Economic Development Council (EDC) Work Group Meeting
The most recent meeting of Archway’s Economic Development Council (EDC) work group took place on Tuesday, March 24, and was facilitated by Jennifer Nelson and Gordon Maner from UGA’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government. The session included a discussion regarding the proposed EDC structure, as well as the timeframe for establishment. The group plans to meet again in May.

Demorest Springs Park Project
UGA graduate student Andrew Bailey has submitted conceptual designs of the Demorest Springs Park and expects to present final deliverables next month. Design concepts include new signage, new plantings of trees, improved aesthetics, better access to the park and a restoration of the historic springs to include educational signage.

Old Cornelia Bank Building Project
UGA student Sara Dusenberry visited Cornelia in early April for a meeting with Cornelia Main Street Program Director Heather Sinyard. During the visit, Sinyard outlined the building’s layout and floor plan, noting its original design versus existing modifications. She also discussed various proposed use options for the building. The tour marks the beginning of an Archway project to create a restoration and repurposing plan for the historic structure.

Demorest Recycling Center Project
During the work session on Tuesday, April 7, Demorest City Council members reviewed final design proposals for a community recycling center. The designs were submitted by UGA graduate student Abi Phillips who also conceptualized the model for potential countywide duplication.

Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Group Progress
The Habersham Archway Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Group will meet next on April 17 where Dr. Merrill Norton from UGA’s College of Pharmacy will discuss resource allocations potentially relevant to Habersham work. The meeting will also include a presentation of a treatment database provided by UGA graduate student Natalie Bouyett.