Accomplishments

**UGA Public Service and Outreach Luncheon**
UGA’s Public Service and Outreach Unit (PSO) hosted its annual luncheon on April 13 in Athens. During the luncheon, the city of Clarkesville received the “Georgia Trend” Four for the Future Award in recognition of work done with UGA’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) and Habersham Archway Partnership to develop a strategic visioning plan for downtown.

Clarkesville representatives accepting the “Georgia Trend” Four for the Future Award

**Habersham Archway Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Group**
Faculty and staff from UGA’s College of Pharmacy attended an April 17 meeting to present a newly created database as well as discuss community drug treatment and prevention options. The work group will continue working with the College of Pharmacy and UGA students on both initiatives.

**“Get Healthy Habersham” Website**
Habersham Medical Center will soon assume administrative responsibility for Habersham Archway’s “Get Healthy Habersham” website. The site was jointly created by Archway’s Health Work Group and UGA’s College of Public Health as a community resource designed to offer information for healthy living. The site was also designed to become a sustainable resource that UGA would ultimately give to the Habersham community.

**Habersham Recycling Work Group**
Habersham Archway’s newest work group will soon begin exploring ways to boost community recycling initiatives. The newly formed group plans to evaluate current recycling options as well as investigate program expansions. Commissioner Natalie Crawford will chair the work group.

Looking Forward
Habersham Archway Retreat
Habersham Archway will host a retreat for the Executive Committee at Tallulah Falls School on Tuesday, June 16. The retreat will serve as a brainstorming session where committee members will evaluate the accomplishments of the current work plan, as well as discuss future project endeavors.

Workforce Development Work Group
Habersham Archway’s newest work group, the Workforce Development Work Group, has been formed and is scheduled to hold its first meeting on Monday, May 18. The group is comprised of educators from Habersham’s school system as well as human resource managers from the private sector. The group hopes to address the issue of workforce deficits in the county as well as discuss possible workforce curriculums for implementation in schools.

Habersham Water Study
The Habersham Water Study is ongoing and Harry Hayes and Scott Pippin from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government are scheduled to return to Habersham on Monday, May 11 to conduct final community interviews. Hayes and Pippin will conclude Monday’s interviews having talked with staff from each of Habersham’s seven municipalities as well as county officials and various community members. The data collected will then be assembled into a report for presentation probably in the early fall. The community anticipates the report will provide much needed information related to economic development and planning initiatives.

Economic Development Council (EDC) Work Group
Habersham’s EDC work group is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, May 13 in Clarkesville. This will be the group’s fourth meeting and will again be facilitated by Gordon Maner and Jennifer Nelson of the Carl Vinson Institute. Items for discussion will include possible funding sources for a new EDC, as well as the roles of the new organization related to the various local entities hoping to be involved once the EDC is established.