsurface drainage tiles are installed in level, or nearly level, soils where ponding or a high water table would otherwise inhibit field operations and row crop production. This is the case in much of the fertile prairie soils of Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota. Drainage tiles carry nitrate under vegetated buffers designed to remove pollutants from surface runoff, which largely defeats the purpose of the buffer. Rather than draining water and nitrate from every acre, planting perennial crops that better tolerate saturated conditions could reduce nitrate pollution and produce biomass for animal feed or cellulosic bioenergy. The ability of some perennial forage and bioenergy crops to tolerate wet conditions makes it feasible to design harvestable saturated buffers or seasonal wetlands in which nitrate that would otherwise reach surface waters, fertilizes a biomass crop lower on the landscape.

Scientific research and practical experience from working farms are needed to assess the potential of new cropping systems and bioenergy technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural and energy sectors. The paradigm shift concept offers a lens through which to consider alternative agricultural futures. The global challenge of climate-related mitigation and adaptation calls for a deep rethinking of agriculture. Perennial cropping systems, including grass-legume polycultures producing animal feed and bioenergy feedstock, can be a first step in a virtuous cycle of innovation to produce renewable fuel, reduce agricultural use of fossil fuels, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural land, all while meeting society's needs for agricultural goods. Field- and watershed-scale studies of multifunctional perennial systems can provide a sound basis to model food-energy-water nexus scenarios, and



Paul Wever, Chip Energy Inc.

Participants in a Department of Energy Sustainable Bioenergy Landscapes workshop tour a prototype biomass processing facility under construction by Chip Energy in Goodfield, Illinois. The facility is designed to process 100 tons per day of biomass feedstocks (bioenergy crops, crop residue, and woody biomass) for shipment to end users. Recycled shipping containers form the walls of the facility and will store chopped and densified biomass.

to design policies to achieve multiple environmental and social objectives.

Existing Farm Bill conservation programs provide models of public payments for ecosystem services. They also illustrate the basic fact that agriculture designed to produce environmental benefits as well as harvestable crops inherently involves synergies and trade-offs. Through CRP and related programs, the USDA essentially “rents” farmland and takes it out of agricultural production in order to obtain the soil, water, and wildlife benefits of perennial vegetation. The newer Conservation Stewardship Program provides incentives for whole farm conservation activities, such as cover crops and rotational

grazing, “built on the belief that we must enhance natural resource and environmental protection, as we simultaneously produce profitable food, fiber, and energy.”¹⁸ A large-scale shift to increase harvestable perennial crops could combine elements of each model. On-farm research and development can evaluate synergies and trade-offs among agricultural goods and a menu of ecosystem services, thereby providing a scientific basis for next-generation farm programs that increase the net societal benefits.

While there is an expanding body of research on the benefits of more perennial-based agriculture, bringing about an agricultural transition comparable in scale to the post-war

shift to grain-only farming is clearly an ambitious undertaking. Green Lands Blue Waters (GLBW) is a consortium of university scientists and nonprofits with a mission to support the development of and transition to multifunctional farming systems featuring more perennial and cover crops.¹⁹ GLBW members and partners see this as a long-term project for the transformation of the agricultural landscape and food system. Member organizations are concentrated in Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois, with active partners in other states. Collaboration among farmers, scientists, and other stakeholders to expand markets and develop new enterprises based on perennial cropping systems is a key feature of the GLBW theory of change.

The GLBW scope encompasses several categories of continuous living cover: perennial grains, perennial forage, perennial biomass, agroforestry, and cover crops. These categories overlap synergistically. One noteworthy example is that grasses and legumes can be managed to provide both forage and bioenergy feedstock. The scale of GLBW's long-term transformational vision is grand. Wes Jackson, one of the co-founders of GLBW, has proposed a "50-Year Farm Bill" during which annual row crops would be largely replaced by perennial versions of wheat, rice, corn, soybeans, and other annual grain crops.²⁰ Aided by GLBW, the Land Institute in Salina, Kansas, founded by Jackson in 1976, is in the process of improving and expanding the plantings of its Kernza™ intermediate wheatgrass as the first perennial grain to move from research institutions to working farms and restaurant tables.

