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Commissioner Terry Announces First-Ever Collaboration for World Planning Day & DeKalb Green New Deal Festival

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DEKALB COUNTY – Commissioner Ted Terry (D-Super District 6) is proud to announce the collaboration with DeKalb County Planning and Sustainability to host a community focused event on Nov. 9, 2024. The event, "World Planning Day featuring the DeKalb Green New Deal Festival," invites residents to enjoy a day of fun while discussing sustainability, urban planning, and the county's growing commitment to environmental resilience.

This collaboration also includes partnerships with 20 local organizations, businesses and performers. Attendees of all ages can look forward to a good time, an opportunity to share their concerns about sustainability, and hearing from experts about the power of urban planning to create a climate resilient and environmentally just DeKalb.

"This collaboration is a powerful reflection of our community's commitment to environmental sustainability and climate resilience," **said Commissioner Terry.** "By bringing together local organizations, businesses and advocates, we're not only creating a strategic plan for DeKalb County's future but also making sure everyone has a chance to participate, learn and have a great time."

Since launching in 2023, the DeKalb Green New Deal successfully mobilized a movement of over 700 climate champions and passed 20 climate action policies, resolutions and initiatives. This momentum has only grown, with this year's event set to be more impactful through the partnership with DeKalb Sustainability and Planning.

"We're excited to join forces with Commissioner Terry and the community for this year's World Planning Day event, which celebrates good planning and its impact on the lives of people,

creating places where to live, work and play together," said **Larry Washington, Long Range Planning Manager**. "This collaboration highlights that everyone has the power to make an impact, and by working together, we can create a sustainable future for DeKalb."

Last year's event drew hundreds of passionate DeKalb County citizens who engaged in hands-on activities such as planting trees with Trees Atlanta and attending a rain barrel workshop hosted by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper.

Save the date for **November 9th**. Our collaborative event will feature interactive workshops focused on sustainability and planning for climate resilience, along with live entertainment and performances. Attendees can enjoy delicious offerings from local food trucks and vendors, and families can participate in fun, family-friendly activities, and exciting giveaways.

More information will be shared [here](#) as the event date approaches.

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ABOUT DeKalb County Super District 6 Commissioner Ted Terry:

In 2020, Commissioner Terry was elected to serve as the Super District 6 Commissioner of DeKalb County. His district includes half of the County with portions of South, Central, and North DeKalb, totaling approximately 350,000 residents. Known for his pragmatic approach and commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents, Ted has dedicated his political career to fostering a more inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable DeKalb County.

Before being elected as Commissioner, Ted served as the Mayor of Clarkston, Georgia from 2013 to 2020, earning the nickname "The Millennial Mayor" due to his youthful energy and innovative ideas. During his tenure, Clarkston became a national leader in progressive policy, including raising the minimum wage for city employees, decriminalizing marijuana, and welcoming refugees worldwide. His leadership led to him being featured in season 2 of the Netflix series "Queer Eye."

As DeKalb County Commissioner, Ted continues to push for progressive changes. He is deeply involved in advancing environmental sustainability, improving public infrastructure, advocating for affordable housing, and promoting economic development in the county. Ted is also a passionate advocate for social justice, working tirelessly to ensure equal opportunities for all residents, regardless of their race, religion, or socio-economic status.

His policy focuses include affordable housing, transit equity, DeKalb Green New Deal, DeKalb voting rights, and criminal justice reform. He currently chairs the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee (ERPS) and serves on the County Operations (OPS) Committee and Public Works and Infrastructure Committee (PWI). Commissioner Terry also serves on the National Association of County Officials (NACo) as a member of the Healthy Counties Advisory Board, International Economic Development Task Force and the Resilience Advisory Board.

To learn more about Commissioner Terry, his platforms and how to stay up to date on the latest from his office, visit www.commissionertedterry.com.

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ABOUT Planning and Sustainability

DeKalb County Planning and Sustainability Department focuses on enhancing the livability of DeKalb County. Our mission: To be the best Planning and Development department in the country.

The DeKalb County Planning and Sustainability Department handles land use, zoning, permitting, and building inspections, aiming to balance economic growth with sustainable practices. It works on long-term planning initiatives that enhance the quality of life for residents, promote smart growth, and protect natural resources. Key functions include enforcing building codes, reviewing development proposals, and overseeing community development projects that align with the county's comprehensive plan and sustainability goals.

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