



Sharon Jablonski Biography

FEATURED PANELIST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION 3: THE ARTS MEANS BUSINESS: CONNECTING THE ARTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JUNE 19TH, 2024 @ 10:00AM

Sharon served as Morganton's Main Street Director and HMF, Inc. Director for 30+ years and was honored as the first recipient of the Mary Means Leadership Award by Main Street America. The Morganton Main Street Program is a premiere program in the state of NC with a downtown multi-plex 7 screen theater, a recently opened downtown hotel and a strong retail, dining and nightlife environment. Over 50 million in private investments and 15 million in public investment has been realized in her 30 years.

In 2013 Sharon took the City of Morganton Community House under her charge which is a 12,000 sq. ft. full service Banquet Facility and within 4 years completed a 2.2-million-dollar renovation. In October of 2020, Sharon was promoted to be the Director of a newly created Department: The Department of Cultural and Creative Development, which added an oversight of a 1043 seat Municipal Auditorium (CoMMA Performing Arts Center) along with the Community House and Main Street, all of which serve to build on Morganton's cultural experiences.