Clearly, perennial biomass crops offer opportunities for production of environmental services, as well as agricultural goods. This fits squarely within the GLBW vision, but there are major obstacles to wide adoption, with market development and farm economics high on the list. What follows are preliminary thoughts on a collaborative initiative to overcome the obstacles.

The 20th century agricultural landscape transformations described took place largely in response to a new crop with new uses and markets (soybeans) and technological innovations (mechanization and manufactured fertilizer). Government policy, including ethanol subsidies, significantly affected crop choices and farm economics. Lessons from this history are instructive for a potential 21st century transformation involving bioenergy crops. Farmers, entrepreneurs, and established industries—the Meharrys and Staleys of today—will be key participants if this change is to happen. Policy innovations will be needed to support the transition.

Expanding Markets

The soybean story highlights the essential role of farmer-pioneers willing to try new crops and see how they fit into a production system and farm enterprise. New crops can pose a chicken-and-egg problem. Why plant a crop for which there is no existing market? Why invest in facilities to process or use a crop that hardly anyone is growing? Meharry and others began growing soybeans as a forage crop and rotational legume (adding nitrogen for the following corn crop) more than a decade before Staley provided an industrial outlet to process soybeans for food and non-food uses. Today, switchgrass, Eastern gamagrass, and other native grasses and forbs are grown for forage and conservation purposes. Biomass crops, such as Miscanthus, that have little or no forage value, can be used for animal bedding or mulch. In the early stages of a new paradigm featuring perennial crops, forage and bedding markets can be a pathway for testing coproduction of grass biomass and ecosystem services before bioenergy markets develop. Even after markets are in place, two-cut systems may be desirable to produce both feed and fuel. Some grasses can be harvested in spring or summer for forage, and the regrowth harvested after senescence as bioenergy feedstock.

As with soybeans, both production-side "push" and market-side "pull" are needed, that is, both Meharrys and Staleys. For illustration, here are a few of the entrepreneurs now seeking to fill a niche in the start-up of a bioeconomy using dedicated perennial crops. Fred Circle, of FDC Enterprises, has developed new methods for the establishment of bioenergy grasses and supply chain logistics for harvest, storage, pre-processing, and transport to energy end users. Paul Wever, of Chip Energy, is constructing a proof-of-concept facility in Illinois to pre-process waste stream biomass and dedicated biomass crops to meet end users' specifications. One day, such biomass conversion facilities can take their place alongside grain

elevators as part of a cellulosic bioenergy infrastructure. Rudi Roeslein, of Roeslein Alternative Energy, is constructing a large-scale project in Missouri to mix prairie biomass with hog manure in an anaerobic digestion facility producing renewable natural gas. He was a leader in the formation of the Midwest Conservation Biomass Alliance to promote native grassland polycultures for commercial use plus wildlife habitat.

University researchers and university-sponsored projects are also paving the way for commercial use of grass biomass. Examples include a Michigan State University team working on ammonia fiber expansion as a pretreatment process for cellulosic biomass for use as animal feed or bioenergy feedstock, and a University of Iowa project to co-fire coal with Miscanthus to heat the campus.^{21,22}

For perennial biomass crops to assume a significant role, bioenergy markets as well as forage markets need to ramp up. The Renewable Fuel Standard focuses on large-scale production of cellulosic transportation fuels, but small-to-medium-scale heat or Combined Heat and Power systems may be important uses for bioenergy grasses, both initially and in the long-term. Properties of herbaceous biomass, such as its relatively high ash content, pose a design challenge for densification equipment and heating appliances to handle grass and meet EPA air quality standards. Reliable, affordable equipment would facilitate on-farm biomass space heating and grain drying and biomass-fueled district heating systems. Community Supported Energy farmers or co-ops could employ a modified version of the Community Supported Agriculture business model.

