

**Speaker Bio
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Megan Brown works as the Certified Local Government National Coordinator within the State, Tribal, Local Plans and Grants Division of the National Park Service in Washington, DC. She works with over 1900 communities certified as having a commitment to preservation in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Offices in all 50 states. Through partnerships and the allocation of Historic Preservation Fund grants to local communities, Megan helps local preservationists take on projects to engage and save their communities. In addition she manages grants from the Historic Preservation Fund, including: Save Americas Treasures, Preserve America and annual funding to fifteen State Historic Preservation Offices. Before joining NPS ten years ago, Megan worked in the Southwest Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in Fort Worth, Texas, and the State Historic Preservation Office in South Carolina where she managed the State grant and Federal Tax Incentive programs. Her education includes a bachelor in architecture from Auburn University and master in historic preservation from the University of South Carolina. She is an avid equestrian and enjoys time and travel with her family, horses, and friends. Contact: Megan Brown, National Park Service, Certified Local Government Program National Coordinator State, Tribal, Local Plans and Grants Division, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St NW (2256), Washington DC 20005. Phone: 202-354-2062. Email: megan_brown@nps.gov, www.nps.gov/clg

Monica Callahan brings practical experience from her public work with the City of Madison and her private work as a partner with Piedmont Preservation, a family firm providing preservation planning services throughout the Southeast. As a public servant, Monica directs comprehensive planning and community development. She advocates context-based planning policy, specifically leveraging historic and natural resources with community vision to make quality growth a reality. Her department implements the work programs of eight civic boards – from design review to greenspace conservation – as well as planning and development boards. She also serves as the Executive Director for the downtown development / urban redevelopment authority, working in concert with Madison Main Street, and manages two related 501c3s. Monica has crafted custom ordinances, master plans, and catalyst projects. Of note the most recent is Madison Town Park, where public green infrastructure stimulated extensive private investment, yielding a tax base increase of 914%. Her newest challenge is implementation of two new public policy documents – an Urban Redevelopment Plan, guiding the renewal of 400 acres to extend downtown success into adjacent areas of disinvestment, and a Transfer of Development Rights Ordinance, creating a win-win for greenspace and growth. **Contact:** Monica H. Callahan, Planning Director, City of Madison, Main Street & Planning, 132 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 32, Madison, Georgia 30650. Phone: 706-342-1251x207. Email: MHCallahan@madisonga.com.

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Lisa Craig is the Chief of Historic Preservation, Director of Main Streets, Annapolis Partnership. As head of the City's Historic Preservation Division, Ms. Craig is responsible for ensuring the program's compliance with state and federal preservation standards and regulations including the federal/state Certified Local Government program. She serves as the principle liaison between the Historic Preservation Commission and the City and property owners and/or developers for all development projects in the historic district, including City and State capital projects. She is responsible for historic research, design review, ensuring procedural due process, providing training for commissioners and representing preservation in Annapolis at the state and national level. As lead staff for the City's certified Main Street program, she serves as staff liaison and support to the Main Streets Annapolis Partnership (MAP). She coordinates meeting activities and programming for five Main Street Committees and the MAP Board of Directors. Lisa graduated with a B.F.A. in Historic Preservation from the Savannah College of Art & Design and attended the University of Oregon where she completed Master's coursework in Historic Preservation. She currently lives in Anne Arundel County, Maryland and serves on the board of the Rotary Club of Annapolis, Preservation Action and the National Association of Preservation Commissions. Contact: Lisa Craig, 145 Gorman St. 3rd Floor, Annapolis, MD 21401. Phone: 410-263-7941. Email: lmcraig@annapolis.gov.

Jim Gabbert is a historian with the National Register of Historic Places program, a position he has held since 2007. Prior to coming to the National Park Service, Jim served as the architectural historian for the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office, where he was involved in many program areas, including the National Register, Survey and Inventory, and Section 106 programs. He began his preservation career in the non-profit arena, working for the statewide non-profit Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (now Indiana Landmarks). Jim has an MS in Historic Preservation from Eastern Michigan University, and graduated from Indiana University with majors in history and geography. He has specialized in identification, evaluation, and documentation of historic resources throughout his career. Contact: Jim Gabbert, Phone: 202-354-2275. Email: james_gabbert@nps.gov.

Ken Kocher is a native Illinoisan who now calls Madison, Georgia his home. Mr. Kocher received a bachelor degree in History from the University of Illinois and completed the master's program in Historic Preservation at the University of Georgia. After graduate school he began his preservation career as the Design Coordinator for Main Street Louisiana and then served as Certified Local Government Coordinator for the State of Mississippi. Thereafter, Ken returned to Georgia where he helped found Piedmont Preservation, a historic preservation consulting firm. Ken's work with Piedmont focused on local historic preservation commissions including surveys, district designations, design guidelines, and design review assistance. While still consulting on a limited basis, Mr. Kocher is now in the employ of Madison, Georgia where, as the Design & Information Officer, his duties include overseeing the Madison's Historic Preservation program. **Contact:** Ken Kocher, City of Madison, PO Box 32, Madison, GA 30650, Phone: 706-342-1251 x225. Email: kkocher@madisonga.com

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