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## **Local Leaders Excited about Holiday Inn & Suites Groundbreaking**

DECATUR – Today The City of Decatur, Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation and Pace Hospitality LLC will break ground on a four story, 114 room Holiday Inn and Suites with conference space and an associated Burger Theory full-service gourmet burger restaurant on what is currently a 3.55 acre unimproved site within the northern city limits of Decatur. The project would represent an investment of more than \$9 million with construction to provide 65 local construction jobs and begin in the first quarter of 2016. The construction period is expected to take 9-15 months and the hotel is expected to support fifty full-time equivalent employees once it opens.

“It is great to have another Economic Development announcement for Decatur and continued growth on Decatur’s north side” said Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe. “Strengthening our hotel cluster will attract more visitors to stay, shop, and dine in Decatur, especially with a new restaurant like Burger Theory”.

“The Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome a new Holiday Inn & Suites to Decatur, we appreciate the investment and jobs created and wish Mr. Patel and his team much success” said Mirinda Rothrock.

“The EDC is excited to be part of this important investment. This is a perfect example of how incentive programs like the Enterprise Zone can assist with retaining our employment base. Congratulations to the City of Decatur and Holiday Inn on creating a partnership that benefits all of those involved” said Ryan McCrady.

Holiday Inn’s announcement follows a hot start for 2016 of ribbon cuttings in Decatur and in projects that will improve the local quality of life. This recent growth represents only a part of what is more than \$200 million in community investment that has gotten underway in the last several years.

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