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## **County and City Officials Announce the Beginning of Work on Long-Awaited Fountain in Historic Downtown McDonough**

*Town Square to Remain Open and Accessible During Construction*

**MCDONOUGH, GA** — Henry County, in partnership with the City of McDonough, is moving forward with construction of a long-anticipated fountain that will serve as a new focal point in the Historic Downtown McDonough Town Square.

The fountain project reflects a shared commitment by Henry County and the City of McDonough to create vibrant public spaces that strengthen community connections, support local activity and preserve the character of downtown McDonough.

“This project represents the kind of thoughtful stewardship that enhances our sense of place while honoring our history,” said Henry County Board of Commissioners Chair Carlotta Harrell. “By working together, we are creating a welcoming gathering space that will serve residents, visitors and local businesses for years to come.”

“This fountain has been a long-standing vision for this community,” said District 3 Commissioner Dee W. Anglyn III. “It reflects appreciation for where we’ve been and confidence in where we’re going. Downtown McDonough continues to be the heart of our county, and this project reinforces its role as a place for people to come together.”

“This fountain will be a beautiful reflection of our commitment to spaces that bring people together,” said City of McDonough Mayor Kam Varner. “As we continue to honor McDonough’s history, we’re also creating welcoming places that serve our community today and for generations to come.”

Construction is scheduled to begin Monday, January 12, 2026 and is expected to be completed in early spring 2026. Crews will work Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Throughout construction, the Town Square perimeter, including walkways and seating areas, will remain open and accessible to the public. A limited number of parking spaces along Keys Ferry Street will be temporarily used to accommodate construction equipment.

Upon completion, the fountain will reflect the strength of the partnership between Henry County and the City of McDonough, while offering a new gathering place for residents across Henry County.

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