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

Archway Professional Activities:

- **October 8** – Sent out notification regarding upcoming Archway Public Forum to community—mail and email. Made additional arrangements, as necessary, throughout the month of October.
- **October 9** – Attended Archway Professionals’ meeting in Macon.
- **October 14** – Facilitated planning session regarding Archway tree project to determine appropriate site location.
- **October 15** – Sent out reminder notification regarding upcoming Lamar Dodd School of Art Tour, Reception and Lecture to potential participants. Made additional arrangements, as necessary, throughout the month of October.
- **October 20** – Facilitated and planned October Archway Executive meeting; with Jamie Roskie and Heather Benham as guest presenters. Jennifer Lassiter (Taylor Regional Hospital) also participated as a guest to the Executive Committee.
- **October 24** – Participated in Pulaski Rivers Alive, Inc. annual clean-up event along the Ocmulgee River.
- **October 24** – Attended Hawkinsville Better Hometown annual Fall Festival.
- **October 27** – Facilitated and planned Archway Public Forum, held at Hawkinsville High School.
- **October 28** – Attended monthly Pulaski County Extension staff meeting.
- **October 28** – Met with Mike Penn and Shelly Berryhill to discuss the potential of developing a local programming initiative around the Archway Issue Areas for ComSouth’s Channel 100—Archway T.V.

Projects and Status:

- **Community Health**
  - **October 13** – Discussed upcoming Archway Executive Committee meeting with Jennifer Lassiter from Taylor Regional Hospital (TRH); and the potential for her participation at the October meeting.
  - **October 29** – Met with TRH Hospital Administrator, Dan Maddock to discuss potential collaboration between the hospital and the Archway Partnership; including a Tour of Taylor Regional Hospital by Archway participants as an initial step for outreach and engagement through the Archway Partnership.

- **Economic Development**
  - **October 1** – Met with local community volunteer, Karen Hunt; USDA representative from the Jimmy Carter Plant Materials Center, Mike Owsley; and Middle Georgia Regional Commission representative, Mallary Scheer; to discuss next steps and tree identification at Mile Branch Landing. Suggestions were
made to explore the possibility of a wildflower/pollinator garden at the park—the project holds potential for collaboration between local Pulaski County Middle School students and University of Georgia students through Archway.

- **October 1** – Met with Janis Sparrow, United Pulaski Board Member, to discuss United Pulaski and ongoing economic development efforts throughout Hawkinsville and Pulaski County; purpose of discussion was to provide background information to aid in the development of a community-wide economic development strategic planning session.

- **October 1** – Met with Dr. Johnny Bembry, United Pulaski Board Member, to discuss United Pulaski and ongoing economic development efforts throughout Hawkinsville and Pulaski County; purpose of discussion was to provide background information to aid in the development of a community-wide economic development strategic planning session.

- **October 1** – Attended Riverpark planning session to discuss the construction of restrooms at Mile Branch park.

- **October 5** – Met with John Way, United Pulaski Board Member and Chairman of the Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Development Authority, to discuss ongoing economic development efforts throughout the community; purpose of the discussion was to provide background information to aid in the development of a community-wide economic development strategic planning session.

- **October 6** – Met with Kim Brown (Chamber) to finalize materials for upcoming Developer Day with Middle Georgia Economic Alliance.

- **October 14** – Attended Ocmulgee Blueway planning session with National Park Service representative, Charlotte Gillis; with Bleckley, Houston, Peach, Pulaski and Twiggs Counties in attendance.

- **October 21** – Attended presentation by Landmark Realty, Inc. regarding the Cotton Mill Lofts project. Members of the Hawkinsville City Commission, DDA, and Pulaski County were in attendance, as were members of the state legislative delegation, local banks, and Middle Georgia Regional Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss necessary gap financing needed to complete environmental clean-up of the property.

- **October 21** – Attended statewide Project Managers meeting at Henderson Village, hosted by the Middle Georgia Regional Development Authority.

- **October 22** – Participated in Developer Day in Monroe County as a member of the Middle Georgia Economic Alliance with Lee Slade.

- **October 23** – Sent list of potential Pulaski County participants and contact information to Matt Bishop for upcoming Georgia Academy for Economic Development.

- **October 23** – Served as judge for window decorating contest for Hawkinsville Better Hometown Fall Festival for downtown merchants.

