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Walmart: The High Cost of Low Price

You can watch this classic Robert Greenwald film on YouTube in 10 segments:

<http://youtu.be/bhhCjoO1TEY>

Walmart's Economic Footprint

Hunter College Center for Community Planning & Development and New York City Public Advocate, January 2010

The Effects of Wal-Mart on Local Labor Markets

Economists David Neumark of University of California, Irvine, Junfu Zhang of Clark University and Stephen M. Ciccarella, Jr. of Cornell University, July 2007

Read these & other studies at www.GoodGrowthDeKalb.org

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SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING

- **North Decatur Presbyterian Church** and co-pastors David Lewicki and Beth Waltemath for providing space for Good Growth DeKalb's meetings and community forum, ndpc.org
- **Sprig Restaurant** for tonight's delicious refreshments. Visit Sprig in the Oak Grove Shopping Center at 2860 Lavista Road, sprigrestaurant.com
- **All the volunteers** who made tonight's forum possible

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY FORUM

We're glad you're here! We hope you'll take this opportunity to share what a Walmart Supercenter at Suburban Plaza would mean to you – and your vision for a thriving shopping center that fits our community

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

February 23, 2012 · North Decatur Presbyterian Church

Welcome
Introductions
Remarks by panelists
Audience participation
Closing remarks

TONIGHT'S GUESTS

Moderator: Mike Koblentz, Northwest Community Alliance

Chairperson for 10 years of the Northwest Community Alliance, a coalition of northwest Atlanta neighborhoods, developers and businesses dedicated to smart growth

Panelist: Louise Runyon, Good Growth DeKalb

Medlock neighborhood resident for 25 years and Medlock Garden Tour founder; community activist and founding member of Good Growth DeKalb

Panelist: Donald Stack, Stack & Associates, P.C.

Donald Stack specializes in environmental and land-use law. He is conducting a legal review of the proposed development of Suburban Plaza for Good Growth DeKalb along with Martin Shelton of Scoggins and Goodman, a specialist in environmental law.

Panelist: Russell Edwards, People for a Better Athens

Leader and spokesperson for People for a Better Athens, a group opposing a Selig-Walmart in the historic city's downtown; Democratic Party of Georgia Treasurer; 2010 candidate for Congress; attorney with Henry and Edwards, LCC

GOOD GROWTH DEKALB

In December 2011, a group of people who live, work, study and play in the neighborhoods surrounding Suburban Plaza formed Good Growth DeKalb to promote healthy economic growth in our community.

Good Growth DeKalb is opposed to the 149,000-square-foot Walmart Supercenter proposed for Suburban Plaza. To accommodate a store of this size, the developer Selig Enterprises must demolish existing buildings from the mattress store to Piccadilly. Selig says it will not renew leases for some favorite stores, including Hancock Fabrics.

We believe healthier and more sustainable redevelopment is possible for Suburban Plaza. We actively seek the insight, expertise and resources of our community to help bring about good growth for all.

WHY WE ARE AGAINST THE WALMART DEVELOPMENT

- **It's in violation of the county's planning & sustainability mission statement:** *To accomplish the highest quality of life for the citizens of DeKalb County by developing neighborhood-driven plans for future development.* Information of the proposal was not shared until late fall last year, and very few residents had an opportunity for meaningful input into the development plan.
- **It will add to ambulance, car and pedestrian danger on surrounding roads:** Ambulances rushing to and between DeKalb Medical Center, Emory Hospital, Egleston Children's Hospital and the VA Hospital often are stopped at the six-way intersection. In fall 2010, the DOT calculated that more than 70,000 cars pass through this intersection daily. A thorough traffic study has not been conducted, and no entity has proposed a plan for remediation of the congestion and or the potential effects of increased (and cut-through) traffic in the area.
- **Potential flooding and other environmental concerns:** Nearby Medlock neighborhood is located "down-hill" from Suburban Plaza and has a history of flooding. No study has been conducted on the potential for additional flooding during or after the redevelopment. No other environmental studies have been carried out looking at the effects of the development on the community.
- **It will have a negative economic impact:** Studies show Walmarts contribute to loss of local businesses; low-wage jobs that drive wages down; net job losses; profits leaving the community and going back to Arkansas; and more.

TAKE ACTION WITH US

SIGN OUR PETITION

Your signature will help us exceed 1,000. Help us increase tonight!

Computers are available tonight, or you can sign anytime at:
www.change.org/petitions/say-no-to-walmart

WRITE YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Let them hear what you think about the development

Commissioner Jeff Rader: jrader@dekalbcountyga.gov
Commissioner Kathie Gannon: kgannon@dekalbcountyga.gov
DeKalb CEO Burrell Ellis: ceo@dekalbcountyga.gov
Locate others: web.co.dekalb.ga.us/voter/locator.asp

MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Donations accepted tonight. Every dollar helps!

Funds support our legal, organizing and communication efforts
By check: Good Growth DeKalb, PO Box 33721, Decatur, GA 30033
Donate online: tinyurl.com/NoWalmart-paypal

JOIN GOOD GROWTH DEKALB

Lend a hand to one of our working teams

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.
North Decatur Presbyterian Church, 611 Medlock Road, Decatur 30033

COME WITH US ON
OUR OUTREACH WALK

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 10:00 A.M.

Join us for a walk from Suburban Plaza down Church Street to Decatur Square to help raise awareness.
Bring your signs and noise makers!