East Meets West Conference
On Friday, Oct. 18, Sumter Co. Archway Partnership Executive Committee presented community success stories highlighting partnerships between community initiatives, K-12 systems and higher education working to improve college readiness. The conference was a collaborative effort between East Georgia State College and Georgia Southwestern working together on efforts to increase the success of students once they enter the post-secondary systems (USG, TCSG, private colleges).

Hwy 280 Concept Designs Presented in Sumter Co.
Craig Biesecker presented completed concepts for the US Hwy 280 westbound entry into the City of Americus including landscaping, signage and lighting options. The City plans to implement his plan in phases beginning with the signage piece and accompanying landscaping creating a sense of place as you enter Americus.

Archway Communities Participate in Celebrating Rural Georgia
Washington, Sumter, Grady, and Candler Counties were amongst the participants at the November Celebrating Rural Georgia event sponsored by the Georgia Rural Development Council. Expert panels presented on three Georgia Rural Development Council policy initiatives—Rural Broadband, AgriTourism, and Rural Access to Healthcare. In addition, Dr. Jeff Humphreys (Selig Center, UGA) presented on the study “Evaluating Retiree Based Economic Development in Georgia.”