Accomplishments

Ochlockonee River Landing Enhancements
College of Environment and Design student and Archway Partnership graduate assistant Rachel Haddon’s initial designs for proposed enhancements to the Ochlockonee River landing at Hadley Ferry in Grady County were shared with participants in the Georgia River Network’s Hidden Gems Paddle, held Nov. 14. The event hosted over 60 paddlers from across the Southeast. The designs will be part of a strategy to develop and market outdoor recreation and ecotourism in Grady County.

Below: Rachel Haddon and Grady County Manager Carols Tobar at Hadley Ferry Landing on the Ochlockonee River

Roadside Beautification Enhancement Designs
Students from the UGA College of Environment and Design refreshed the planting plan and associated supporting documents designed for GA-112 at US-84 to comply with the recently updated guidelines for the Roadside Beautification Enhancement Grant Program. A complete grant package, compiled by Archway and featuring CED student designs, planting plans, and cost projections was submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation on Nov. 12.

Archway collaborates with Grady General Hospital on awards
Grady Archway Professional Betsy McGriff and Crystal Ramm, Grady General Hospital Administrator collaborated on a submission to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a Culture of Health Prize and another for the American Hospital Association NOVA Award. The RWJF Culture of Health Prize elevates communities that are making great strides in their journey towards better health. NOVA honors AHA member hospitals and health care systems for effective, collaborative programs focused on community health status. Award finalists have not yet been announced.

Ongoing Efforts

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Issue Work Group
The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Issue Work Group continues to identify stakeholders, additional community and regional resources to help expand and deepen the impact of the initiative. In
November, these efforts turned toward the development of a case-management approach to support pregnant and parenting teens. Archway, through partnerships with the College of Public Health, provided best practice information on similar programs. Additionally, the group has forged a new partnership with the Department of Biology to potentially study the effectiveness of the new FLASH Comprehensive Sexual Health curriculum adopted by the Grady Board of Education in August.

**Cairo Train Depot**
Progress continues in the interior re-design of the City of Cairo Train Depot. This project involves 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. Archway Operations Coordinator Sharon Liggett has met with Thom Houser a faculty member from LDSOA who is working on the designs.

**College and Career Academy Update**
The Education/Business & Industry Issue Work Group continues to focus on the Cairo High School College and Career Academy. Focus continues to be on pathway alignment with curriculum and higher education programs as well as branding and marking for the new “Academy Concept” that will kick off with the formation of a 9th Grady Academy at Cairo High School in 2016.

**Engineering Capstone Projects**
Work continues on the College of Engineering Senior Capstone Design Projects for sites in Grady County. The two projects students are working on are a conceptual water and wastewater system for the City of Whigham and an analysis of the Heritage Industrial Complex.

**Community Resource Guide Database**
Building on the work of Mark Huber's MIS class for the Sumter County SOWEGA CASA Community Resource Guide, Huber’s class will use the same infrastructure to build a searchable database using Grady County’s Community Resource Guide. He has assigned two student teams to the project.

**Archway collaboration with UGA College of Pharmacy**
Dr. Henry Young, UGA College of Pharmacy and PSO Faculty Fellow, continues to work with Archway to secure resources for a longitudinal study to track the efficacy of the new sexual health curriculum currently being implemented in all Grady County Schools.

**Ochlockonee River Promotional Materials**
Students from the Grady College of Journalism are working with representatives from the Grady County Chamber of Commerce, Calvary Lions Club, City of Whigham, and the Ochlockonee River Water Trail in Grady County to develop media kits to assist with promotion of tourism and cultural assets. Students will provide clients with social media posts, press releases, PSAs, and web site recommendations, as well as formation information to be easily uploaded to Explore Georgia’s new web tool.

**Looking Forward**
**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. Tammy Harlow, Director of Nursing for Grady General Hospital, will serve as event chair. The event is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 30 at Davis Park in downtown Cairo.