Sumter County Monthly Key Accomplishments – October 2011

**Highway 19 Corridor Revitalization – Defining Ordinances**

**Participants:**
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Community Members: Designated staff members from the City of Americus, Sumter, Sumter County BOC Attorney, and members of the City and County Planning and Zoning Commissions.
USG Partner: Langford Holbrook, The Fanning Institute

The Americus City Council and Sumter County Board of Commissioners began pursuing a redevelopment plan of the Highway 19 Corridor, from the county lines North and South. The overall intent of the plan is to encourage redevelopment, growth and economic development, provide design guidelines and standards, and coordinate zoning plans for both the City and County portions of the Highway.

Recently, a group of local individuals gathered to determine the exact wording of the ordinances, thinking from the redevelopment and growth perspectives desired for the corridor. This work involved detailed discussions, clarification and group support of the ideas, and assistance from Fanning to translate these ideas into actual ordinances for implementation.

This cohesive effort by the City and County Boards (represented by appointed staff members) and both Planning and Zoning Commissions is indicative of the local desire to work together and develop the corridor for the benefit of the entire community. The opportunity for all participants to gather and ensure each stakeholder’s needs were accounted for has been a vital role in the process with the facilitation provided by the Archway Professional.