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Conservancy presents ‘Protect and Prosper’ conference

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On Thursday, February 25, 2016, 43 people gathered from all over the state to learn about innovative land use tools, many of which had been successfully used in Madison and Morgan County. The workshop, Protect & Prosper: A Case Study of Madison, GA for Land Use Professionals was presented by the Madison-Morgan Conservancy in partnership with the Madison Historic Preservation Commission, the Madison Greenspace Commission, and the Madison Downtown Development Authority, and addressed how thoughtful planning for natural, historic, and cultural resources can spur sustainable development. Madison’s Transferrable Development Rights (TDR) program was a key component of the workshop. In addition to offering timely and important information from a stellar list of presenters, the Conservancy supported two of Madison’s local-food-focused restaurants during the all-day workshop by serving coffee, breakfast nibbles, salads, and desserts from Jamie Williams (previously of Wild Card Café) and a variety of delicious sandwiches from Madison Produce. Increasingly, the Conservancy’s educational programs are reaching people outside Morgan County. Modeled after the Conservancy’s Annual Conservation Easement Workshop, which has a very large geographic draw, this more recent event drew from a similar region and elicited similar positive response from attendees. Of the 43 registered attendees, over half were from outside Morgan County.

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Continuing education credits were available for Lawyers, Real Estate Professionals, and Planners and were integral to the regional draw. As one attendee stated on his/her survey, “Excellent opportunity to learn new, innovative tools to take back to my community.”

The Conservancy would like to publicly thank Madison’s Historic Preservation Commission, Greenspace Commission, and Downtown Development Authority for partnering with us on this successful venture. We thank all those in attendance and all the speakers for their contributions of knowledge and time. Please contact the Conservancy for the workshop agenda and more information at info@mmcGeorgia.org, or by phone (706) 818-8046. The Madison-Morgan Conservancy is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide public education on conservation matters and to protect and enhance the heritage and quality of life of the residents of Morgan County by preserving historic sites, greenspace, farmland, and timberland.

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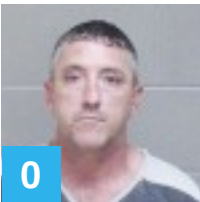
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