



CLARKSTON LIBRARY, 2022



CHAMBLEE LIBRARY, 2022

# THE NEXT FRUITFUL LIBRARIES

This guide is designed to help you decide which library in your district to transform into a Fruitful Library. We've selected the top two candidates in each district based on community need, accessibility, and potential for impact.

A **Fruitful Library** is a public library with an outdoor space transformed into an **Earth Hub**: a vibrant, and regenerative low-maintenance garden that grows fresh food, supports pollinators, and brings people together. By applying permaculture principles, these spaces fight food insecurity, climate change, and social isolation, all while enhancing the role of libraries as trusted, multi-use community hubs. This is in Support the **Library Transition Plan**, an initiative led by Commissioner Ted Terry to transform all 23 libraries in DeKalb County into these regenerative Earth Hubs.



# DISTRICT 1

COMMISSIONER ROBERT PATRICK

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## EMBRY HILLS LIBRARY

3733 Chamblee Tucker Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341

### Why Embry Hills?

Embry Hills Library is a well-loved community hub with strong public engagement and a diverse population, including long-established neighborhoods and WWII-era communities. Its central location and steady foot traffic make it an ideal candidate for transformation. A Fruitful Library here would enhance the infrastructure of this beloved space, creating an edible landscaping that feeds, educates, and connects generations.

### Highlights

- Regularly hosts community meetings and events
- Located in a well-established neighborhood
- Ample outdoor space suitable for transformation
- This project supports your vision of a sustainable and thriving community by improving public amenities

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## DORAVILLE LIBRARY

3748 Central Ave, Doraville, GA 30340

### Why Doraville?

Doraville Library is nestled in one of the most diverse areas in the county, with a large immigrant population and a high percentage of renters. These families often rely on public transit and walkable services. A Fruitful Library here would transform an underutilized space into a community asset that reflects local values: accessibility, sustainability, and equity while also addressing food insecurity and climate resilience, making District 1 a better place to live, work, and play.

### Highlights

- Situated in a multicultural neighborhood
- Accessible via public transportation
- Potential to serve as a model for inclusive community spaces



# DISTRICT 2

COMMISSIONER MICHELLE LONG SPEARS

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## DECATUR LIBRARY

215 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030

### Why Decatur?

This library is in the heart of a civically engaged, mixed-income community with high pedestrian activity. Its strategic location makes it ideal for popularizing what a Fruitful Library can be: a public greenspace that provides food, fosters learning, and supports climate resilience. Transforming this site would amplify the library's role as a connector between health, sustainability, and lifelong learning while offering fresh produce and pollinator habitats in an accessible, educational setting.

### Highlights

- Walkable, transit-connected hub near MARTA
- Serves Emory students, young families, and seniors
- Large front lawn perfect for a demonstration Fruitful Landscape
- Surrounded by schools, nonprofits, and health resources

*District 2 has been a key partner from the start, helping launch the work at Toco Hills and the neighboring Central DeKalb Senior Center!*

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## TOCO HILL-AVIS G. WILLIAMS LIBRARY

1282 McConnell Drive, Decatur, GA 30033

### Why Toco Hills?

Located near high-traffic commercial and residential zones, Toco Hill Library is uniquely positioned to become a vibrant, educational green space. With its accessibility via transit and footpaths, this library serves seniors, students, and families alike. A Fruitful Library here would offer residents an outdoor learning lab while supporting the county's climate and health goals as well as your vision of a safer, greener, and more prosperous DeKalb.

### Highlights

- Proximity to commercial and residential zones
- Serves a wide demographic, including seniors and families
- Accessible via public transit
- Work has already been done at this site



# DISTRICT 3

COMMISSIONER NICOLE MASSIAH

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## FLAT SHOALS LIBRARY

4022 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034

### Why Flat Shoals?

Flat Shoals Library is a cornerstone for local families and seniors, providing essential access to public resources. As a Fruitful Library, this location could transform its ample green space into a thriving, educational, and productive landscape—offering free produce, outdoor learning, and a stronger sense of community resilience in an area where access to fresh food and safe green spaces is limited. With a design that mirrors our Clarkston Library pilot site, this implementation our design would be very simple.

### Highlights

- Large outdoor green space ready for transformation
- Accessible by MARTA bus routes
- Serves a diverse, multi-generational community

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## SCOTT CANDLER LIBRARY

1917 Candler Road, Decatur, GA 30032

### Why Scott Candler?

Situated in one of DeKalb's higher-poverty zones, Scott Candler Library has enormous potential to become a community sanctuary. A Fruitful Library would bring beauty and productivity to its exterior, offering shade, nourishment, and a strong sense of place. In a neighborhood with limited healthy food options and high health disparity rates, this transformation would be both symbolic and practical.

### Highlights

- Potential to become a sanctuary for residents at the neighboring South Dekalb Senior Center
- Opportunity to address food insecurity directly



# DISTRICT 4

COMMISSIONER CHAKIRA JOHNSON

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## STONE MOUNTAIN-SUE KELLOGG LIBRARY

952 Leon Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

### Why Stone Mountain?

Located in a Qualified Census Tract (QTC) and designated food desert, Stone Mountain Library is an ideal site for a Fruitful Library. This branch serves a culturally rich, civically engaged community, yet lacks equitable green space. Surrounded by high-density housing, the library is perfectly positioned to tackle food insecurity and offer hands-on education in sustainable agriculture. A Fruitful Library here would transform underused lawns into a vibrant pollinator meadow, fruit grove, and shared community space.

