

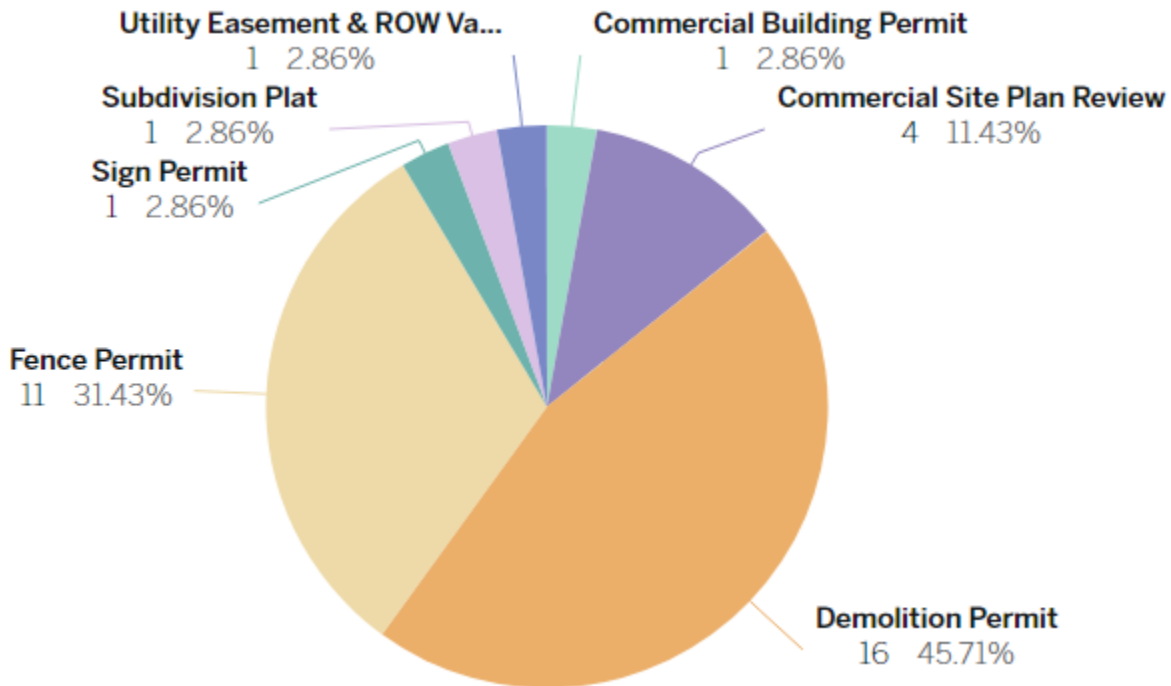
**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT**

**March 2024**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

For the month of March, the Planning and Development staff processed and reviewed commercial site plans and various permits for zoning approval. No petitions were received for the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

We have ongoing Economic Development projects both in the planning stage and under way. Some are very large projects that will have a significant positive impact if approved. Staff along with other departments held TRC meetings, Zoom meetings or conference calls for pending and ongoing developments, and have reviewed thirty-five (35) submittals, broken down by review type below:



We continue to review and progress with selling City owned property in furtherance of Community Revitalization.

**Vacant Lot Sales**

| PAST MONTH | TOTAL   | TOTAL REVENUE |
|------------|---------|---------------|
| 1          | 93 Lots | \$46,800      |

**Property Acquisitions**

| PAST MONTH | TOTAL SINCE 09/01/2021 |
|------------|------------------------|
| NO DATA    | NO DATA                |

## **BUILDING INSPECTIONS DIVISION**

For March, we issued 210 permits broken down by permit type below. Of those, we had 1 permit with a value of over \$250,000. The Division performed 303 inspections and 6 consultations.

| <b>PERMIT TYPE</b>   | <b># ISSUED</b> | <b>WORK VALUE</b>  |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Commercial Building  | 6               | \$971,219          |
| Residential Building | 41              | 939,818            |
| Demolition           | 28              | 459,911            |
| Electrical           | 21              | 112,460            |
| Mechanical           | 29              | 252,693            |
| Plumbing             | 32              | 184,148            |
| Roof                 | 41              | 528,726            |
| Pool                 | 1               | 5000               |
| Fence                | 9               | 47,133             |
| Sign                 | 2               | 56,594             |
| Wheelchair Ramp      | 0               | 0                  |
| Temporary Structure  | 0               | 0                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>210</b>      | <b>\$3,557,702</b> |

