Accomplishments

Community Asset Mapping
In conjunction with members of Washington County’s Archway Partnership, the Information Technology Outreach Services (ITOS) division of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government completed the Asset Maps project for Washington County. The maps have been uploaded to the Washington County Chamber of Commerce website for review and publication. A multi-year project, the Washington County’s Asset Maps have received recognition in the CVIOG as being a first in the state of Georgia.

Linton Park PR Campaign
Through a collaborative effort among Washington County’s Archway Partnership, the city of Sandersville, Washington County and the Grady College of Journalism, a marketing and public relations plan for Linton Park was completed and delivered to the Washington County Recreation Department for implementation. The campaign has been utilized as the new splash pad has been more publicized.

Ongoing Efforts

Highway 15 Coalition
Monthly meetings of the Highway 15 Coalition have continued. The Coalition met on, Jan. 13 in Wrightsville, GA. Five counties are in the process of passing a resolution to name their county’s section of Georgia Highway 15 as "Traditions Highway," with Washington and Hancock County’s resolution having been passed by their county commissioners. Plans are underway for members of the coalition to visit each county on Highway 15, with long-term plans to include all counties from the Florida line to the North Carolina line. The website is ready for review and final editing by the committee. The Coalition will meet via conference call in February.

Downtown Sandersville Traffic Assessment and Design
UGA College of Engineering students continue to gather information as they study the downtown traffic flow and re-design possibilities. Students were scheduled to visit Sandersville to survey in January; however, the date was rescheduled because of inclement weather. Meetings are currently being scheduled for the student’s next visit and for an upcoming conversation with representatives of the city of Sandersville.

Case Design for Art
In conjunction with the Washington County Board of Education, students in the UGA College of Engineering have been assigned a class project to design a display case for showcasing art that will be placed on the walking trails in Sandersville. The project will accomplish the task of enhancing the “Sandersville Walks!” trails and also providing a project for Washington County High School's shop class.