Habersham Archway Partnership Invites Citizens to Community-Wide Listening Session

ATHENS, Ga. -- Habersham County leaders and the University of Georgia Archway Partnership are hosting listening sessions to assess the most important issues facing the community. Citizen support and engagement is essential to bringing beneficial community and economic development to Habersham County, thus making the listening sessions an important key to bringing real change to the community.

The Archway Partnership delivers a full range of University of Georgia resources to communities facing community and economic development challenges by building partnerships and a better pipeline between UGA and local communities. Partner counties have access to the knowledge, research, and other resources produced by the University. Habersham County Government, the Cities of Alto, Baldwin, Clarkesville, Cornelia, Demorest, Mt. Airy, and Tallulah Falls, Habersham County Development Authority, Habersham Chamber of Commerce, Habersham Board of Education, Habersham Medical Center, Piedmont College, and Northeast Georgia Technical College have committed to partnering with UGA’s Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach and the Cooperative Extension to make Habersham County an Archway community.

The Archway Partnership offers a non-biased platform for citizens and leaders to come together from various institutions of the community to build investment in the community. A diverse group of local leaders will serve on the Archway Executive Committee, giving direction to community growth through multiple voices.

Other Archway communities across Georgia include Washington County, Clayton County, Hart County, Sumter County, Pulaski County, Whitfield County, Grady County and alumni communities Colquitt County and Glynn County. Projects in these communities resulting from Archway efforts include planning for economic development, enhancing community-wide leadership programs, and assessing healthcare delivery to improve overall health outcomes. Through Archway, UGA resources are available for similar projects in Habersham County.

“We are excited about the opportunity to listen to all the great things happening in Habersham County, as well as some of the challenges the community is facing,” said Dr. Matt Bishop, UGA Archway Coordinator of Operations. “We will be using what we learn at these most important listening sessions to help leaders create solutions for moving the community forward in the future.”

The Habersham Archway Listening Sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 16th. Two different listening sessions will be held: the first from 1:00-3:30pm in the Community Room of Habersham EMC; the second from 6:00-8:30pm in the cafeteria at Habersham Central High School. Those interested in attending can contact the Habersham Chamber of Commerce at 706-778-4654 by October 9th to indicate their attendance at one of the listening sessions.

Contact: Matt Bishop, UGA Archway Coordinator of Operations
mlbishop@uga.edu
706-338-7270