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Liz Mathis, Director  
City of Flagler Beach Human Resources Department  
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Re: Manager Position for the City of Flagler Beach

I would like to express my sincere interest in the City Manager position with the City of Flagler Beach as I believe my academic training and professional experience are well-suited to the position's responsibilities and essential job functions (resume enclosed).

Having managed community development issues for the past 27 years, I understand that success is often incremental and requires thoughtful attention and communication between elected officials and professional staff, between public and private agencies, between businesses, developers and community groups, and between established residents and visitors.

My varied experiences in Athens have enabled me to develop a skill set capable of managing community service delivery with varying levels of staffing, citizen involvement, and resources - while navigating the unique challenges of responsive governance. All of these efforts are tempered with good humor and a thorough awareness of the legal, political, and practical realities of each situation. I firmly believe that sustained community progress requires a balance of patience, preparation, and prudence, without sacrificing the ability to act quickly in the best interests of the community when opportunities present themselves.

After many years of visiting the Flagler Beach area, my family has targeted the historic A1A corridor for the next chapter in our lives. This is an exciting opportunity to advance my career in service to a community that I am passionate about, and I appreciate the chance to be considered for this position.

Respectfully submitted,



W.R. Bruce Lonnee, AICP

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## CAREER SUMMARY

- ◆ 27 years of municipal government experience dedicated to innovative and responsive policy creation and implementation within the field of community growth management.
- ◆ Public speaking, teaching, and facilitation skills for diverse professional and general audiences.
- ◆ Proven ability to recruit and retain quality personnel, and build productive team work environments.
- ◆ Comfortable managing multiple project teams while meeting challenging deadlines.

## CORE PROFICIENCIES

Infrastructure and resource management; Community-based decision-making; Inter-agency coordination; Municipal budgeting; Community planning theory & practice; Database management & analysis; State & local public policy.

## EDUCATION

<b>Master of Historic Preservation</b> <i>The University of Georgia; Athens, Georgia</i>	<b>August 1999</b>
<b>Master of Urban Planning</b> <i>University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee; Milwaukee, Wisconsin</i>	<b>May 1995</b>
<b>Graduate Certificate, Center for Social and Political Studies</b> <i>Moscow State University; Moscow, Russia</i>	<b>August 1992</b>
<b>Honors B.A. in History and Political Science</b> <i>McMaster University; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada</i>	<b>June 1992</b>

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Planning Director,** **March 2005 – Present**  
*Athens-Clarke County Planning Department; Athens, Georgia*

- ◆ Prepare annual \$400,000 capital program budget and \$1.2 million departmental operating budget.
- ◆ Oversee the Planning Department's daily operations conducted by 18 full-time staff; directly supervise 7 full-time employees (two Division Administrators, two Planner IIIs, a Planner II, and two Planning Technicians).
- ◆ Coordinate weekly inter-agency reviews of development projects with as many as 34 staff in eight other departments of the Unified Government and communicate routinely with local, state and federal agencies, and electric, gas, and telecommunication utility providers.
- ◆ Prepare Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) and Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for special projects; coordinate project management with consultants; write grants to augment local funding.
- ◆ Primary liaison with local code enforcement including Building Inspections, Fire Marshal, and Solid Waste.
- ◆ Served as Chair of the Athens-Clarke County Greenspace Acquisition Program User Group (2001-2012); administered over \$2 million in property acquisition funds from the Athens-Clarke County SPLOST program.
- ◆ Evaluate and analyze zoning, subdivision and building permit data; create trend summary reports.
- ◆ Responsible for organizing Census 2010 and Census 2020 efforts for Athens-Clarke County.

**Senior Planner, Long Range Planning Division,** January 1999 – March 2005  
*Athens-Clarke County Planning Department; Athens, Georgia*

- ◆ Coordinated all long range land use planning efforts for the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.
- ◆ Supervised a division of four employees (two Planner III's, a Planner II, and a Planner I).
- ◆ Project Manager and principal author of the *Comprehensive Plan for Athens-Clarke County and the City of Winterville, Georgia (1999; amended 2000)*.
- ◆ Project Manager for the preparation of the 2000 Athens-Clarke County Zoning Ordinance and Development Standards for Athens-Clarke County, and the development of the revised Official Zoning Map.
- ◆ Principal author of the *Athens-Clarke County Community Greenspace Plan*, adopted in 2000.
- ◆ Responsible for organizing Census 2000 efforts for Athens-Clarke County.
- ◆ Chairman of Mayor-appointed citizen/staff committees studying the following issues: conservation subdivision standards; multi-family housing standards; manufactured housing standards.
- ◆ Coordinated the preparation of the *Athens-Clarke County Transferable Development Rights Feasibility Study*.

**Assistant Comprehensive Planner, Long Range Planning Division,** April 1998 – January 1999  
*Athens-Clarke County Planning Department; Athens, Georgia*

**Preservation Planning Research Assistant, Local Planning Division,** September 1996 - January 1998  
*Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center; Athens, Georgia*

**CDBG Project Director, Sherman Park Economic Development Initiative** February 1995 - August 1996  
*Sherman Park Community Association; Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

**Urban Planner, City of Greenfield, Wisconsin** October 1993 - February 1995

## GRANTS and AWARDS

**PL 112 Transportation Planning Grant**, awarded annually by GDOT to the Madison-Athens-Clarke-Oconee Regional Transportation Study administered by the Athens-Clarke County Planning Dept., \$530,532 FY19.

**Most Innovative Planning Process**, Georgia Planning Association; 1999 and 2018.

**GLCP Grant**, Georgia Land Conservation Program; Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority. \$77,750 (2008).

**Quality Growth Grant**, Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Transferable Development Rights Feasibility Study, \$20,000 (2003).

**Georgia Greenspace Trust Fund Grants**, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources. Combined disbursements totaling \$728,000 (2000-01).

**Community Development Block Grants**, City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Neighborhood Economic Development Grant, \$78,000 (1995-97).

**Community-Based Economic Development Grants**, State of Wisconsin Department of Economic Development. Neighborhood Commercial District Organizing and Promotion Grant, \$105,000 (1995-97).

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

**Adjunct Professor.** “*Justice, Ethics, and Professional Practice*” (PLAN 6124). Master of Urban Planning and Design (MUPD) program; University of Georgia College of Environment and Design. Fall 2016 – Present.

**Guest Lecturer.** Invited to lecture on community development topics before various undergraduate and graduate classes within the University of Georgia's College of Environment and Design, School of Law, Institute of Ecology, and College of Family and Consumer Sciences, since 1999.

**Visiting Examiner.** Participated in 26 reading panels for various Masters level theses and practica since 1999.