The Hart County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the Hart County Quilt Trail Committee, received a $3200 grant from Hart EMC Foundation's Operation Round Up to fund the start-up of the Quilt Trail. Quilt Trail partners include the Chamber, Hartwell Downtown Development Authority, Hart County Historical Society, Quilters from the Hart, Annie's Pretty Pieces Quilt Shop, and Hart County Archway Partnership. The Quilt Trail will build upon and complement the Historic Downtown Hartwell Walking Tour, another project generously funded through Operation Round Up. Several downtown walking tour “stops” will host quilt blocks as part of our Quilt Trail. Other quilt blocks will be installed at tourism, agri-tourism, and historical sites throughout Hart County. The goal is to increase Hartwell’s and Hart County’s tourism draw by layering attractions and activities that will appeal to the various interests of potential visitors.

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The Hart County Recreation Department and HC Archway hosted a 2nd community input meeting on May 30th to get feedback regarding recreation is Hart County. The meeting was facilitated by Ilka McConnell, Kiera Partlow (HC Chamber Director) and Jim Owens (HC Recreation Director). Recreation Advisory Board members served as table facilitators. The feedback will be added to comments from the 1st community meeting as well as an online survey and other feedback that will be collected this summer, and compiled as part of the Recreation Department's first comprehensive long term plan. Community input will be ongoing throughout the summer, including several youth and adult small-group feedback sessions and a booth at Hartwell's annual Pre-Fourth celebration in late June.