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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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**Richard Cloues** has worked in the state historic preservation office [Historic Preservation Division, Department of Natural Resources] for 27 years, first as architectural historian, then as the National Register program coordinator, and currently as the manager of the Survey and Register Unit. He also serves as a Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. From 1989 through 1991 he guided a major phase of the Division's "Georgia's Living Places" project that identified the major architectural styles and types of historic houses in Georgia along with different forms of historic landscapes. Richard received his Ph.D. in architectural history from Cornell University.

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**Gail D'Avino** is a board member of the Decatur Preservation Alliance. Employed by the Georgia Dept. of Transportation since 1990, she currently is the Section Chief of the National Environmental Policy Act document production staff. She previously supervised the Department's staff historians responsible for historic resource assessments and compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. In addition to overseeing the Department's covered bridge project, she also managed the Georgia Historic Bridge Inventory and Bridge Management Plan. Gail is a member and past chair of the Decatur Historic Preservation Commission. She has been a member of the Transportation Research Board's Committee on Historic and Archaeological Preservation in Transportation and also chairs the National Cooperative Highway Research Program's project panel for "Evaluating Historic Resource Significance Using Information Technology." Gail has a Ph.D. in history from Emory University.

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**Susan M. Garrett** is a Decatur attorney who practices in the areas of zoning, land use, historic preservation, and environmental law. While she is best known for representing civic associations and neighborhood organizations in opposing undesirable projects, she also does work on behalf of local governments and responsible developers throughout the state. She has litigated historic preservation matters both in federal court, under the National Historic Preservation Act, and in the state courts, under local preservation ordinances. Ms. Garrett was a member of the City of Decatur Historic Preservation Commission from 1994 to 1997, serving as chair during her last year. She taught has Historic Preservation Law at Georgia State University and is a frequent seminar speaker on zoning, land use, and preservation law matters.

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**Julia Levy** is Chair of the Decatur Preservation Alliance's Board of Directors. Julia is a graduate of Yale College with a degree in Medieval Studies. She worked as a Senior Credit Analyst at Crocker National Bank in San Francisco and later as Vice President of Product Marketing in the Equities Division of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in New York. Currently at home with her two boys who attend Winnona Park School, she has done freelance production work for Fox TV News, has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for the DeKalb Juvenile Courts, and currently works part-time as an arbitrator for the National Association of Securities Dealers. In Decatur, Julia serves on the Historic Preservation Commission, has served on the executive board of the Winnona Park PTA, and is co-Chair of the city's Task Force charged with moving and renovating Decatur's historic train depot. She won the Decatur Historic Preservation Commission's Caroline McKinney Clark award for Personal Achievement in 1999 for her work establishing a local historic district in the MAK neighborhood of Decatur.

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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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**Lyn Menne** is Assistant City Manager for Community and Economic Development for the City of Decatur. This position evolved out of her role as Executive Director of the Decatur Downtown Development Authority – a position she has held since 1983. Lyn has been an active partner in the implementation of the Decatur Town Center Plan- hailed as one of the best examples of Smart Growth planning in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Lyn received her undergraduate degree in American Studies from Queens College in Charlotte, NC and her master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Georgia. Prior to joining the Decatur staff, Lyn worked for the State Historic Preservation Office, creating their first public information and education program and served as manager for the Georgia Main Street program at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.