

GICH Technical Experts & Speakers

Topic	Name	Title	Organization	Phone Number	Email
Best Practices in Neighborhood Revitalization					
	Tami Babb	Housing Code Official	Peachtree City	770.487.8901	tbabb@peachtree-city.org
	Heather Benham	Housing Director	Athens Land Trust	706.613.0122	heather@athenslandtrust.org
	Monica Callahan	Downtown Development Authority Manager	City of Madison	706.342.1251 x207	mhcallahan@madisonga.com
	Martin Fretty	Department of Housing Director	City of Savannah	912-651-6926	Martin_Fretty@SavannahGa.Gov
	Spencer Frye	Executive Director	Athens Area Habitat for Humanity	706.208.1001	spencer@athenshabitat.com
	Kirby Glaze	President	Public-Private Partnership Management, Inc. (4 PM) Community Development Partners, Inc.	770.472.4024	kglaze@4pmcdp.com
	Cynthia Harrison	Community Initiatives Coordinator	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.502.6176	cynthia.harrison@dca.ga.gov
	Ray Henderson	Housing Coordinator	Tift County	229.386.6786	rhenderson@tiftcounty.org
	Cam Jordan	Community Development Director	City of Fitzgerald	229.426.5060	camjordan@mchsi.com
	Rick Parker	Executive Director	Athens Housing Authority	706.425.5300	parker@athenshousing.org
	Mara Register	Assistant to the City Manager	City of Valdosta	229.259.3571	register@valdostacity.com
	Cathy Smith	Assistant Director	DASH of LaGrange	706.298.2413	csmith@dashlagrange.org



GICH Technical Experts & Speakers

	Don Watt	Office of Special Initiatives Director	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.0660	don.watt@dca.ga.gov
	Brian Williamson	Assistant Commissioner CDFD	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.1587	brian.williamson@dca.ga.gov
Building Community Support					
	Linda Harris	Assistant Director, Community & Economic Development	City of Decatur	678.553.6512	linda.harris@decaturga.com
	Cam Jordan	Community Development Director	City of Fitzgerald	229.426.5060	camjordan@mchsi.com
	JoAnne Lewis	President	Douglas Coffee County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority	912.384.1873	jlewis@douglasga.org
	Dianne Tate	Mayor Pro-Tem	City of Cartersville	770.386.7944	ddjbtate@aol.com
	Joe Whorton	Associate Professor and Director, The Fanning Institute	University of Georgia	706.542.7553	jwhorton@uga.edu
Code Enforcement					
	Mike Ashley	Director of Inspections	City of Rome/Floyd County	706.236.4481	mashley@romega.us
	Charlie Bethel	Human Resources Executive	J&J/Invision	706.529.2100	Charlie.Bethel@jjindustries.com
	Brandon Bowen	Attorney	Jenkins & Olson, P.C.	770.387.1373	blbowen@hotmail.com
	Howard Gibson	Building Official	City of Rome	706.236.4488	howardgibson@romega.us



GICH Technical Experts & Speakers

	Frank Jenkins	Attorney	Jenkins & Olson, P.C.	770.387.1373	fjenkins@jnlaw.com
	Alton West	Director of Community Development	City of LaGrange	706.883.2021	awest@lagrange-ga.org
Community Development Tax Incentives - Blighted Property					
	Nathan Davis	City Attorney	City of Albany	229.431.2805	
	Frederick Gardiner	Planning Director	City of Griffin	770.233.4130	fgardiner@cityofgriffin.com
	Mike Tilson	Code Enforcement Director	City of Albany	229.438.3913	mtilson@dougherty.ga.us
Financial Literacy/ Homebuyer Education					
	Jorge Atilas	Associate Dean, Extension and Engagement, Professor of Housing	Oklahoma State University	405.744.6280	Jorge.atilas.okstate.edu
	Brenda Cude	Professor	Department of Housing and Consumer Economics, UGA	706.542.4857	bcude@uga.edu
	Renee Dotson	Gilmer County Extension Coordinator and Family and Consumer Sciences Agent	Gilmer Co Extension Office	706.635.4426	rdotson@uga.edu
	Patrice Duncan	Senior Vice President	D & E Group	770.961.6900	pduncan@depower.org
	Janet Tisdol	Housing Counselor	Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone	229.268.7592 ext 257	jtisdol@sowega.net