Corn and soybean growers need not feel threatened by the prospect of perennial biomass crops integrated into farm fields. Perennial farming systems can share the agricultural landscape quite compatibly with corn-soy production. Strategic placement of perennial crops, combined with drainage system

modifications, can capture and use nutrients lost from row crop fields. Even in prime cropland, there are erodible slopes, poorly drained depressions, and irregularly-shaped parcels where perennial biomass crops would make economic and environmental sense. In the future, grain farmers and grass farmers could share a landscape managed to produce annual (and eventually perennial) grain, perennial forage, and bioenergy crops plus clean water, wildlife, pollinators, and healthy soils with increased organic carbon.

Scientists interested in the future of agriculture have modeled alternative scenarios in two Iowa watersheds. They found that scenarios with more perennial crops can produce significant environmental benefits including enhanced water quality and biodiversity, and that farmers are likely to accept them if policies are adopted to maintain farm income.²³ Research and demonstration projects are needed at the watershed and watershed scales to move beyond modeling exercises to real-world assessments of a perennial-based paradigm. Experimental watersheds or “landlabs” have been proposed as places where farmers, universities, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, private businesses, and other stakeholders test new cropping systems and create agricultural enterprises with high performance in economic, environmental, and social terms.²⁴ Experimental watersheds can also test policy innovations to inform future farm and energy legislation.

Perennial agriculture integrated with annual crops represents a promising new paradigm well suited to sustainable coproduction of agricultural goods and ecosystem services in a climate and energy-constrained world. But, there are significant challenges that must be overcome. Twenty years—roughly as long as it took for the post-war shift to grain-only farming—seems a reasonable time frame to achieve a comparable level of adoption of perennial biomass crops. While 20th century landscape transitions

offer useful lessons, development and wide adoption of multifunctional perennial cropping systems will involve additional complexity, notably including economic and policy innovations to internalize environmental costs and benefits that are now unpriced.

Perennial biomass crops represent the only source of renewable energy that can also provide a suite of landscape-based environmental benefits including, but not limited to, reduced nutrient loss and greenhouse gas emissions. Just as soybeans became an important new crop with new uses nearly a century ago, perennial biomass crops grown for animal feed, bioenergy, and bio-based products can become part of the 21st century agricultural landscape. Collaboration among farmers, scientists, and industry—with an important role for policy makers—can make it happen.

Renewable energy from dedicated perennial crops that also reduce agricultural use of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emission from cropland can be included in future U.S. Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement. However, U.S. President-elect Donald Trump has stated his intention to withdraw from that global agreement. With U.S. government participation in climate efforts and perhaps other environmental initiatives in jeopardy, the role of pioneering farmers, business leaders, researchers, investors, and philanthropists in the early years of a transition to more perennial cropping will be even more essential. Stakeholders that value the climate, energy, water, soil, and wildlife benefits of perennial biomass crops can demonstrate sustainable production, develop uses and markets, and advocate for policies to support wide adoption.

A landscape transformation comparable in scale to the “big ratchet” associated with Haber-Bosch and hybrid corn would bring perennial grasslands back to the level of pasture and hay acreage circa 1950 in equilibrium with the existing corn-soy system. In the prime croplands of east-central Illinois,

that would be about 10 to 15 percent of farmland acreage. That level of land-use change, combined with naturalization of agricultural drainage made possible by saturation-tolerant perennials, can be expected to go a long way toward meeting the 45 percent nutrient loss reduction targets established to reduce hypoxia in the northern Gulf of Mexico. A virtuous cycle involving breakthroughs in production, processing, uses, and markets for perennial biomass crops, plus advances in perennial grains and agro-forestry food production, could push the perennial-annual equilibrium point even higher, with major opportunities to reduce agricultural sector greenhouse gas emissions.

