



**September 22, 2022**  
**7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

### **SCHEDULE**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**  
*Sponsored by Henry County Development Authority & VHB*

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Check-in**

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **We Are All Growing Older: Aging and Metro Atlanta**  
**Becky Kurtz, Managing Director, Aging and Independence Services, ARC**

*Many of us are living longer and healthier lives. In the Atlanta region, the segment of the population over the age of 60 is growing faster than all other age groups. This session will examine how we must look at aging differently as well as design policies, systems, and built environments that incorporate and support all ages and abilities.*

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Q&A**

9:50 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. **Preservation, Protection, and Use: Caring for Water and Natural Resources**  
**Katherine Zitsch, Managing Director, Natural Resources, ARC (RLI 2015)**

*As metro Atlanta's population grows, protecting our natural environment becomes even more important. In this session, Katherine Zitsch will explore our region's unique challenges when it comes to our most precious resource — our water — and outline strategies and initiatives employed to manage it. As we grapple to navigate increasing extremes in climate, management of natural resources is ever more pressing.*

10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. **Q&A**

10:35 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. **The Time for Change: Climate Action, Mitigation, and Resiliency**  
**Moderator: Katherine Zitsch, Managing Director, Natural Resources, ARC (RLI 2015)**  
**Blair Beasley, Director of Climate Strategies, Ray C. Anderson Foundation**  
**Patti Garrett, Mayor, City of Decatur (RLI 2010)**  
**Chandra Farley, Founder & CEO, ReSolve**

*This session will examine the urgency of now around climate action. Climate change is impacting our region in dramatic ways and intersects across many policy areas from the workforce to transportation. Climate action is no longer a far-off conversation. Local governments, organizations, and residents have a role in addressing and mitigating the impact of climate change on the region. Participants will explore how inequity makes some communities' climate vulnerable and highlight key priorities, decisions, and actions for the region*

11:05 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. **Q&A**

11:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Break**

11:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Discussion and Drawing Connections**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

*Sponsored by Town Center CID & Elevate Douglas*

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Using Design Frameworks to Create Greater Impact**

**Facilitators: Gayle Burnett and McKenzie Wren**

*We all have a role in addressing key regional issues in our region. This session will guide participants in how they might use Liberatory Design and Asset Based Community Development practices to create impact in a particular policy area. Specifically, participants will be prompted to ask and respond to what role can they play to support regional efforts as an individual, within their sector, or as a part of a group (e.g., RLI alumni).*

2:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. **Break**

2:10 p.m. - 3:10 p.m. **Spheres, and Ecosystems: Analyzing and Mapping Your Network**

**Facilitators: Gayle Burnett and McKenzie Wren**

*Participants will explore their spheres of influence for creating change. By understanding the ecosystems, they live and work within, participants may better examine where their influence can be deepened and expanded. Facilitators will use a network analysis approach to explore this topic and identify opportunities and potential obstacles.*

3:10 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Mini Chair Yoga Session**

3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. **Drawing Connections Across the Week**

**Facilitators: Gayle Burnett and McKenzie Wren**

**Dr. Folashade Alao, Program Manager, RLI, ARC**

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Complete Survey**

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. **Reception**

*Sponsored by Atkins & Atlanta Gas Light  
The Champions Grill & Legends Bar, Westin Hotel*

7:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Dinner and Graduation**  
**Keynote Speaker: Sophia Qureshi**, *Founder, 285 South*  
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