Highway 15 Coalition
The Washington County Archway Partnership is leading efforts to address a multi-county need for increased tourism and economic development traffic along Highway 15. Stakeholders from seven counties have created the Highway 15 Coalition and are working toward consensus about marketing and operations. Higher education resources from the University of Georgia Terry College of Business and Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication have been tapped to assist with strategic planning and marketing research. While the tourism and economic development impact of increased traffic on Highway 15 may not be realized for years, the new sense of collaboration among the local community leaders can only generate immediate benefits for regional economic development.

Public Health Leadership Academy
Washington County submitted an application for a three-member team to participate in the PHLA program. The team consists of Leslie Thigpen from Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Raven Smith from Washington County Health Department and Whitney Josey from Washington County Regional Medical Center Clinic/Children’s Healthcare. All participants are nurses.

Washington County Youth Leadership Program
The Know Your Community Session (session 2) and the Local Government session (Session 3) have been conducted. The students participated in a community S.W.O.T analysis and a driving tour of the community, attended a county commission meeting, met with City of Sandersville department heads and toured the Washington County Courthouse.

Teen Maze
The Maze will be held at the Boys and Girls Club on Monday, March 16. The planning team met on Feb. 10 to discuss new additions to the Maze this year.

Asset Mapping
CVIOG and Archway’s statewide office are entering into an agreement for the construction of the program. Washington County representatives are scheduled to travel to Athens on March 3 to discuss the next steps in the project.

Georgia LEADS/Leadership Washington
A second local workgroup took place Feb. 6. New work group members were added since the first meeting. A third meeting is planned for March.

Making the Shade Grant Landscape Design
Chencheng He and Emily Hunt, graduate students from the UGA College of Environment and Design, visited Sandersville on Friday, Jan. 29 to meet with local Tree City Board members and tour three sites. The Board plans to apply for a Georgia Forestry Making the Shade grant which will allow them to place
shade trees in areas of recreation. The three target sites are the Ridge Road Elementary School, Boys and Girls Club of the CSRA-Washington County Club and the Henry Watts Community Park.

**Instructional Technology**
Education doctoral student Lenie George is working with the Director of Technology of the Washington County Board of Education to develop a technology carousel for Washington County teachers. George will lead three seminars as part of the carousel on Feb. 13.

**Washington County Jail Repurposing Design**
A team of senior engineering students from UGA’s College of Engineering visited Washington County with their professor on Saturday, Jan. 31. They received a tour of the current jail by local sheriff’s department representatives and other emergency and county personnel.