GICH Technical Experts & Speakers

Financial Resources for Affordable Housing					
	Phil Foil	Deputy Commissioner	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.4912	phil.foil@dca.ga.gov
	Michelle Lewis	Manager	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.0659	michelle.lewis@dca.ga.gov
	Ken Phillips	Appraiser, Single Family Housing	USDA Rural Development	706.546.2169	ken.phillips@ga.usda.gov
	Ron Ross	Homeownership Marketing Coordinator	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.4940	ron.ross@dca.ga.gov
	Fenice Taylor	Manager Affordable Housing Development-Tax Credit	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.0647	fenice.taylor@dca.ga.gov
Land Banking					
	Frank Alexander	Professor of Law	Emory University School of Law	404.727.6982	frank.alexander@emory.edu
	Bruce Gerwig	Special Programs Director	Macon Housing Authority	478.752.5000	bgerwig@maconhousing.com
	Mara Register	Assistant to the City Manager	City of Valdosta	229.259.3571	register@valdostacity.com
	Alison Souther	Executive Director	Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority	478.741.9005	asouther@maconhousing.com
New Designs for Affordable Housing					
	Ed Akins, II	AIA, LEED AP	Smith Dalia Architect, LLC	404.892.2443	eakins@smithdalia.com
	Ashley Edwards	Deputy Director Recovery and Renewal	Office of Governor Haley Barbour	228.223.1423	aedwards@governor.state.ms.us
	Eleanor Smith	Director	Concrete Change	404.378.7455	concretechange@mindspring.com



GICH Technical Experts & Speakers

Planning for Team Sustainability					
	Sayge Medlin	Director of Community Support and Information	Georgia Family Connection Partnership	706.338.4201	sayge@gafcp.org
	Gaye Smith	Executive Director	Georgia Family Connection Partnership	404.527.7394	gaye@gafcp.org
	Mary Willoughby	Owner	Willoughby & Crane Consulting	912.441.4395	mcwilloughby@bellsouth.net
Sustainable Communities					
	Jennifer Adams	Construction Manager	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.0596	jennifer.adams@dca.ga.gov
	Susan Kidd	Senior Vice President	The Georgia Conservancy	404.876.2900	skidd@gaconservancy.org
	Scott Lee	Manager of Affordable Housing Initiatives	Southface	404.604.3587	scott@southface.org
	Chrissy Marlowe	Governmental Training, Education and Development	Carl Vinson Institute of Government, UGA	706.542.9528	marlowe@cviog.uga.edu
	Dorothy McDaniel	Field Representative	The Georgia Conservancy	404.876.2900	dmcdaniel@gaconservancy.org
	Robert Reed	Sustainable Cities Program Manager	Southface, Inc	404.604.3646	rreed@southface.org
	Annaka Woodruff	Local Government Assistance Division - Communications Manager	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	706.583.2729	annaka.woodruff@dca.ga.gov



GICH Technical Experts & Speakers

Understanding the Housing Market					
	Andrew Carswell	Assistant Professor	Housing and Consumer Economics, UGA	706.542.4867	carswell@fcs.uga.edu
	Marshall Crawford, Jr.	Management Consultant Partnership and Growth	NeighborWorks America	404.526.1273	mcrawford@nw.org
	Dave Dixon	Executive Vice President	NorSouth Companies	770.850.8280	dave@norsouth.com
	Cal Evans, Jr.	Regional Appraiser	Synovus Regional Credit	706.425.3444	calvinevans@athensfirstbank.com
	Karen Leone de Nie	Research Manager, Community & Economic Development	Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta	404.498.7373	Karen.leonedenie@atl.frb.org
	Barbara Reddick	Senior Planner	Southwest Georgia RC	229.522.3558	breddick@swgrdc.org
	Tom Rodgers	Associate Director of Housing	HDRC, University of Georgia	706.542.4161	rodgers@fcs.uga.edu
	Mickie Williams	Builder/Developer	Georgia Housing Consultants	770.775.9944	georgiahousing@yahoo.com
Using the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program					
	David Bartlett	Senior Tax Credit Underwriter	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.0616	david.bartlett@dca.ga.gov
	Jerry Braden	Developer	The Braden Group	706.857.1414	
	Mitchell Davenport	Development Specialist	The Gateway Companies	251.404.1225	mdavenport@gatewaymgt.com
	Gary Hall	Developer	Hall Housing Investment	334.794.2678	ghall@hallhousing.net



