

A COMMUNITY FORUM:
AVONDALE'S OPPORTUNITY: SMART INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

The Tale of Two (Vibrant) Cities: What They Did That Avondale Can Do

Wednesday, April 13
Avondale Community Club
7:00 - 9:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Please join us for an informative evening with revitalization experts **Lyn Menne** and **Monica Callahan**. They will share how the cities of Decatur and Madison each used investment in infrastructure to create purposeful, profound and sustainable change.

Meet the experts:

Lyn Menne is assistant city manager for community and economic development for Decatur, Georgia. This position evolved out of her role as executive director of the Decatur Downtown Development Authority - a position she has held since 1983. Her work with the city of Decatur is as much about nurturing Decatur's unique character as it is about developing physical buildings.

Over the last 30+ years, Decatur has purposefully coupled their forward thinking vision for a walkable downtown with infrastructure investment. The result is an economically thriving and walkable destination for live, work and play. In 2013, Georgia Trend declared, "The city of Decatur could give a clinic on downtown revitalization."

Monica Callahan is planning director for the city of Madison, Georgia. As such, she coordinates comprehensive planning and community development, manages a variety of volunteer public service boards and implements defined quality growth objectives. Monica is also executive director for the Downtown Development Authority of Madison which administers downtown revitalization and urban redevelopment programs.

"Madison's tourism industry is thriving, thanks to the preservation of historic downtown and residential neighborhoods, the conservation of the tree canopy and greenspaces, and the development of beautiful and useful public spaces. Thanks to innovative tools and active civic commissions working together, Madison has become a leader in sustainable development."¹

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¹ Planning.org, *Protect and Prosper: A Case Study of Madison, Georgia*