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Authenticity and Place: The New Formula for Community Revitalization

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McMahon is the author or co-author of 15 books and over 500 articles. During the past 30 years, he has worked with more than 600 communities in all 50 states on a wide variety of land use and economic development issues. He has served on numerous advisory boards and commissions, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Chesapeake Conservancy and Preservation Maryland.