## **NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION DIVISION**

- Staff continued to prepare special reports for loans. Collections and delinquency reports continue various loan accounts.
- Staff continues to qualify homeowners for the Residential Rehabilitation, Owner-occupied rehab, and Emergency programs.
- Staff are working with CILBA (Central Illinois Land Bank Assoc.) to rehab and/or acquire various properties.
- Staff continues to meet with various nonprofits to discuss revitalization opportunities.
- Staff continues working on the Neighborhood Revitalization strategy, which includes rehabilitation, acquisition, and demolition to various areas of the city.
- Staff continue to be active in the Continuum of Care process as well as homeless prevention related meetings, and events as required by HUD.
- Staff attended a public meeting for the Macon County Community Health Assessment
- Staff worked on the legalities of dissolving DCDF.
- Staff working to create TIF within the Neighborhood United Association boundaries.
- The City of Decatur's grant from IHDA Home Repair and Accessibility (HRAP) continues in partnership with Central Illinois Land Bank (CILBA). Grants will be in the form of roof replacements.
- Staff began planning this year's National Night Out event which will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Staff continues to work with the Economic Development Council to establish the Workforce Development Ecosystem.
- The City of Decatur is partnering with Richland Community College, Empowerment Opportunities Corporation (EOC), Building and Trades, Land of Lincoln Credit Union to rehabilitate a house and serve as transitional housing for a homeless family.

- ECD has adopted The Hope Academy and Johns Hill Magnet School as part of the Great Streets Great Neighborhood initiative.
- Ten members of ECD are participating in a weight loss challenge. So far, the total weight loss has been over 100 lbs. The challenge ends in April, but if staff want to continue we will extend the challenge.
- Staff began HOME monitoring of older projects funded with HOME Investment Partnership funding.
- Staff work with Communications Coordinator weekly to disseminate ECD activities.
- Staff worked on 1<sup>st</sup> quarter goals which include Façade and Homebuyer assistance programs. Manuals are completed and will take place in the form of a program in the second quarter of this year.
- Staff met with CICD staff to discuss the Homebuyer Ecosystem process.
- Staff are working with Public Works to create a Lead Service Line Program which will assist homeowners.
- Staff attended the Point In Time Continuum Breakfast sponsored by Dove, Homeward Bound.
- Staff meets monthly with Coalition of Neighborhood executive board to assist with capacity and organizational challenges.
- Staff continues working with the consultant, (TESKA), Thriving Communities and local partners on the Great Streets, Great Neighborhoods project.
- Staff continue working on the Clean Up Green Up program. Residents within the targeted area will receive a one-time cleanup of their yard, along with tree removal.
- Staff continues meeting with GM Square as part of community outreach for the Rt.51 project which will begin soon.
- Staff continues working with Key Strategic to develop a Workforce Development ecosystem plan for Macon County & the City of Decatur.
- Staff met with outside agencies, i.e. Dove, CoC, Homeless Advisory Council, Inner Agency All In meeting, Northeast Community Fund, SIA, Torrence Park, CONO, and various committees.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD INSPECTIONS DIVISION**

Staff continued to enforce the International Property Maintenance Code and local City Ordinances (Chapters 48, 49, 56 and 70). The Division is committed to working with the citizens of Decatur to maintain a healthy and safe environment for those living here.

See attached for a summary of the work involved during the month of March 2024.

**ATTACHMENT**

| <b>NEW CASES</b>                   |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Health & Safety (72 Hour)          | 185        |
| Direct to Legal (Repeat Offenders) | 0          |
| Housing and Unfit                  | 67         |
| No Garbage Service                 | 22         |
| Nuisance                           | 256        |
| Secure of Abandoned Buildings      | 38         |
| Weeds                              | 0          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>569</b> |

| <b>DEMOLITIONS</b>      |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Year-to-Date Demolished | 34  |
| New Cases               | 14  |
| Sent to Legal           | 5   |
| Sent to Council         | 18  |
| Out to Bid              | 36  |
| Contracts Granted       | 0   |
| Contract Amount         | 0   |
| Permits Issued          | 0   |
| Permits Finaled         | 10  |
| Active Demolitions      | 187 |

| <b>RE-INSPECTION VISITS</b> |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Code Enforcement            | 1215        |
| Weeds                       |             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>1215</b> |

| <b>GARBAGE SERVICE COMPLAINTS</b> |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Received                          | 2 |

| <b>CASES SENT TO LEGAL FOR COURT</b> |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Code Enforcement                     | 144 |
| Weeds                                | 0   |

| <b>INVOICES*</b> |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| New Invoices     | 85          |
| Dollar Amount    | \$40,743.37 |

| <b>WEED ABATEMENT</b> |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Contractor Mowed      | 0        |
| Owner Mowed           | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>0</b> |

| <b>PAYMENTS RECEIVED**</b> |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Weeds                      | 0 |

\* includes costs incurred by the City of Decatur - Health and Safety (72 hour), Securing of Abandoned Buildings and Weed Abatement

\*\* reimbursement for costs incurred by the City of Decatur for weed abatement.