Pulaski County
Monthly Key Accomplishments – August 2015

Accomplishments

Warner Robins Officials visit UGA for CED Presentation

Under the leadership of UGA College of Environment & Design Professor Brian LaHaie, five UGA Landscape Architecture students completed their final projects before graduation. For this summer course, students visited a 65+ acre site in Warner Robins and transformed it into a new state-of-the-art recreation facility that includes tournament ball fields and a large concert/event space. In June, the students traveled to Warner Robins and toured the site. They also had lunch at City Hall with Mayor Tom, Councilman Davis, City Engineer Walter Gray and City Attorney Jim Elliott to learn more about the area’s history and the community vision for the site. On July 28, the same officials traveled to UGA to hear presentations on the concepts. The City will now work with a professional developer to take the desired elements from each plan and fuse them into a cohesive plan that should be under construction before the end of the year. This concludes the project which began in January with Shelley Cannady’s graduate class.

Left: Landscape Architecture student Chris Sawhill presents his designs. Right: Landscape Architecture student Shannon Hamilton presents her designs.
Middle Georgia Economic Alliance (MGEA) Annual Planning Retreat

County Economic Development Professionals from Region 6 (Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs and Wilkinson) met for an annual planning retreat at Cuscowilla in Putnam County on July 20-21. Pulaski County is the only Archway Partnership community in the region, and Pulaski Archway Professional Michelle Elliott is a non-voting member of the group. The retreat was facilitated by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to plan ways to utilize limited economic development resources to effectively promote and market the region to project managers and consultants. At the retreat, the group planned two visits to meet with state project managers at the Georgia Resource Center and one event to host project managers in the Middle Georgia region. The group also discussed ways to improve branding as a manufacturing and logistics destination.

Ongoing Efforts

College of Public Health begins Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)

Associate Dean for Outreach & Engagement in the College of Public Health, Dr. Marsha Davis, traveled to Hawkinsville on July 24 to meet with officials from Taylor Regional Hospital and Michelle Elliott, Pulaski Archway Professional. The meeting is the first of many scheduled over the next 6-8 months to provide assistance to Taylor Regional Hospital in fulfilling the requirements of the IRS mandated CHNA, a part of the Affordable Care Act. The Act requires that non-profit hospitals perform a needs assessment, gain input from community members, and create an engagement strategy that justifies their non-profit status. The College will work with the hospital to gather qualitative and quantitative data, create an engagement plan and an implementation strategy.