

Phase I project summary



Nature Preserve Project

The Decatur/Adams County Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan has been updated to include the wetlands preserve project, and already has been approved by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church petitioned and the city approved annexation of this property into city limits. Preliminary design is underway to add 1/2 mile of asphalt trail that will connect to the existing Rivergreenway trail. Also, the city is applying for a Land and Water Conservation grant to assist with funding.

Project details

Cost

\$300,000

Lead organization

Decatur/Adams County
Parks and Recreation

Monroe Street Bridge

The Monroe Street Bridge will be modified to allow for improved pedestrian access over the St. Mary's River. This will serve as a vital pedestrian gateway connection between downtown commercial and residential uses on the west side of the St. Mary's River, to the recreational and environmental assets on the east side of the river. This project would also involve lighting on the north side of the bridge and other artistic elements to enable the structure to serve as the eastern gateway to the downtown area.

Project details

Cost

\$600,000

Lead organization

Decatur/Adams County
Parks and Recreation

Supporting organizations

Decatur Main Street,
Decatur Sculpture Tour,
Winning with Wellness,
Decatur Cultural Connection

Monroe Street streetscape

Pedestrian sidewalks and additional urban-friendly improvements will be made along Monroe Street from the Monroe Street Bridge to 3rd Street. Additional improvements will include lighting, new sidewalks on both the north and south sides of the street, and additional streetscape improvements that will flow with the improvements to the 2nd Street streetscape.

Project details

Cost

\$1 million

Lead organization

Decatur Main Street

Supporting organizations

Decatur Sculpture Tour,
Winning with Wellness,
Decatur Cultural Connection

2nd Street streetscape

2nd Street is home to the main route for the Decatur Sculpture Tour, and pedestrian and urban-friendly improvements will keep sculpture placement in mind. The city invested in completing a downtown planning study, and a variety of local groups are cooperating to present a plan that will incorporate the plans and programming unique to each group. Improvements will include sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, landscaping, street furnishings and public art elements.

Project details

Cost

\$2.1 million

Lead organization

Decatur Main Street

Supporting organizations

Decatur Sculpture Tour,
Winning with Wellness,
Decatur Cultural Connection

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Business accelerator

In collaboration with Biggs TC Development, the 2nd Street Lofts project will create a housing community with preference to artists and creative entrepreneurs. This entrepreneurial co-working space will be developed by the city to serve as a home-base for entrepreneurs, with services that will include their own office space, technology amenities and entrepreneurial training and additional programming.

Project details

Cost

\$200,000

Lead organization

Connect to Careers

Arts/cultural center

Similar to the business accelerator as described above, the arts/cultural center will do the same for the arts and cultural activities throughout the community. The center would serve as a location to display art, whether sculptures or hanging art, a venue for small lessons and performances as well as an event space for use by the community or for rental by private groups.

Project details

Cost

\$200,000

Lead organization

North Adams Arts Council
Decatur Cultural Connection

Downtown façade program

The City of Decatur and Decatur Main Street will sponsor this program with the aim of improving the building facades throughout the downtown area, primarily on 2nd Street. The program will be a 50-50 match for eligible exterior improvements such as windows, paint, awnings and signage.

Project details

Cost

\$500,000

Lead organization

Decatur Main Street