

Lynn Patterson is an accomplished urban planning and economic development professional. Her love of places began decades ago when she began to travel internationally and experience various cultures and landscapes. She noticed the differences that made places unique and inviting. She wanted to travel off the beaten path – be with the locals, experience the everyday but in a way that was reflective of the local culture and what represented the people and the landscape. Lynn has traveled to over 45 countries and extensively across the United States and has found that unique places are not just found abroad - but joy and excitement is found in every community - domestic or abroad. No community is exactly the same, nor should its planning be.

When choosing her career, it was obvious, Lynn needed to be able to express her love of communities and landscapes and serve the local community. Her 20+ year career has spanned public, private and academic realms. She brings the perspective of the private developer, the public official, and the researcher into every project and place. As a former developer and site selection consultant, she understands the pressures and triggers of business decisions guiding location decisions. As a downtown and economic development official and city administrator, Lynn appreciates the responsibility of public service, public participation and the nuances of responsiveness to investors, developers, business community, and residents. Finally, Lynn brings the discipline and forward thinking of an academic to her planning practice. She researched economic development practice and sustainability initiatives for communities in the US and abroad.

Lynn is a co-founding partner for Mango Tree Foundation, Inc. a non-profit organization that works to empower women in sustainable development endeavors worldwide. She also