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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.

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).

Jennifer Forham is an Economic Development Representative for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. She serves 27 counties in southeast Georgia, assisting local governments by providing technical assistance with state and federal economic development financing. A native and lifelong resident of Statesboro, Georgia, Jennifer received both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Administration degrees from Georgia Southern University. Prior to joining DCA in 2002, Jennifer worked as the Director of Community Affairs for Bulloch County. She uses her local government experience to give her a more keen sense of the local government's perspective in a state-assisted economic development project. Jennifer has also served as an adjunct professor, teaching rural economic development to graduate students at Georgia Southern University and is a graduate of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development and Leadership Bulloch.

Ken Kocher is a native Illinoisan who now calls Monticello, Georgia, his home. Mr. Kocher received a Bachelors Degree in History from the University of Illinois and completed the Masters program in Historic Preservation at the University of Georgia. He is a founding member of Piedmont Preservation, a historic preservation consulting firm specializing in work with local historic preservation commissions including surveys, district designations, and design guidelines. Past positions of employment 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, Mr. Kocher serves as staff for the Monticello and Madison Historic Preservation Commissions.

Jennifer Martin Lewis is the Certified Local Government Coordinator for the state of Georgia. As a staff member 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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Carole Moore is the Grants Coordinator for the Historic Preservation Division. She received both her B.A. in English and M.A. in Heritage Preservation from Georgia State University, and recently returned to the work force this spring. Formerly, she worked at HPD from 1986 to 1998 as the Information/Education Coordinator, where her major responsibilities included coordinating the annual statewide preservation conference and editing a quarterly newsletter. After 1998 Carole continued to work as a part-time, special projects consultant for HPD, which included editing and designing the publication *From the Ground Up: A Preservation Plan for Georgia 2001-2006*. She currently oversees both the federal Historic Preservation Fund grant program and the Georgia Heritage grants program.

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. He 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).

Lisa Ryan came to Thomasville Landmarks in 2002 from Vermont where she completed a Masters of Science in Historic Preservation. Incorporated in 1967, Thomasville Landmarks is a non-profit historic preservation organization dedicated to protecting, preserving and promoting the heritage and architecture of the Thomas County area. Over the last several years, Landmarks has taken on exciting new projects that are of great benefit to the community. Lisa has an extensive background in events planning, volunteer coordinating and community organizing. She spent her first two years with Landmarks as the Programs Coordinator. In August of 2004, Lisa was promoted to Executive Director where she continues to promote preservation in Thomasville and Thomas County.

Duane Treadon has worked over 11 years with the City of Thomasville, the first ten as an officer with the Thomasville Police Department. His assignments have included: Uniform Patrol, Bike Patrol, Supervisor of School Resource Officer program (SRO) and Police And Community Together team (PACT). As supervisor of SRO and PACT teams, he has had many experiences and opportunities to work with citizens on the neighborhood level. Duane has worked with citizens as a team to identify quality of life issues and has developed and implemented action plans addressing these issues. Last year Duane transferred to the City's Planning Dept. as Zoning Administrator and Housing Coordinator. He currently serves as the city's Director of Neighborhood and Housing Development.

Caroline Wright holds a Bachelors of Architecture, a Masters of Architecture and a Certificate in Preservation Studies from the School of Architecture at Tulane University in New Orleans. Caroline has participated on HABS documentation teams in Philadelphia and Louisiana and worked as an Architectural Intern at Cane River Creole National Historical Park in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Caroline has been one of the Historic Preservation Division's Architectural Reviewers since late 2002, covering programmatic reviews for western and some central portions of Georgia.