### Highlights

- Serves a mix of longtime residents and newcomers
- Opportunity to create a community gathering space
- Potential to enhance local biodiversity

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## SCOTTDALE-TOBIE GRANT HOMEWORK CENTER

593 Parkdale Drive, Scottdale, GA 30079

### Why Scottdale?

This center sits at the heart of a growing, historically Black community that has limited access to fresh food and outdoor programming. This location is ideal for a Fruitful Library because of its focus on students and education. It's already a learning space, and a Earth Hub would give kids and families the opportunity to experience nature, nutrition, and sustainability up close. With the right investment, this site could be a standout model for integrating academic and environmental enrichment.

### Highlights

- Near MARTA bus lines and walkable from surrounding apartments and homes
- Has open green areas perfect for hands-on learning and food-growing



# DISTRICT 5

COMMISSIONER MEREDA DAVIS JOHNSON

*District 5 has been a key partner, helping us transform all 5 libraries within this district 2021! Now's the time to build on that momentum and make it permanent.*

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## STONECREST

3123 Klondike Road, Stonecrest, GA 30038

### Why Stonecrest?

As one of the largest libraries in the county, Stonecrest is a regional destination with strong community visibility and engagement. The library is surrounded by open green space, making it ideal for a large-scale Fruitful Library transformation. It would provide fresh food access, youth programs, and a cooler, greener neighborhood. Perfect alignment with your to equity and access. We've already begun the work! Now's the time to restore it.

### Highlights

- Located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT)
- Serves a food desert
- High foot traffic + transit access
- Plenty of green space and sunlight
- Active community use

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## SALEM-PANOLA

5137 Salem Road, Stonecrest, GA 30038

### Why Salem-Panola?

Also serving the Stonecrest area, Salem-Panola Library can benefit from a Fruitful Library by enhancing community health and offering educational programs on nutrition and sustainability. Providing similar benefits to the Stonecrest library, transformation would serve as an asset to this community. The next step is to restore the landscape!

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# SUPER DISTRICT 6

COMMISSIONER TED TERRY

*Super District 6 has been our key partner from the beginning, championing the Library Transition Plan and launching pilot sites at Clarkston and Chamblee Libraries. Now we're ready to expand!*

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### Highlights

- Heavily used by youth and families
- Opportunity for hands-on learning about food systems
- Potential to enhance community resilience

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### Highlights

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- Accessible via public transit
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# SUPER DISTRICT 7

COMMISSIONER DR. LADENA BOLTON

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- Plenty of green space and sunlight
- Active community use
- Strong opportunity for youth and community engagement
- Builds on District 5's history of support and early adoption



# ALL DEKALB LIBRARIES

## LIBRARY TRANSITION PLAN: TRANSFORM ALL 23 DEKALB LIBRARIES

### Brookhaven Library

1242 N. Druid Hills Road Brookhaven, GA 30319  
District 2 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears  
Super District 6 - Commissioner Ted Terry

### Chamblee Library\*

4115 Clairmont Road Chamblee, GA 30341  
District 1- Commissioner Robert Patrick  
Super District 6 - Commissioner Ted Terry

### Clarkston Library\*

951 N. Indian Creek Drive, Clarkston, GA 30021  
District 4 - Commissioner Chakira Johnson  
Super District 6 - Commissioner Ted Terry

### County Line-Ellenwood Library

4331 River Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294  
District 3 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah  
Super District 7 - Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton

### Covington Library\*

3500 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30032  
District 3 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah  
Super District 6 - Commissioner Ted Terry

### Decatur Library

215 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA 30030  
District 2 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears  
Super District 6 - Commissioner Ted Terry

### Doraville Library

3748 Central Avenue, Doraville, GA 30340  
District 1- Commissioner Robert Patrick  
Super District 7 - Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton

### Dunwoody Library

5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338  
District 1- Commissioner Robert Patrick  
Super District 6 - Commissioner Ted Terry

### Embry Hills Library

3733 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Chamblee, GA 30341  
District 1- Commissioner Robert Patrick  
Super District 7 - Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton

### Flat Shoals Library\*

4022 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034  
District 3 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah  
Super District 7 - Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton

### Gresham Library

2418 Gresham Road SE, Atlanta, GA 30316  
District 3 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah  
Super District 6 - Commissioner Ted Terry

### Hairston Crossing Library\*

4911 Redan Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30088  
District 5 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson  
Super District 7 - Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton

### Lithonia-Davidson Library

6821 Church Street, Lithonia, GA 30058  
District 5 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson  
Super District 7 - Commissioner LaDena Bolton

### Northlake-Barbara Loar Library

3772 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084  
District 4 - Commissioner Chakira Johnson  
Super District 7 - Commissioner LaDena Bolton

### Redan-Trotti Library

1569 Wellborn Road, Lithonia, GA 30058  
District 5 - Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson  
Super District 7 - Commissioner LaDena Bolton

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### Stonecrest Library

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### Toco Hill-Avis G. Williams Library

1282 McConnell Drive, Decatur, GA 30033  
District 2 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears  
Super District 6 - Commissioner Ted Terry

### Tucker-Reid H. Cofer Library

5234 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084  
District 1 - Commissioner Robert Patrick  
Super District 7 - Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton

### Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library

2861 Wesley Chapel Road, Decatur, GA 30034  
District 3 - Commissioner Nicole Massiah  
Super District 7 - Commissioner Dr. LaDena Bolton

\*Qualified Census Tract (QCT) - a specific census tract or equivalent geographic area where at least 50% of the households have an income below 60% of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI)

SUPPORT THE LIBRARY TRANSITION PLAN