- **October 28** – Met with Ramsey Way, United Pulaski Board Member and Chairman of the Hawkinsville Development Authority, to discuss ongoing economic development efforts throughout the community; purpose of the discussion was to provide background information to aid in the development of a community-wide economic development strategic planning session.
• **Government Service Delivery**
  o **October 5** – Attended Pulaski County Commission meeting
  o **October 5** – Attended City of Hawkinsville Commission meeting.
  o **October 13** – Submitted Request for Higher Education Resources for City of Hawkinsville Personnel and Organizational Study; as well as City of Hawkinsville Revenue Study.
  o **October 23** – Discussed potential for City of Hawkinsville Economic Impact Study related to the Lawrence L. Bennett Harness Horse Racing Facility with City Manager Jerry Murkerson.
  o **October 29** – Submitted draft proposal for Pulaski County’s riverfront efforts at Mile Branch park to Pulaski County Commissioner Brooks Bailey for the 2009 ACCG County Excellence Awards.

• **Housing**
  o **October 20** – Attended monthly GICH meeting; Archway hosted Jamie Roskie and Heather Benham as speakers

• **Leadership Development**
  o **October 5** – Sent out notification to potential participants of upcoming “Train the Trainer,” program through the Fanning Institute—mail and email. Made additional arrangements, as necessary, throughout the month of October.
  o **October 26** – Submitted Intent to Apply form to the Fanning Institute for the Community Leadership Initiative.
  o **October 29** – Participated in conference call regarding the Community Leadership Initiative with Louise Hill, Emily Davis, Matt Bishop, Manse Jennings, Lee Slade, Kimberly Brown and Therisa Patton. The purpose of the call was to determine who would be the lead agency for the “Train the Trainer,” program, roles and responsibilities, etc.; it was determined that the Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce would serve in that capacity with guidance from the Archway Partnership.

• **Public Education**
  o **October 6** – Attended “Academic Pep Rally” at Hawkinsville High School to celebrate HHS’s award of the Governor’s Cup for improved SAT scores.
  o **October 13** – Attended Pulaski County Board of Education meeting.
  o **October 26** – Participated in Archway Tour of Pulaski County Schools, hosted by Superintendent Janis Sparrow as well as administrators, teachers and staff from all four schools.
  o **October 28** – Met with members of the Hawkinsville-Pulaski Riverfront Advisory Committee to discuss potential of State Farm Service Learning Grant for “Pollinator and Wildflower Garden,” project at Mile Branch park.
Next Steps:

- **Community Health**
  - Continue to make arrangements for Archway Public Health Professional, Laura Bland to discuss ongoing Public Health-related initiatives in Washington County with Regent Mansfield Jennings
  - Discuss potential long-term participation of Taylor Regional Hospital with Archway Executive Committee
  - Identify dates for Taylor Regional Hospital Tour; finalize plans with Dan Maddock.

- **Economic Development**
  - Continue working with graduate students from the College of Environment and Design regarding design assistance related to the City Riverfront Park project.
  - Following the outcome of conversations around economic development with various community members; submit Requests for Higher Education Resources for Board Development Training—specifically for the Hawkinsville Downtown Development Authority, the Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Development Authority, and potentially, United Pulaski Economic Development.
  - Continue ongoing interviews/discussions around economic development in Hawkinsville and Pulaski County in preparation for the requested economic development strategic plan.

- **Government Service Delivery**
  - Submit Request for Higher Education Resources for Economic Impact Study project on behalf of the City of Hawkinsville.

- **Housing**
  - Attend November GICH meeting with local community members.
  - Follow up with Jamie Roskie and Heather Benham on their presentations to the Archway Executive Committee and GICH Committee to identify potential next steps for the community.

- **Leadership Development**
  - Complete and submit application to Community Leadership Initiative (CLI) once guidelines are released—due November 30.
  - Make final arrangements, facilitate and host the “Train the Trainer,” program on Monday, November 30, and Monday, December 7.

- **Public Education**
  - Submit grant proposal for State Farm Service Learning Grant related to the “Pollinator and Wildflower Garden,” project—due November 13.
  - Based on programs and priorities presented during the Archway Tour of the Pulaski County School System, contact Superintendent Janis Sparrow and Hawkinsville High School Principal Mary Royal to discuss the involvement with the Archway Partnership around the student achievement gap.
• **Other Archway Activities**
  
  o Participate in Lamar Dodd School of Art Tour, Reception and Lecture with community members from Hawkinsville-Pulaski County.
  
  o Analyze findings from Archway Public Forum to aid in discussion of priority identification at November Archway Executive Committee members.
  
  o Once priorities are identified, engage Issue Work Groups as needed.
  
  o Continue planning of proposed *Archway T.V.*