

From: Fred Boykin, Jr.
Date: Wed, Jun 20, 2012 at 11:53 AM
Subject: Re: Beacon School
To: "David S. Rotenstein"

Hi David,

Sorry for the delay – I finally had a chance to read your blog a few minutes ago. I see your points on other issues in Decatur that you bring to my attention, but not in this one. Or at least I can't agree with you. This location has a lot of physical issues – stormwater runoff is a big one. I'm all for protecting our history and I bemoan a lot of what's been torn down in Atlanta, but I'm in favor of this project and it does what it needs to do.

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From: [David S. Rotenstein](#)
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 8:20 AM
To: [Fred Boykin](#)
Subject: Beacon School

FYI, I thought this post on the city's proposed redevelopment of the Beacon Complex might interest you:

<http://blog.historian4hire.net/2012/06/17/beacon-redevelopment/>

This is the last intact historic African American institutional site in the city. If the plans are realized, Decatur's African American community will have no intact buildings and landscapes to appreciate their rich history. It's up to Decaturites to take the lead if there's any interest in ensuring that the City does the right thing for its African Americans and their important sacred secular sites.

Regards,

David Rotenstein