The 20-year Plan

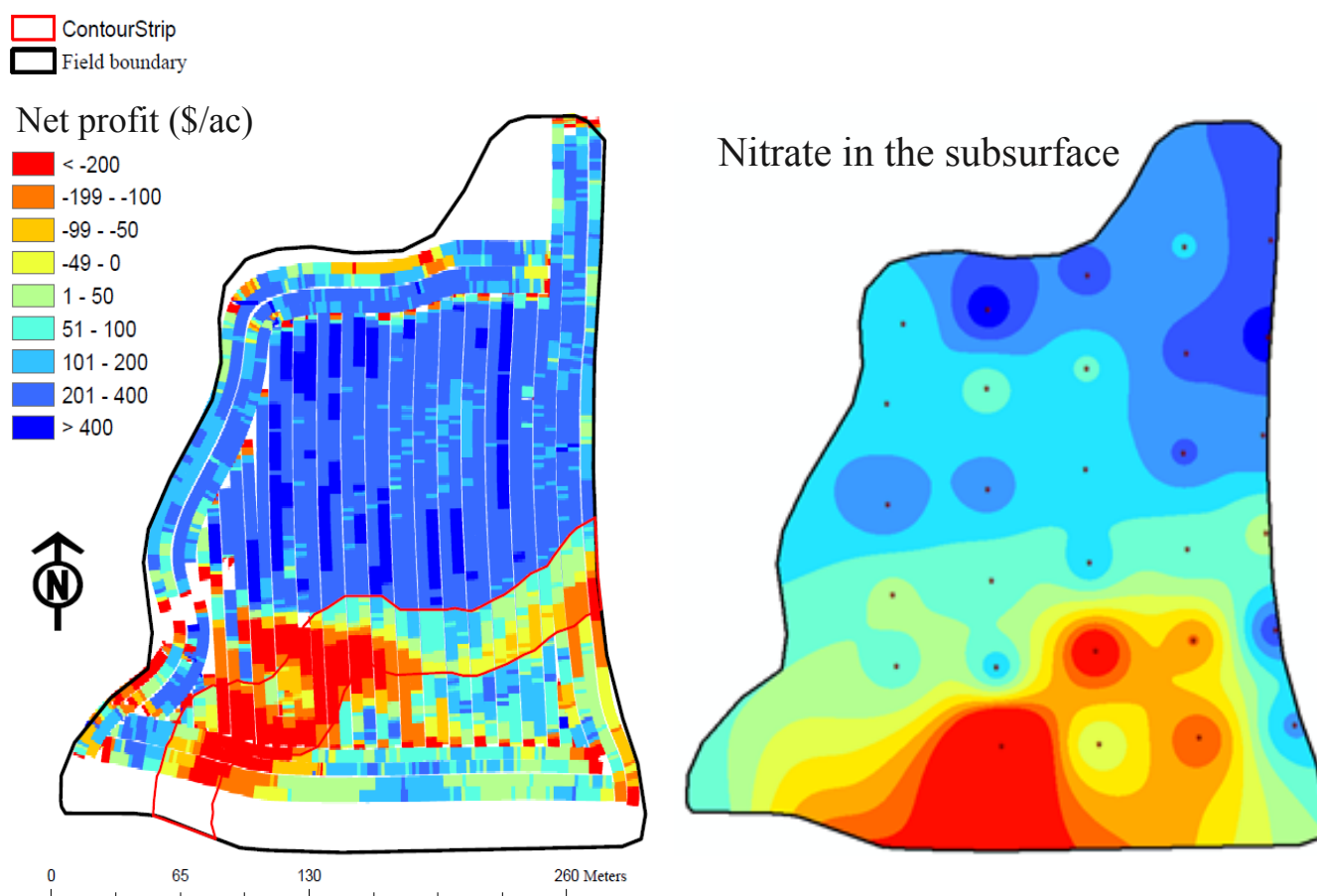
The first ten years of the transition period are seen as a time to overcome technological challenges, explore agroecological synergies and trade-offs, demonstrate perennial farming systems at field and landscape scales, create supply chains and profitable enterprises at a range of scales, and adopt policies and programs to support the multifunctional agriculture paradigm.

