

# MEDLINE LCI



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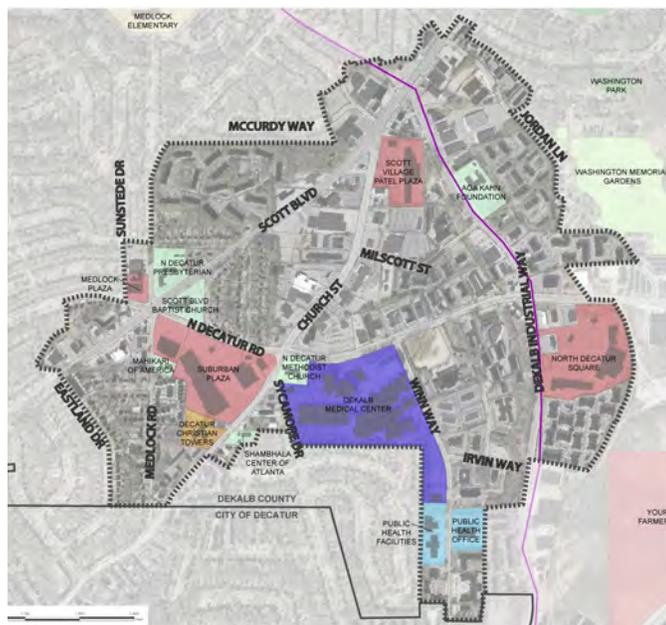
## What is a Livable Centers Initiative, or LCI?

The Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) is a program of the Atlanta Regional Commission that awards planning grants on a competitive basis to local governments and nonprofit organizations. Grants are used to prepare plans for the enhancement of existing centers and corridors consistent with regional development policies. The Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) program has been an extremely popular endeavor. LCI communities have made significant commitments and investments to create and implement innovative plans for the improvement of their town centers, activity centers and corridors. The Medline LCI will focus on improving land use and transportation connectivity in the area, including access for all modes of transportation - pedestrians, bicycles, automobiles, and transit.

## Public Involvement Overview

Public involvement is a key component of the LCI program and is critical for truly understanding the vision, goals, and needs in the Medline area. As such, all LCI studies must involve the public in a meaningful way and at key study milestones. The public involvement process included a variety of outreach tools including key stakeholder interviews; an online project website; meetings, workshops, and open house events; and an

Engagement Opportunity	Date
One-on-One Interviews	February 19 & 20
Public Meeting 1	February 27
Core Team Meeting 1	March 6
Public Meeting 2: Charrette	March 29
Core Team Meeting 2	April 10
Core Team Meeting 3	May 29
Public Meeting 3	June 5



*The Medline study area totals 520 acres and is framed by four major intersecting corridors: Church Street, Scott Boulevard/Lawrenceville Highway, North Decatur Road and DeKalb Industrial Way. General boundaries are defined by Jordan Lane to the north, Medlock Road to the west, Remington Lane to the south and DeKalb Industrial Way to the east.*



*Stakeholders worked in small groups at the March 29th Community Design Charrette to develop draft solutions to the area's challenges. The plan's recommendations reflect input received from all public engagement opportunities hosted during the planning process.*

# Master Plan Overview

The Visionary Plan (pictured, right) provides the future concept of a Wellness District, one that promotes health and well-being through elements of a walkable, well-connected community that provides greenspace, civic, spiritual, and art amenities; educational facilities; and healthy streams within a vibrant mixed use environment. This vision will take public and private partnerships to develop over the next 25 years.

## Key Concepts:



### Healthy Connectivity

- Connections for all modes
- Trails in buffers and along streams
- Connected greenspace



### Healthy Foods

- Edible plants in public space
- Community gardens
- Incorporate into new development



### Healthy Art

- Interactive art in public space
- Community art venues
- Art and exercise—Fun!



