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## **Complete Streets Committee Gives Fresh Perspective on Improving Downtown**

NORFOLK, Va. – (March 2019) – A partnership between the City of Norfolk Recreation, Parks and Open Space, Downtown Norfolk Council, Downtown Norfolk Civic League and area residents has energized the Downtown Complete Streets initiative. The focus of the program is to review significant areas for improvements in Downtown such as pedestrian, bikeability, automobiles and public transportation. Each area has a subcommittee that brings fresh ideas and suggestions to the Complete Streets committee that is chaired by Downtown resident and DNC Board Member Kevin Murphy.

Recent projects have included Outdoor Dining Design Guidelines to help restaurants plan and succeed in getting improvements approved. Work Program Architects and Norfolk’s Planning Department worked together to frame the guidelines, and recent projects under consideration include new outdoor dining areas on Granby Street and Tazewell Street for Luce and outdoor dining for the new Percolator community kitchen on Monticello Avenue.

“The streets and sidewalks are our front lawns,” said Murphy. “It’s important that we have the same pride in these areas as other homeowners throughout the city. Our goal is to ensure they present an attractive and welcoming impression to Downtown.”

Other projects include tackling pet waste in the dog park, traffic signal timing, alley beautification and upcoming Bike Month activities this May.

**On Saturday, March 30, volunteers will replant Downtown’s tree wells with flowers and plants from 10 am to 1 pm.** The Downtown Planting Day is made possible by donations from Lowe’s and TowneBank in addition to plants purchased by Downtown Norfolk Council. Teams will be assigned by streets: Freemason & Tazewell, Brooke Avenue and Plume & Atlantic. The rain date is Sunday, March 31 from 10 am to 1 pm. Volunteers can register [here](#).

The Downtown Norfolk Council is a private, not-for-profit membership organization comprised of businesses and individuals working toward a dynamic, attractive and prosperous Downtown. DNC also manages the Downtown Norfolk Improvement District, a 48-block special services district with enhanced services that keep Downtown friendly, safe and spotless. Connect with Downtown Norfolk on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram or visit [DowntownNorfolk.org](http://DowntownNorfolk.org). For more information or to volunteer, call 757-623-1757.

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