Here are some broad-brush thoughts on goals, actors, and actions:

Years 1 to 5

Conduct research and development on multifunctional perennial crops and systems.

- University, government, NGO, and corporate researchers continue and expand work to improve yield and other attributes of perennial biomass crops grown in monocultures or polycultures.
- Pioneering farmers collaborate with researchers and NGOs to demonstrate and evaluate on-farm performance of forage/bioenergy crops and modified drainage systems to achieve reductions in nutrient losses and greenhouse gas emissions, and improvements in soil health, wildlife habitat, and other ecological functions.



Cristina Negri, Argonne National Laboratory

Comparison of intrafield net profitability and subsurface nitrate by Argonne National Laboratory for a research site near Fairbury, Illinois. This type of analysis is beginning to be used to integrate perennial bioenergy crops (Contour Strip) into corn-soy fields to produce cellulosic feedstock while improving both economic and environmental outcomes.

- With NGO and university assistance, producers implement local bioenergy demonstration projects to provide replicable models of Community Supported Energy, farmer-owned bioenergy cooperatives, and related business enterprises.

Make equipment available and increase market development.

- With government and philanthropic support, for-profit businesses and mission-driven entities, such as Benefit Corporations (B Corps), formed for profit and environmental goals develop equipment and systems to process and use grass biomass for small- to medium-scale heat or cogeneration.

- Large-scale cellulosic bioenergy enterprises partner with producers and other stakeholders to ensure that feedstock production meets sustainability standards.
- Innovative companies in the agricultural, energy, and manufacturing sectors assess opportunities to profit from production, processing, and use of perennial biomass crops for animal feed, bioenergy, and bioproducts.

Demonstrate integration of multi-functional systems with appropriate program and policy innovations.

- Scientists and economists use research results to add new perennial cropping and naturalized drainage systems to models, and to include multifunctional

agriculture scenarios in plans to achieve water quality, renewable energy, and climate-related objectives.

- With public, private, and philanthropic funding, watershed projects engage local stakeholders, researchers, NGOs, and business entities to serve as landlabs to test sustainable landscape design, biomass supply chains, energy conversion technologies, and policy innovations.

Years 6 to 10

Ramp up multifunctional perennial systems.

- Research continues on improved perennial crops and polycultures for coproduction of bioenergy feedstock and ecosystem services.

- Multifunctional perennial crops and systems gain acceptance, and begin to be widely promoted by universities, conservation agencies, and crop advisors.

Ramp up equipment, supply chains, markets, and enterprises.

- For-profit and mission-driven businesses take the lead to improve equipment and supply-chain logistics to use grass biomass and short rotation coppice woody biomass for heat and cogeneration of electricity.
- The number and visibility of Community Supported Energy operations, bioenergy cooperatives, and related enterprises increases.
- Growing numbers of large and small enterprises make the use of perennial biomass crops for a variety of energy, animal feed, and bio-based product applications an integral part of their business model.
- More cellulosic biorefineries and related enterprises come online, using perennial feedstocks and applying the principles of sustainable biomass production and landscape ecology.

Incorporate multifunctional agriculture into plans, programs, and policies.

- Multifunctional agriculture landlabs continue to innovate to improve social, economic, and environmental outcomes, and to provide testing grounds for policy and program innovation.
- Knowledge gained from perennial biomass R&D is used to design programs and policies for inclusion in energy and agricultural legislation, implement state nutrient reduction strategies, and the U.S. nationally-determined contribution of greenhouse gas reductions under the Paris Agreement.

