

IMPLEMENTATION

The purpose of the Short-Term Work Program is to provide a detailed listing of the various projects and programs recommended in the City of Decatur for implementation during the first five years covered in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Priority projects and program initiatives resulting from the overall planning process are listed in the Short-Term Work Program for each of the five years (2005-2009).

In addition to the scheduling of priority items for the City, the five-year work program also provides guidance regarding cost estimates and potential sources of financing. By scheduling major City initiatives and capital expenditures in advance over a period of years, the five-year work program will assist the City in undertaking activities to implement the Comprehensive Plan and achieve its goals and objectives.

To be effective, the Short-Term Work Program must be linked to and coordinated with the City's annual operating budget. The majority of the items contained in the Short-Term Work Program require direct City expenditures or indirect costs to the City through allocation of staff time. Therefore, implementation of most of Decatur's goals, policies and recommendations are tied directly to the City's annual budget.

The Five-Year Short-Term Work Program is intended to be a working planning document. The one thing that is certain is that it will change based on changing conditions and priorities, budgetary constraints and other factors. Each year as the City develops its work program and budget for the following year it should: 1) review the recommendations in the Short-Term Work Program for the upcoming year; 2) revise the recommendations based on current information; 3) transfer the recommended items that require local funding in that year to the City's annual operating budget and work program; 4) review and revise as necessary its already established work program for the following three (3) years; and 5) add a new annual work program for the fifth year. In this way, the City of Decatur will always have a systematic and current program for implementing its Comprehensive Plan.

The following is the City of Decatur's Five-Year Short-Term Work Program for the years of 2005-2009 and the Report of Accomplishments for the 2000-2004 Work Program.