Hartwell DDA/Hart County Chamber of Commerce's joint economic development committee by planning/facilitating two community meetings

The two meetings were Tuesday, September 19th from 3:00-4:30pm and Tuesday, September 25th from 6:30-8:00pm. The meeting was co-facilitated by the Chamber Director and an Archway Professional, and members of the joint DDA/Chamber committee and several other community volunteers assisted as table facilitators, to help foster the discussion at each table. Approximately 62 people attended. The basic format was to get feedback from the public on things they feel are going well in downtown Hartwell and to know what they like as well as what they feel could be improved. Next, the group shared their priorities for what they would do in downtown Hartwell if they were in charge by answering what would they like to see in the next five to ten years. The DDA and the Chamber boards hope to use the input to help guide their future efforts.

In addition:

- The Hart County Quilt Trail Committee held its first painting party to begin painting quilt block signs.
- Attended the National Outreach Scholarship Conference and presented with Archway colleagues on a panel, "Community-Base Outreach Faculty: Managing Multiple Roles and Expectations."
- The first draft of the Hart County Recreation Department's long-term master plan has been completed. The planning process has included community input meetings, an online survey, a focus group, and a benchmark survey of comparable local Recreation Departments. The draft is currently being reviewed by the Recreation Director and County Administrator for feedback prior to being presented to the Recreation Advisory Board and Board of Commissioners.