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Regina Brewer is a preservation activist and graduate student in the Heritage Preservation Program at Georgia State. Regina moved to Inman Park in 1996 with her husband Joe Castellano. Regina led Inman Park's successful effort to become a local historic district in 2002. She currently serves as the neighborhood representative on the Atlanta Urban Design Commission which hears over 50 applications every month. She is now serving as an intern for the City of Decatur's Historic Preservation Commission and serves as Vice Chair for GAPC. Regina was also the recipient of the 2005 Hubert B. Owens Merit Scholarship from the Georgia Trust. She lives in a restored American Foursquare in Inman Park with her husband and their three children.

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Monica Callahan is Planning & Community Development Director for the City of Madison. She staffs seven citizen commissions appointed to oversee a range of community planning functions - including historic preservation, downtown development, greenspace conservation, corridor management, cemetery stewardship, comprehensive planning, etc. Originally from Ashburn in Southwest Georgia, she attended Mercer University as an undergraduate and graduate school at the University of Georgia. She is a principal in Piedmont Preservation, a firm devoted to cultural resource management providing a range of preservation services through the Southeast. Through her work as both a public servant and a private consultant, Monica encourages all local planning decisions to incorporate a preservation perspective.

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Pratt Cassity is Director of the Center for Community Design & Preservation at the University of Georgia's School of Environmental Design and a faculty member who teaches graduate courses in Historic Preservation and supervises student research in several disciplines. He works extensively on public service programs in preservation, landscape design, and community planning in the United States, Croatia, Slovakia, France, and West Africa. He provides assistance to state agencies regarding community planning, design review, the Certified Local Government Program, and downtown development programs such as Main Street and the Georgia Better Hometown Program. Pratt served as Executive Director of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions for 12 years and now serves as Executive Advisor to the National Alliance and coordinates local and national preservation training through the Alliance's Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP).

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Amanda Glover is the Community Development Director for the City of Bainbridge. As a city employee, her main focus is overseeing the city's Main Street Program, which has been in existence for 15 years. She is responsible for developing the Central Business District by organizing promotional events, recruiting new property/business owners, assisting owners with appropriate building design, tracking economic development, and assisting the Downtown Development Authority. She is also the division leader over the Planning/Zoning, Building Inspections, and Neighborhood Watch/Public Information Departments. Prior to her current position, she worked with the Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce. Amanda graduated from Presbyterian College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

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Ken Kocher is a native Illinoisan who now calls Madison his home. He received a Bachelors Degree in History from the University of Illinois and completed the Master’s in Historic Preservation program at the University of Georgia. He is a founding partner of Piedmont Preservation, a historic preservation consulting firm specializing in historic resource surveys and historic district design guidelines. Past positions include Design Coordinator for Main Street Louisiana and Certified Local Government Coordinator for the State of Mississippi. In addition to his work with Piedmont Preservation, Ken serves as staff for the Monticello and Madison Historic Preservation Commissions.

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Jennifer Martin Lewis is the Certified Local Government Coordinator for the state of Georgia. As an employee of the Center for Community Design & Preservation at the University of Georgia and in conjunction with the State Historic Preservation Office, she assists Georgia communities in establishing local preservation commissions who can then protect what is significant from their past and manage future growth. Prior to her current position, Jennifer was the Design Specialist for the Better Hometown Program at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Jennifer has a Master of Historic Preservation from The University of Georgia, having completed her thesis on justifying the reuse of historic school buildings as schools.

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James K. Reap is an attorney who specializes in historic preservation issues. He has served as chair of the preservation commissions in the City of Decatur and DeKalb County and as vice chair in Athens, Georgia. His is a founding member of both the Georgia Alliance and National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. He teaches preservation law at the University of Georgia and Georgia State University and conducts preservation commission training around the country. James was one of the first two preservation planners in Georgia and served as Deputy Executive Director of the Northeast Georgia RDC. He is currently President of the Legal Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).