Years 10 to 20

Broadly, these years are seen as a period in which perennial-based

multifunctional agriculture goes mainstream. If the action plan outlined above is successful, by around Year 10 the new paradigm should reach a tipping point beyond which increased adoption becomes self-sustaining and perennial crop acreage climbs in the S-curve characteristic of diffusion of innovations until a new annual-perennial equilibrium is reached. **S**

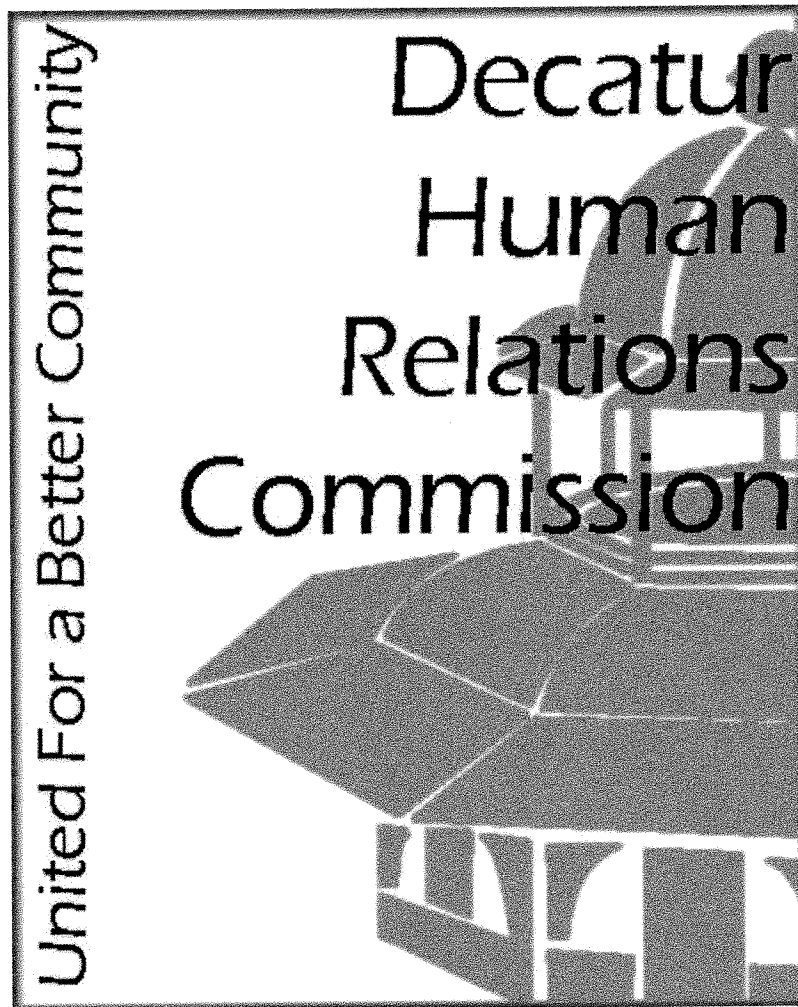
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INTRODUCTION

Included in this report is a summary of this year's data on complaints filed with the Human Relations Commission; highlights of the Human Relations Commission for this fiscal year; and a letter from the Human Relations Commission Chair for fiscal year 2016.

Under the provisions of Chapter 28 UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION, there are nine members who serve as Human Relations Commissioners, appointed by the Mayor with advice and consent by the City Council. All Commissioners serve without compensation. The Human Rights Investigator is an independent contractor who the City pays to review and investigate claims that are turned in to the Human Resources office. This individual serves as a liaison to the Commission. Fred Spannaus continues to be an Investigator.

A second Human Rights Investigator, Jan Minks Runion, was added during fourth quarter, 2016. This contracted position was added in case of potential conflicts of interest and to assist with the workload. The Commission was meeting at 3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the City Council Chambers. Beginning October 2016, the meeting start time moved to 4:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Human Relations Commission consisted of eight commissioners:

Derrick Thaxton (Chair), Ron Callow (Vice Chair), Mary Jo Comerford, Curtis Johnson, Francie Johnson, Joyce Keller, Verzell Taylor and Robert Whitten. One position became vacant when Commissioner Mary Gendry chose not to be reappointed after her term expired in August, 2016.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Steering Committee held a very successful luncheon at the Decatur Club on Saturday, January 16. The speaker was Appellate Judge Lisa Holder White. The annual Freedom March was held on Monday, January 18, with a program following at Church of the Living God Temple 1.

