Hart County Archway Partnership
February 2010
Month-End Update

Projects & Status

- Education:
  - Tracey Elder is working with Hart County Schools and College of Education to identify resources related to HCS needs and areas of interest
    - Submitted $350,000 21st Century Community Center after-school program grant focused on students transitioning from elementary to middle school
    - Assisting school administrators to develop classroom observation tools that are aligned with the state’s teacher evaluation system, CLASS Keys
    - Support related to standards-based math education and writing assessment
  - Leonard Leaders from Terry College of Business are working directly with David Hicks on the Hart County Schools Lonnie Burns Performing Arts Center (PAC) project.
  - 2/9: Attended Athens-Clarke County Schools’ Seeing is Believing tour to learn about some of the school system’s initiatives, challenges, and partnerships
  - 2/26: Hart County WorkReady meeting

- Tourism:
  - 2/2: Met with historic downtown Hartwell walking tour committee
  - 2/9: Attended Hart County Commission meeting for Chamber of Commerce’s presentation regarding a proposed tourism director position
  - 2/18: Met with Grady College study K.C. Georges to discuss oral history video project
  - 2/23: Submitted Watson-Brown Foundation Junior Board grant for historic downtown walking tour

- Leadership:
  - 2/9: Leadership Hart class session

- Planning & Visioning
  - Working with Chief Byrum to finish Fire Department long-term plan
  - 2/1: Met with Rich Clark from Carl Vinson Institute of Government to discuss Hart County Library community needs assessment project
  - 2/4: Met with Richard Sanders from Hart County Library to discuss the needs assessment project
  - Drafting preliminary Hart County Greenway Corridor Plan document
    - 2/11: Discussed potential greenway summer project with public administration graduate student

- Other projects:
  - 2/5: Met with Wes Clarke from Carl Vinson Institute of Government to learn about functionality of GEMS economic modeling
  - 2/19: Met with Jim Owens, new Hart County Recreation Director
  - 2/26: Met with Darien Dabney (public admin graduate student) to discuss Hart Transit research project

Other Connections

- 2/19: Met with Hartwell Sun Editor John Brasier to share information about Archway
• 2/22: Met with Lisa Sperling to discuss public administration-related intern projects for summer semester
• 2/23: Met with faculty from UGA-Medical College of Georgia partnership to share information about Archway and Hart County
• 2/27: Attended Hart County Chamber of Commerce’s Eggs & Issues breakfast

Next Steps

• Education:
  o Ongoing: Tracey Elder is working with College of Education to identify resources related to Hart County School needs and areas of interest

• Tourism:
  o Downtown walking tour committee: Art School’s Studio 120 has agreed to provide graphic design assistance for brochure
  o Request copies of student ‘products’ from oral history interviews and share with interviewees (and provide a set for Hart County Library)
  o Work to recruit spring and summer interns:
    ▪ Tourism asset inventory
    ▪ Recruit spring intern to produce potential oral history video
    ▪ Recruit summer intern to produce audio walking tour podcast?

• Leadership:
  o Continue working with Leadership Hart planning committee
  o Class project

• Planning/Visioning:
  o Finalize Hart County Fire Department long-range plan
  o Recruit summer landscape architecture intern(s):
    ▪ Sketches, conceptuals for draft of greenway corridor plan
    ▪ Landscape designs for megaramp
    ▪ Designs for Gateway Industrial Park

• Archway Updates for Community:
  o *Hartwell Sun*: Write update piece about student teams and projects
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**Student Notes:**

- **Spring projects:**
  - Paul Thomas & Brian Creech updating Hart County IBA web site content
  - Georgia State University translation certificate students identified to translate IBA web site into Spanish and German after content has been updated