

JAN R. COSTELLO

Resident of DeKalb County since 1991

EDUCATION

- Master of Communications, 1987, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.
- Bachelor of Arts, 1977, University of Texas. Austin, Texas.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **INSTRUCTOR and UNDERGRADUATE COURSE COORDINATOR** at Georgia State University J. Mack Robinson College of Business. Developed and taught business communication and professionalism course in both face-to-face and online modalities. Supported other course instructors. (2004 – 8/2022)
- **INSTRUCTIONAL CONTENT PRODUCER** for Pearson Education and McGraw-Hill Education (2009 to 2021), producing test banks and video scripts and editing business communication textbooks.
- **FREELANCE JOURNALIST** for the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, *Georgia Trend*, *Coastal Living*, and other publications. (1996 – 2011)
- **PUBLIC, EMPLOYEE, AND MEDIA RELATIONS CONSULTANT** for AT&T, The Coca-Cola Company, King & Spalding, DeKalb Family and Children Services and other clients. Wrote and produced newsletters, news articles, speeches, and brochures. (1986 – 2001)
- **BROADCAST JOURNALIST** working as a general assignment reporter, anchor, producer, photographer, and editor at WSB-TV, Atlanta, Ga.; KWTV, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and KAMR-TV, Amarillo, Texas. (1977 – 1986)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

DeKalb County District 5 Community Council member since March 2017

Review zoning cases and special land use requests by property owners in District 5. Make recommendations to the Planning Commission.

President of the Greater Hidden Hills Community Development Corporation, a 501(c)(3), that works to develop and market the central DeKalb area. Provide information to the community, DeKalb County Planning, and the Board of Commissioners on various zoning requests in the four-square-mile area. Manage and create content for the email newsletter and the website (www.GreaterHiddenHillsCDC.org). Wrote and received grants for streetscape improvement from the Nature Conservancy (\$1,000) and Wells Fargo (\$1,000). All funds Produce economic development events. Planted more than 70 trees in the area. Founded in 2013.

Friends of Hairston Park advocate for this 33-acre public park in DeKalb County.

Wrote and received \$50,000 Park Pride grant to Park Pride for the development of a serenity garden, a winding path through the woods, lakeside shaded benches and swings, and picnic table in 2020. Helped win a \$15,000 UPS Foundation grant and a \$10,000 Park Pride grant for the park.

DeKalb County Community Hero Award, sponsored by the CEO of DeKalb County, Dec. 2016. Recognized work to develop and beautify the Greater Hidden Hills community.