Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Archway Partnership  
Month-End Update  
December 2009

Archway Professional Activities:

- **December 3** – Submitted annual report information for Hawkinsville-Pulaski County.
- **December 8** – Attended monthly Pulaski County Extension staff meeting.
- **December 10** – Attended quarterly Archway Unit meeting in Athens.
- **December 15** – Facilitated and planned December Archway Executive meeting; agenda included final discussion of the results from the October Archway Public Forum. One outcome was the decision to appoint a Community Health Task Force to further study health-related priorities for Hawkinsville-Pulaski.

Projects and Status:

- **Community Health**
  - **December 16** – Met with TRH Hospital Administrator, Dan Maddock to plan Community Health Public Forum to be hosted by Taylor Regional Hospital.

- **Economic Development**
  - **December 2** – Attended Scenic Byway meeting hosted by Hawkinsville Better Hometown and Middle Georgia Regional Commission staff regarding public hearing for the proposed Enduring Farmlands Scenic Byway.
  - **December 3** – Facilitated meeting of the “Tree Committee” to discuss and finalize request to the Sustainable Tree Trust for ongoing projects related to downtown revitalization and the riverfront park.
  - **December 4** – Attended quarterly meeting of the Middle Georgia Regional Development Authority (MGRDA); committed to providing technical assistance to the development of a regional economic development website for MGRDA.
  - **December 8** – Facilitated session with United Pulaski (Lee Slade), Chamber of Commerce representatives (Kim Brown and Therisa Patton), and Georgia Web Services (City Commissioner Shelly Berryhill) about the potential for developing an independent United Pulaski website; as well as the possibility of the Chamber managing content of current website directly.
  - **December 16** – Participated in tour of Warner Robins Air Force Base with regional economic development partners.
  - **December 17** – Attended quarterly 21st Century Partnership meeting at Warner Robins Air Force Base.
  - **December 17** – Discussed potential for Archway involvement in regional film/photography project with Crisp County Commissioner Wallace Mathis; to meet with representatives from surrounding communities, including Americus-Sumter County.
  - **December 21** – Met with Sumter County Archway Professional, Barbara Grogen, Crisp County Commissioner Wallace Mathis, and Cordele Main Street Director,
Monica Branch; to discuss plans for developing regional film/photography project. Outcome of the meeting was that the Archway Professional from both communities wanted further discussion with their respective communities to determine level of involvement; meeting date is set for January 2010.

- **December 21** – Met with City Commissioner Shelly Berryhill (Georgia Web Services) to discuss ongoing development of the United Pulaski website.

- **Government Service Delivery**
  - **December 15** – Coordinated initial meeting between Hawkinsville City Manager, Jerry Murkerson and UGA MPA Director, Dr. Vicky Wilkins.
  - **December 23** – Submitted information to Jordan, Jones & Goulding (JJG), on behalf of Pulaski County regarding the Statewide Water Plan; data reflected the Hartford Water Authority and Pulaski County. A request for data was submitted to the City of Hawkinsville; Hawkinsville data was submitted by the City directly to JJG.

- **Housing**
  - **December 8** – Toured Carmichael Mobile Home Park with City Commissioner Shelly Berryhill to determine potential for CDBG or other housing initiatives.
  - **December 22** – Met with representative from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC), Nick Koulongis regarding the findings of the recent housing inventory completed by the MGRC; as well as next steps for the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) committee.

- **Leadership Development**
  - **December 1** – Met with community member, B.J. Coody to discuss Community Leadership program and other ongoing leadership development initiatives.
  - **December 2** – Met with City Commissioner Wilson Credle and community member, Harley Lawson to plan upcoming leadership module for the next session of Facilitator Training.
  - **December 2** – Facilitated meeting with developing “young leaders/young professionals,” organization for planning and strategy session; adopted name of the Ocmulgee Order.
  - **December 11** – Met with Manse Jennings to discuss next steps following the conclusion of the Community Leadership Program’s Facilitator Training on Monday, December 7.
  - **December 17** – Facilitated session planning session of the Ocmulgee Order in preparation for tentative February kick-off date.

- **Public Education**
  - **December 14** – Participated in second Archway School Tour of Pulaski County Schools; members of the Archway Steering Committee and Hawkinsville Rotary Club attended.
Next Steps:

- **Community Health**
  - Make arrangements for Archway Public Health Professional, Laura Bland to discuss ongoing Public Health-related initiatives in Washington County with Regent Mansfield Jennings.
  - Extend written invitation of Taylor Regional Hospital to participate on the Archway Executive Committee.
  - Set date and finalize plans for upcoming Community Health Forum with TRH.
  - Identify potential participants for Community Health Task Force.

- **Economic Development**
  - Determine next steps for economic development strategic plan; submit request for Higher Education Resources.
  - Continue technical assistance in development of websites for United Pulaski Economic Development and Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

- **Government Service Delivery**
  - Continue to provide assistance for statewide water plan.
  - Continue to coordinate, as needed, between the City of Hawkinsville and Dr. Wilkins regarding the Personnel and Organizational Study.
  - Submit Request for Higher Education Resources for Recreational Assessment and Five-Year Plan.
  - Explore opportunities to utilize the resources of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) for the development of a revenue study for Pulaski County; as well as to facilitate conversations around the potential for the consolidation of government services.

- **Housing**
  - Attend next scheduled GICH and HURA meetings with local community members.
  - Help facilitate small group meetings, as needed and requested by MGRC.

- **Leadership Development**
  - Call meeting of local participants of the Community Leadership Program to discuss next steps for implementation.
  - Continue planning and provision of technical assistance to Ocmulgee Order.
  - Increase outreach efforts to minority community.

- **Public Education**
  - Submit request for Higher Education Resources regarding student achievement and parental involvement in Pulaski County.

- **Other Archway Activities**
  - Continue to engage Issue Work Groups as needed; consider convening Archway Steering Committee meeting.
  - Continue planning of proposed Archway T.V.