



ROBIN PAYTON PAYNE

Project Advisor & Facilitator

Robin Payton Payne is a seasoned community development consultant with over two decades of experience supporting municipal and county governments across the Southeast. As the founder of Robin Payne Consulting, she specializes in project management, strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and grant administration—delivering actionable results that drive economic growth and resilience in rural communities.

Robin's impact spans multiple regions, with key leadership on initiatives such as Destination Bertie, a countywide tourism strategy; the Garysburg Regional Commerce Plaza and Park; and a \$6 million home repair program across northeastern North Carolina. From flood resiliency planning and low-to-moderate-income housing development to constructing outdoor recreation spaces and launching public-private partnerships, Robin has demonstrated an unparalleled ability to identify community needs and implement sustainable solutions.

Internationally recognized by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Robin's work with the Ocracoke Fish House Project was spotlighted as a global model for community-led fisheries and cooperative action.

A trained nonprofit executive with credentials from Duke University and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Robin is highly sought after for her expertise in initiative building, investment strategy, facilitation, and construction management. Her collaborative, grassroots-driven approach continues to empower communities to turn vision into reality.