GICH Technical Experts & Speakers

Vision					
	Hattie Dorsey		HBDorsey & Associates. LLC	404.589.1381	hbdorsey@yahoo.com
	John Hiscox	Executive Director	Macon Housing Authority	478.752.5000	jhiscox@maconhousing.com
	Otis Johnson	Mayor	City of Savannah	912.651.6444	otis_johnson@savannahga.gov
	John Stumbo	Mayor	City of Fort Valley	478.825.8261	jstumbo@fortvalleyusa.com
	Bob Young	Regional Director, Atlanta Office	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	404.331.5001	Bob_Young@hud.gov
Working with Volunteer Programs					
	Robert Bird	Coordinator	Hands On Wayne - City of Jesup	912.427.1313	rbird@jesupga.gov
	Connie Cooper	Chief Service Officer	City of Savannah	912.525.3100	ccooper01@savannahga.gov
	Richard Joyner	Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator	City of Valdosta	229.259.3534	rjoyner@valdostacity.com
	Joy Moten- Thomas	Director of the Public Service Center	Fort Valley State University	478.825.6060	thomasb@fvsu.edu
	Laurie Nichols	Chief Executive Officer	Hands On Georgia	404.979.2727	lnichols@handsongeorgia.org
	Debra Rollins	Executive Director	Rebuilding Macon, Inc.	478.744.9808	debra@rebuildingmacon.org
	John Turner	Americorps Director	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.327.6846	john.turner@dca.ga.gov
	Glenn Misner	Office Director	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.3138	glenn.misner@dca.ga.gov
	Pam Turner	Assistant Professor & Housing Specialist	Department of Housing and Consumer Economics, UGA	706.542.9165	pturner@uga.edu



GICH Technical Experts & Speakers

Other Special Topics					
Asset Mapping	Jon Abercrombie	Director	Common Focus	404.226.5032	abie@commonfocus.org
Understanding the Latino Community	Jorge Atilas	Associate Dean, Extension and Engagement, Professor of Housing	Oklahoma State University	405.744.6280	Jorge.atilas.okstate.edu
	Frank Hooper	Police Chief	City of Gainesville	770.534.5252	police@gainesville.org
Regulatory Barriers	A. Byrant Applegate	Senior Counsel, CPD and Director ACCI	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		
Keep America Beautiful	Judy Bowles	Executive Director	Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful	229.430.5257	jbowles@dougherty.ga.us
Advice from previous GICH communities	Angela Castellow	City Council Member	City of Moultrie	229.985.2627	uwcolquitt@moultriega.net
Housing Policy Update	Carmen Chubb	Assistant Commissioner for Housing	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.0607	carmen.chubb@dca.ga.gov
Keep America Beautiful	Lynn Cobb	Manager	DCA - Keep America Beautiful	404.679.4910	lynn.cobb@dca.ga.gov
New Perspectives on Nonprofit Housing Developers	Kelly Cooney	Housing Specialist	Housing Assistance Council	404.892.4824	kelly@ruralhome.org
	Kate Little	President & CEO	Georgia State Trade Association for Non-profit Developers	404.526.1260	ksl1@gstand.org



GICH Technical Experts & Speakers

Resident Involvement Program	Tyrone Daughtry	Community Planning & Development	City of Savannah	912.651.3685	tyrone_daughtry@savannahga.gov
	Taffanye Young	Community Planning & Development Director	City of Savannah	912.651.6520	tyoung@savannahga.gov
Using Google Earth as a Poor Man's GIS: Concepts to Help Accelerate Your Housing Initiatives	Jeff DeWitt	GIS Administrator, Economic Development	Georgia Power	404.506.4054	jldewitt@southernco.com
Liberty County Clean and Beautiful	Jennifer Flournoy	Affiliate	Liberty County Clean and Beautiful	912.368.4888	Jennifer.Flournoy@libertycountyga.com
Talk of the Town: Letting Everyone in on Your Achievements	Amy Henderson	Public Information Manager	Georgia Municipal Association	678.686.6226	ahenderson@gmanet.com
Modular Housing	Edward Kessie	Architectural Consultant	Georgia Department of Community Affairs	404.679.4998	ekessie@dca.state.ga.us
Homeless Count	Jane Massey	Principle	Massey Consulting	770.632.7872	jmassey@mindspring.com
Eminent Domain Legislative Update	Susan Pruett	General Counsel	Georgia Municipal Association	404.688.0472	spruett@gmanet.com

