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Erika McGilley serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer at Partner Community Capital (PCAP), where she shapes and drives the organization's lending strategy across a diverse, multi-state region. Based in Asheville, NC, Erika has over 20 years of experience in commercial lending and business development, having held leadership roles at both community and regional banks in Maine and Western North Carolina.

Since joining PCAP in 2014, Erika has played a key role in growing the organization's reach and impact, particularly in Western North Carolina. She is deeply committed to expanding access to capital for entrepreneurs who have traditionally been overlooked by mainstream finance.

With a strong belief in the power of small business to transform communities, Erika focuses her efforts on enterprises that lie at the crossroads of sustainable agriculture, clean energy, eco-tourism, and environmental innovation. Her dedication is grounded in personal experience, she understands the grit and determination it takes to run a small business, having seen it firsthand within her own family.