Accomplishments

Engineering Students and Faculty Complete Grady Projects
The UGA College of Engineering provided 12 students and two faculty members to partner with both the City of Cairo and Grady County and completed three projects:

a. The City requested assistance with a landfill relocation analysis as the site will be completely full within five years. The students provided several disposal options for the City’s municipal solid waste thereby assisting City Commission with policy direction and cost-effective disposal methods. They also measured the quantity and quality of the methane gas to determine resale possibilities or on-site generation potential thereby creating a potential revenue stream or cost-saving measures for the City.

b. Grady County requested a study for the installation of solar panels at the jail and at the courthouse. Key questions that were examined included design, configuration, efficiencies, generation and a cost-benefit analysis.

Ongoing Efforts

Moving Forward with Teen Pregnancy Prevention
The new Teen Pregnancy Prevention Issue Work Group has been collecting pregnancy and health related data, community resources, as well as identifying stakeholders to be invited into the initiative. This work group addresses the community goal of both prevention and improving pre-natal access to services and care.

Progress Made in Train Depot Re-Design Progress
The interior re-design of the City of Cairo Train Depot continues. This project is a collaboration between the City of Cairo, Archway Partnership Downtown Issue Work Group and the Lamar Dodd School of Art and is an action item in the downtown renaissance plan.

Work Group Identifies Potential Business Partners
The Education/Business & Industry Issue Work Group continues to focus on the Cairo High School College and Career Academy. The major activity this month was continuing to identify business and industry partners who could actively participate in the 17 CCA curriculum pathways through site visits, provide content expertise, on-the-job training, internships for students, externships for instructors, job-shadowing, material donations and/or other resources. This initiative enhances student learning opportunities and local work-force development.

Looking Forward

Training for Downtown Development Authority
The City of Cairo Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is planning to host a regional training for DDA members needing the state required training.
Youth FitFest

The Archway Partnership Community Health and Wellness Issue Work Group will host the third annual Youth FitFest as a strategy to address childhood obesity..