



Georgia Initiative for
Community Housing

2023 Spring GICH Retreat

MARCH 14-16 , 2023

CARTERSVILLE, GA

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CONFERENCE CENTER**



2023 GICH Facilitator Pairings

Facilitators	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Work Session Rooms
Malik Watkins, UGA CVIOG Jermaine Durham, UGA	Gwinnett County			Connesena
Craig McLean	Chamblee			Pine Log
Patrick Vickers, DCA	Canton			Stilesboro I
Corinne Thornton	Villa Rica			Stilesboro II
Natalie Bradley	Montezuma			Stilesboro III
Tonya Mole, DCA		Baldwin County		Connesena
Samantha Bishop/Annaka Woodruff		Chattooga		Pine Log
Austin Chancy, DCA		Gilmer County/Ellijay		Stilesboro I
Tina Hutcheson, DCA		Rabun County		Stilesboro II
Tracey Sanchez, DCA		Towns County		Stilesboro III
Sharron Liggett, UGA Archway			Blakely	Connesena
Kathy Papa, DCA			Calhoun	Pine Log
Beth Evanson			Covington	Stilesboro I
John Van Brunt/Jermaine Durham			East point	Stilesboro II
Shar'ron Russell, Georgia Power			Jonesboro	Stilesboro III

Tuesday, March 14th		
Time	Freshmen	Alumni
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Check-In	
1:00 – 1:10 pm	Welcome to the GICH 2023 Spring Retreat Jermaine Durham, Director of Georgia Initiative for Community Housing <i>Carter Hall</i>	
1:10 – 2:10pm	Work Session with Facilitator	No Session
2:15 – 3:45pm	CDBG & CHIP DaTonya Lewis, DCA Malisa Thompson, DCA <i>Carter Hall</i>	CDBG & CHIP
3:45 – 4:00pm	Break	
4:00 – 5:00pm	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Melissa Florkowski, DCA <i>Carter Hall</i>	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
5:00 – 6pm	Work Session with Facilitator	No Session
	Dinner on Your Own	

Wednesday, March 15th

Time / Location	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Alumni
7:00 – 8:00 am	Check-In			
8:00 – 8:15 am	Welcome to the GICH 2023 Spring Retreat in Cartersville Jermaine Durham, Director of GICH Matt Santini, Mayor of Cartersville <i>Carter Hall</i>			
8:15 – 9:15 am	Alumni Reports Monica Callahan, City of Madison <i>Carter Hall</i>			
9:20 – 9:35 am	Break (15 minutes)			
9:35 – 10:45 am	Sophomore Reports <i>Carter Hall</i>			
10:50 – 11:50 am	Work Session with Facilitator	Policy Strategies for Short-term Rental Housing Craig McLean, DCA <i>Carter Hall</i>	Components of Neighborhood Revitalization Nate Crawford, DASH LaGrange Sam Craig, DASH LaGrange <i>Etowah 4</i>	Content Session Choice
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Speaker: Anisa Zvonkovic, Dean of the College of Family & Consumer Sciences, UGA <i>Etowah 3 – 4</i>			
1:10 – 2:15 pm	Junior Reports <i>Carter Hall</i>			
2:20 – 3:20 pm	Housing 101 Matt Forshee, Georgia Power <i>Carter Hall</i>	Work Session with Facilitator	Financing Housing Development: Tools for Local Government Rick Parker, Athens Housing Authority <i>Etowah 4</i>	Content Session Choice
3:20 – 3:30 pm	Break & Refreshments			
3:30 – 4:30 pm	HOME ARP Fund for Homelessness Kelly Evans, DCA <i>Carter Hall</i>			
4:30 – 5:30 pm	The Reparative Potential of Land Banking in Community Development Odetta MacLeish-White, Center for Community Progress <i>Carter Hall</i>			
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Networking Reception <i>Courtyard by Marriot</i>			

Thursday, March 16 th			
Time / Location	Sophomores	Juniors	Alumni
8:00 – 9:00 am	Work Session with Facilitator	State Law Tools for Code Enforcement Brandon Bowen, Jenkins, Bowen & Walker P.C. <i>Carter Hall</i>	State Law Tools for Code Enforcement Brandon Bowen, Jenkins, Bowen & Walker P.C. <i>Carter Hall</i>
9:05 -10:05 am	Addressing Heirs Property Tiffany Reed & Alan McNabb, Georgia Heirs Property Law Center <i>Carter Hall</i>	Work Session with Facilitator	Alumni Certification Craig McLean, DCA <i>Etowah 4</i>
10:05 – 10:20 am	Break & Refreshments		
10:20 – 11:20 am	Work Session with Facilitator	Housing Choices for Your Community Will Johnston, MicroLife Institute <i>Carter Hall</i>	Alumni Feedback Session Dr. Jermaine Durham, GICH <i>Etowah 4</i>
11:25 – 12:30 pm	Strategies for Missing Middle Housing Sara Beresford, Athens Land Trust <i>Carter Hall</i>	Work Session with Facilitator	Alumni Advisory Committee Mandy Young, City of Americus <i>Etowah 4</i>
Adjourn			

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