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Leigh helps communities throughout Georgia become more vibrant and livable by skillfully building on their natural and cultural resources to implement effective development and redevelopment strategies. Her asset-based community development skills are helping rural communities reimagine idle or underutilized properties and larger cities become more welcoming to business, tourism and the people who live and play there through enhanced connectivity and thoughtful planning. Leigh also works with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and other state agencies to create and implement stakeholder engagement processes to inform decisions about land use and water resources that are important for all Georgians.
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