Bull Pup Academy Visits Georgia Museum of Art

A group of 22 students and teachers from Hart County Schools’ Bull Pup Academy visited the Georgia Museum of Art (GMoA) in mid-December. The Bull Pup Academy is a Hart County Schools after-school program for students in grades 4-6 that is funded through a Georgia Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant. The program supports at-risk students with hands-on, research-based, engaging projects in reading/language and mathematics, helps build inter-personal skills, and provides recreation and cultural experiences. GMoA Associate Curator for Education Melissa Rackley welcomed the group, which then split into smaller groups and toured the museum with volunteer docents. The museum’s Adopt-a-Bus program, funded by museum donors, generously sponsored the cost of transporting the group for the visit.

Recreation Department Long-term Plan Approved

In their first meeting of 2013, Hart County Recreational Advisory Board members approved the Recreation Department’s new long-term master plan. The plan was developed with input from the RAB and from approximately 200 community members who shared their input through a series of community forums, an online and paper survey, and a youth focus group. Archway Partnership Graduate Assistant Megan Miller, a UGA MPA student, assisted with the community input process and conducted the youth focus group. The document includes design work for Hart County recreational facilities completed by UGA College of Environment and Design interns over the past several years. Now that the plan has been approved by the Recreational Advisory Board, it will be presented to the Hart County Board of Commissioners in early February for their review and approval.