



2024 Annual Conference Schedule of Events



Day & Time	Event	Location
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024		
8:30 am – 4:30 pm	DDA Basic Training <i>(breakfast & lunch included)</i>	Courtyard Thomasville Downtown Meeting Room B 207 S. Dawson Street
8:30 am – 3:30 pm	DDA Advanced Training <i>(breakfast & lunch included)</i>	Courtyard Thomasville Downtown Meeting Room A 207 S. Dawson Street
8:30 am – 4:00 pm	CDP Training: Business Development & Support <i>(breakfast on own & lunch included)</i> {32 ppl max}	Trinity Anglican Church 325 W. Jackson Street
8:30 am – 4:00 pm	CDP Training: Strategic & Master Planning <i>(breakfast on own & lunch included)</i> {32 ppl max}	Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce 401 S. Broad Street
8:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Main Street 101 <i>(breakfast & lunch on own)</i> {35 ppl max}	SASS Wagner Room 420 W. Jackson Street
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Legislative Advocacy Training <i>(breakfast & lunch on own)</i> {30 ppl max}	Municipal Building Reception Room 144 E. Jackson Street
9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Historic Preservation Training <i>(breakfast & lunch on own)</i> {35 ppl max}	The Covey Nest 210 W. Jackson Street
Noon – 5:00 pm	Registration & Swag Sales	The Biscuit Company 219 Oak Street
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	History Tour: Pebble Hill Plantation {80 ppl max}	Pebble Hill Plantation 1251 US-319
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	History Tour: Jack Hadley Black History Museum {50 ppl max}	Jack Hadley Black History Museum 214 Alexander Street
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	History Tour: Thomasville History Center/Lapham-Patterson House {40 ppl max}	Thomasville History Center/Lapham-Patterson House 725 N. Dawson Street
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Mentor/Mentee Happy Hour	The Business Exchange 125 N. Broad Street
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception hosted by City of Thomasville	The Business Exchange 125 N. Broad Street



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024		
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration & Swag Sales	The Biscuit Company 219 Oak Street
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast	The Biscuit Company 219 Oak Street
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Opening General Session	The Biscuit Company 219 Oak Street
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Concurrent Session: Blueprints in Action: Interactive Community Planning	SASS Wagner Room 420 W. Jackson Street
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Concurrent Session: Junior City Council = A Voice for Teens in Your Downtown	The Covey Nest 210 W. Jackson Street
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Concurrent Session: Scaling Success: Strategies for Cities of All Sizes	Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce 401 S. Broad Street
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Concurrent Session: Making Tough Choices: Prioritizing Investment in Your Downtown	Trinity Anglican Church 325 W. Jackson Street
Noon – 4:00 pm	Silent Auction Open	The Biscuit Company 219 Oak Street
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch & GDA Annual Meeting	The Biscuit Company 219 Oak Street
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Session: Putt, Pour, Repeat: Leveraging Local Resources and Talent to Revitalize Underutilized Spaces and Spark Economic Growth	SASS Wagner Room 420 W. Jackson Street
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Session: Creating Inclusive LGBTQIA+ Spaces in Rural and Mid-tier Cities	The Covey Nest 210 W. Jackson Street
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Session: Incentives and Funding for Vibrant Placemaking	Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce 401 S. Broad Street
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Session: Championing Your Historic Theatre	Trinity Anglican Church 325 W. Jackson Street
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Explore downtown Thomasville on your own	Downtown
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Sponsor Showcase Mixer	The Biscuit Company 219 Oak Street
6:30 pm	Dinner on your own	Downtown
6:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Taste of Thomasville Tour <i>{30 ppl max}</i>	Municipal Building Breezeway 144 E. Jackson Street
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Truffle-Making Class <i>{15 ppl max}</i>	Sweet CaCao Chocolates 108 E. Jackson Street



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024		
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast & Silent Auction Open	The Biscuit Company 219 Oak Street
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Roundtable Sessions with Partners & Sponsors	The Biscuit Company 219 Oak Street
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Concurrent Session: Homerville's Renaissance: Reviving a Small-Town Downtown	SASS Wagner Room 420 W. Jackson Street
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Concurrent Session: Grant Writing in a Rural Setting	The Covey Nest 210 W. Jackson Street
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Concurrent Session: Money! Money! Money! Creative Deal Making Resources to Mobilize Your Downtown	Trinity Anglican Church 325 W. Jackson Street
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Concurrent Session: Strategic Planning: Leadership, Public Works, and Enhanced Services in Downtown Perry	Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce 401 S. Broad Street
11:15 am – 1:30 pm	Free Time/Lunch on your own	Downtown
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Session: Debunking the Perception of Parking Problems	The Covey Nest 210 W. Jackson Street
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Mobile Workshop 1: Southlife Supply Company <i>{25 ppl max}</i>	Southlife Supply Company 130 S. Broad Street
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Mobile Workshop 2: T'velo Brewing <i>{25 ppl max}</i>	T'velo Brewing 227 W. Jackson Street
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Mobile Workshop 3: 1861 Distillery <i>{75 ppl max}</i>	1861 Distillery 314 Smith Avenue
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Explore downtown Thomasville on your own	Downtown
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Cocktail Hour	Thomasville Center for the Arts 600 E. Washington Street
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Awards Ceremony	Thomasville Center for the Arts 600 E. Washington Street
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Dinner on your own	Downtown
9:00 pm	Karaoke After Party	The Plaza Restaurant & Oyster Bar 217 Broad Street



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024		
10:00 am	Send-Off Brunch	SASS Beauchamp Room 420 W. Jackson Street
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