### Healthy Streets

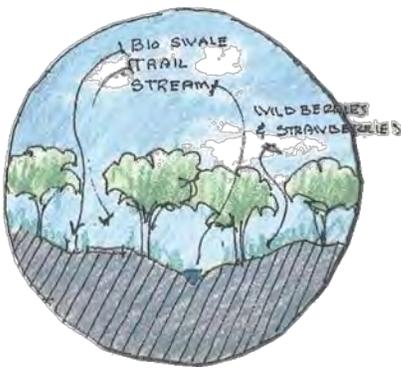
- Safe for all modes
- Green: buffers, trees, swales





*The Visionary Plan is a 25 year concept for the growth of the study area. In order to accomplish this plan, smaller incremental steps will need to be made.*

*Overall, plan recommendations will address land use and zoning, health, greenspace, transportation, and economic development. Implementation will require collaboration between community residents, business owners and local government support.*



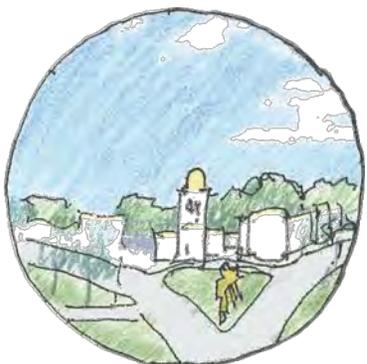
### Healthy Streams

- Water quality
- Recreation: trails, kayak, canoe
- Stream buffer as community amenity



### Healthy Mind

- Educational facilities
- Medical college campus
- Health education center
- Research facilities



### Healthy Spirit

- Diverse spiritual and religious facilities and spaces



# Improvements at the Intersection of Scott Boulevard, North Decatur Road, and Medlock Drive

Transportation is a regional concern. Improvements to intersections and multi-modal improvements inside the Medline study area need to be coupled with improvements in adjacent communities and a focus on alternative modes of transportation.

During the Medline LCI process, one of the major transportation issues that we heard was in regards to the six-way intersection of Scott Boulevard, North Decatur Road, and Medlock Drive. Main concerns included safety of pedestrian/bicycle crossings and traffic back-up due to signals accommodating three traffic flows.

With the help of community input, we have developed short-term and long-term strategies for how to deal with this intersection. The solutions will need further study, detail, and design prior to implementation.

Short-term solutions include pedestrian refuge islands and crosswalk striping.

Several long-term solutions for the intersection were discussed throughout the process:

1. Construct a traffic circle.
2. Allow Medlock Road through traffic to bridge under, with local traffic to remain at grade.
3. Close a portion of Medlock Road to automobile traffic, creating a much safer 4-way intersection and create a pedestrian and bicycle plaza.

The three options were weighed with pros and cons. Ultimately, the most cost-effective and most impactful solution to make the intersection safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and automobile traffic was determined to be Option 3.

It is important to note that land use and transportation projects are recommendations. In order for projects to move forward it will take the determination and patience of Medline area stakeholders.

60 Cars

60 Passenger Bus

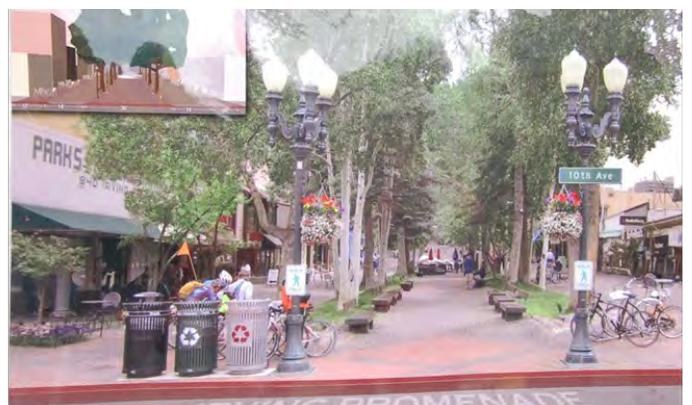
60 Bicycles



*Providing for safe access to alternative modes of transportation, such as transit, bicycle and pedestrian amenities will have a great impact on our transportation infrastructure and quality of life.*



*Option 3: Close a portion of Medlock Rd at the 6-way intersection. Alternative routes, signalized intersections, and transportation options must be in place prior.*



*Option 3: Pedestrian Plaza Example*