

Downstate City/County Management Association Fall Meeting
October 12 & 13, 2023
Decatur, Illinois

Thursday, October 12, 2023

4:00 p.m. **Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center** (1095 Rotary Way, Decatur, IL). Tour the state-of-art law enforcement training facility and take part in law enforcement simulator training (VirTra). The facility was built & donated by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and is a must-see!

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception and Dinner** at GK9 Wine & Spirits (225 Water St., Decatur, IL)
Join colleagues after the tour for wine and spirits at the newly opened wine shop (there is a full offering of spirits, beers, wines, and mixers as well). Dinner from various Downtown Decatur Restaurants will be catered in beginning at 7:30pm.

Friday, October 13, 2023 - Decatur Conference Center (4191 US Highway 26 West, Decatur, IL 62522)

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast** at the Hotel

8:30 - 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Overview of What is Driving Decatur's Rebound**
The City of Decatur is experiencing unprecedented commercial and industrial economic development, which is changing our real estate market. Since COVID, Decatur has seen over \$3 Billion in new developments, that will add thousands of new constructions jobs and nearly 1000 new jobs. Affordable water and Carbon Sequestration are two of the leading causes. Learn how Decatur is addressing these growing pains.

Speakers: Scot Wrighton - Decatur City Manager & Jon Kindseth, Decatur Deputy City Manager

9:15 - 10:30 a.m. **Changing the T.I.F. Dialogue**
Tax increment financing remains one of the most effective economic development tools available to Illinois local governments. Too often managers encounter opposition based on public misunderstanding regarding how TIF works, resistance from other local taxing bodies about what they may be giving up, and a general failure to see how TIF can be utilized to made broad changes to the urban landscape. The result is missed opportunities and small single-project TIF districts. This session will provide insights on how to stay ahead of negative narratives about TIF, and how to use TIF in ways intended by the law.

Speaker: Scot Wrighton - Decatur City Manager

10:45 - Noon

Harnessing the Power of Existing Data in Community Development

A look at how mapping and tracking neighborhood trends can be a guide not only for realtors, but for Community Development Departments and local governments in general. The City of Decatur maps much of the data that we have to inform staff on where to focus attention, whether it is code enforcement, rehabilitation, or property acquisition. Come learn how the City is investing our local, state and federal dollars strategically based on data.

Panel: Cordaryl "Pat" Patrick - Decatur Community Development Director
Seth Stark - Decatur Chief Data Officer
Jon Kindseth - Decatur Deputy City Manager

Noon

Lunch and Business Meeting

ACCOMODATIONS:

Decatur Conference Center, 4191 US Highway 36 West, Decatur, IL 62522

A block of rooms has been reserved under "ILCMA" at the rate **of \$85/night** plus tax. **Call 217-422-8800 to make your reservation today! The room block release date is Oct. 1!**

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Name: _____

Title: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Registration Fee: \$50 – Includes buffet breakfast & lunch on Friday. Please have registrations in by Friday, October 6, 2023.

Dinner Reservations: Please indicate if you are planning to arrive in time for dinner. Drinks for social hour are “on you.” The venue does not take cash, only plastic (debit or credit).

___ Yes, I will attend the Fall Meeting in Decatur, IL on October 12 & 13.

___ Yes, I will attend Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center tour & demonstration.

___ Yes, I will attend the social hour & dinner on Thursday evening at 6:00 pm.

___ Yes, my spouse or partner will attend dinner on Thursday evening.

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 6, 2023

Make check payable to: Downstate City/County Management Association
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Questions: 815-753-5424

OR Register Online: <https://www.ilcma.org/events/downstate-meeting-fall-2023/> No credit card required

Cancellations: To receive a full refund, cancellations must be received by Friday, October 6, 2023. Registrants, who do not attend the meeting but have not canceled, are responsible for the entire fee. Registrants who have not paid will be billed.