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Jackie Deibel currently works as a planner with the City of Roswell, a 2016 PlanFirst community. She began working with the City in 1998, following a 2-year stint with the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission. She holds a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Akron. During her time at the City of Roswell, Jackie has worked on 3 comprehensive plans- 2025, 2030 and 2035, which was just completed.

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Teresa works with regions 7, 9, 11 and 12, in the South East portion of the state, serving as the local point of contact for DCA's Housing programs. Among the programs represented are: the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH), Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP), GA Dream Down Payment Assistance, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Georgia Housing Search rental locator, HomeSafe Georgia mortgage assistance, Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), and Project Homeless Connect.

Prior to joining the DCA Housing Division, Teresa worked as DCA's region 12 representative, in the DCA Office of Planning, and with the Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia. Teresa earned a master's degree in International Studies from Loyola University Chicago, an MPA from Georgia Southern University, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

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Sidney Douse is a Senior Planner with the DeKalb County Department of Planning and Sustainability with over 13 years of experience in planning. Sidney specializes in land use, GIS and public involvement. Since starting at DeKalb County in 2005, he has worked on the development and implementation of the 20025 Comprehensive Plan, conducted urban design overlay reviews, completed land use and zoning case analysis and served as a project manager

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for several small area studies. Mr. Douse received his MA in City Planning from Georgia Tech and a BA in Urban Studies from Morehouse College. He currently serves on the Georgia Planning Association Board of Directors as well as being the Planning Officials Development Officer.

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Brian Johnson has been with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs since 2014 serving as the Director of Planning and Environmental Management. Prior to joining DCA Brian was the Deputy Director for the Senate Research Office at the State Capitol and practiced law in Gwinnett County. Brian holds degrees from Young Harris College, the University of Georgia and Mercer Law School. Brian lives in Marietta with his spouse and six children. Yes, you read that correctly: six children.

Bill Ross

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William F. (Bill) Ross, President of Atlanta-based ROSS+associates, has over forty years of planning experience and carries unique credentials in the areas of zoning and land development regulation, comprehensive planning, socio-economic analysis and forecasting, and infrastructure financing. During his career, Mr. Ross has worked in both the public and private sector, including with the Fulton County Planning Department, served as the Director of Development for Gwinnett County and as a vice-president with Post Properties, Inc. in Atlanta.

Mr. Ross has used his extensive experience to provide training for elected officials and appointed citizen planning commissions and boards, and often makes presentations related to comprehensive planning, land development regulation and infrastructure financing at workshops and conferences of the Georgia Planning Association and Georgia Association of Zoning Administrators. Mr. Ross has been actively involved with the advancement of planning in Georgia through the Georgia Planning Association, including two terms as President of the organization (which included creation of the Community Planning Institute program). Mr. Ross served as the Founding President of GPA's Georgia Planning Memorial Foundation, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to the professional development of Georgia's professional and citizen planners, and is currently its Vice President.

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Jim Summerbell, AICP, is a Planning Consultant with Jacobs Engineering and is the President-Elect of the Georgia Planning Association. He has over 30 years of experience in both the public and private sectors preparing Master Plans, Livable Centers Initiatives, Land Development Regulations and Comprehensive Plans for local governments. Before joining Jacobs, Jim worked for with the Gwinnett County Planning and Department as the Manager of Long Range Planning. He earned a Master of City Planning degree from Georgia Institute of Technology, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rhodes College.

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Porterdale's Village Manager for over six years, **Bob Thomson** has been instrumental in locating over \$700,000 in grant and private funding for projects such as recreational trails, a new kayak launch, acquisition of green space, and disc golf. Three new Pocket Parks have been built on unused city land, and a \$980,000 re-purposed historic gymnasium concert and wedding venue was completed in late 2013. The project received an Excellence in Preservation award from the Georgia Trust in 2014. Bob is a graduate of Wofford College, and earned an MPA at University of Tennessee a long time ago. He is married to Dori Stiles, and they have a blended family with four grown children. The State Historic Preservation Division approved their rehabbed Porterdale mill cottage for an historic tax credit in 2013. Dori and Bob enjoy paddling on the Yellow River in Porterdale and traveling.

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Jon West works for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mr. West is the State's primary liaison when coordinating with local governments on issues of community planning, growth management, and development regulation. Additionally, Jon manages Georgia's Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) program, the State's mechanism for assessing/mitigating adverse consequences of developments whose impacts are anticipated to

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extend beyond the boundaries of individual jurisdictions. He coordinates the Department's processes for review of comprehensive plans, capital improvement plans, and service delivery plans from every local government in the state. He has designed training and made presentations on a variety of topics to groups including the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, the Georgia Municipal Association, the Carl Vinson Institute for Government, the Georgia Academy for Economic Development, the Georgia Planning Association, the International Council of Shopping Centers, the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions, and local governments throughout Georgia.

Prior to working with the Department, Mr. West co-founded *Larkin, Holland, Thompson, & West*, a boutique consultancy which specialized in providing community planning and development services to small, rural communities throughout the South. More recently, he has consulted on a number of post-Katrina planning and redevelopment projects on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Mr. West currently sits on the DeKalb County Planning Commission and volunteers with the Disaster Services Division of the American Red Cross.

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Adriane Wood is a senior planner with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Office of Planning and Environmental Management. Her responsibilities include overseeing the development and implementation of the Department's PlanFirst program, maintenance of the Department's list of Georgia planning success stories and best practices, as well as the Community Planning Institute workshops for Water, Planning and Zoning, and Hazard Mitigation. Ms. Wood has been with the Department for 18 years.

Before working for the Office of Planning and Environmental Management, Adriane managed DCA's Region 6 Office of Regional Services. Prior to that, she was planning director for the Middle GA RDC, as well as serving as regional preservation planner for that regional development center for 14 years. Adriane graduated from Wesleyan College and the University of Georgia.