Partnership Fuels Landscape and Design

Project for City Riverwalk
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The City of Hawkinsville has partnered with the Hawkinsville Rotary Club to request the resources of higher education made available through the Archway Partnership for landscape and design at a city boat landing and recreation area.

Currently, Pulaski County and the City of Hawkinsville are working through the National Park Service and the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to develop and implement the grant-funded Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Ocmulgee Riverfront Park Master Concept Plan. This ongoing project is to develop a riverwalk, fishing piers, multi-use trails, recreational facilities, and other infrastructure improvements at the County-owned Mile Branch Boat Landing.

The Riverfront Park Project expands upon ongoing efforts and extends this vision to the City of Hawkinsville’s Uchee Shoals Riverfront Boat Landing. Through the Archway Partnership, two graduate students from the University of Georgia’s College of Environment and Design (Hazel Lewis and Gwen Wolfgang) are working with community partners to develop a design proposal for implementation at the park that is consistent and complimentary to the existing project, while maintaining a unique vision for the City’s property.

This project will benefit the entire community by promoting eco- and heritage tourism, economic development, and sustainable community development. As the project moves forward, the CED students will continue work within the community to finalize a design concept for the City of Hawkinsville Riverfront Park Project. Their work will enable the community to improve existing facilities and encourage greater usage and stewardship of the Ocmulgee River in Pulaski County.

Community partners connected by Archway for the reparations at the City’s Uchee Shoals Boat Landing include: Pulaski County, the City of Hawkinsville, the employees of the Uchee Shoals Boat Landing, Hawkinsville Better Hometown, Hawkinsville Rotary Club River Park Project Committee, the Riverfront Park Advisory Committee, as well as external partners such as the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and the National Park Service.

Advancing Community Priorities: The City of Hawkinsville’s Uchee Shoals Boat Landing and Riverfront Park project came to fruition in the form of the “Riverfront Vision: City of Hawkinsville” design concept. This Archway project addresses the community identified priority of creating a diversified Economic Development strategy. The “Riverfront Vision,” offers the community options for sustainable designs that promote both eco- and heritage tourism opportunities along the Ocmulgee River.