The Commission hosted a public forum on Thursday, July 28 at the Decatur Civic Center. The forum was titled, "Know Your Rights: Creating Community Connections and was facilitated by Robert Moore, retired United States Marshal.

The Commission continued recording its monthly meetings for broadcast on Channel 18 cable and the City's website.

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Summary of Cases Opened in 2016

Case #	Type	Date Filed	Disposition
#160225A	Race discrimination in employment (discharge)	02/25/16	Dismissed after full investigation with finding of no probable cause.
#160225B	Race discrimination in employment (discharge)	02/25/16	Dismissed after preliminary investigation due to lack of evidence.
#160310	Disability discrimination in housing (eviction)	03/10/16	Dismissed after full investigation with finding of no probable cause.
#160311	Discrimination in public accommodations (no basis)	03/11/16	Dismissed after initial interview due to failure to allege protected class.
#160321	Disability discrimination in employment (discharge)	03/21/16	Dismissed after initial interview due to employer not being aware of protected class and lack of evidence.
#160627A	Sexual harassment and retaliation in employment	06/27/16	Completed full investigation; found probable cause. Public Hearing held on February 13, 2017. Hearing Officers recommended finding for Complainant due to failure of Respondent to file timely response. Hearing on remedy set for April 3, 2017.
#160627B	Race discrimination in employment (failure to promote)	06/27/16	Dismissed due to it being more than 180 days from alleged act of discrimination to time of filing.
#160629	Retaliation in employment	06/29/16	Completed full investigation; found probable cause. Mediation scheduled for March 29, 2017.
#160711	Sexual harassment and retaliation in employment	07/11/16	Completed full investigation; found probable cause. Mediation scheduled for March 29, 2017.
#160803	Sexual harassment in employment	08/03/16	Conducted full investigation. Dismissed on instructions of corporation counsel based on action not covered in ordinance.

Case #	Type	Date Filed	Disposition
#160815A	Race discrimination in employment	08/15/16	Under active investigation.
#160815B	Race discrimination in employment	08/15/16	Under active investigation.
#160830	Race discrimination in employment	08/30/16	Under active investigation.
#161012	Race discrimination in employment (discharge)	10/12/16	Dismissed after full investigation with finding of no probable cause.
#161028	Discrimination in employment (discharge)	10/28/16	Dismissed after initial interview due to failure to allege protected class.
#161101	Association race discrimination in employment (discharge)	11/01/16	Dismissed after initial interview due to allegation of "association discrimination", which is not covered in ordinance.
#161108	Race discrimination in employment (failure to promote)	11/08/16	Withdrawn by Complainant.
#161129	Discrimination in employment (discharge)	11/29/16	Dismissed after initial interview due to failure to allege protected class.

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Annual Report of Fiscal Year 2016**

Letter from the Human Relations Commission Chair

Mayor and Decatur City Council Members:

The Human Relations Commission continues with its duty to uphold the provisions set forth in Chapter 28 of the Decatur City Code.

Eighteen cases were filed during FY 2016. Three of these cases were scheduled for public hearing to be held in 2017. Commissioners have the opportunity to serve as hearing officers on all public hearings.

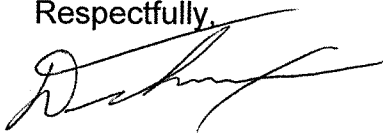
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In July 2016, the Commission held a public forum titled, "Know Your Rights: Creating Community Connections." The event was facilitated by Robert Moore, retired United States Marshal.

During FY 2016, one commissioner whose term was up chose not to be reappointed. This left one vacancy which was filled in 2017.

We welcome visitors to attend our meetings which are held on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Council chambers, located on the 3rd floor of the Decatur Civic Center.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Thaxton", written over a horizontal line.

Derrick Thaxton, Commission Chair