Accomplishments

New Water Work Group
Habersham Archway’s newest work group met on Jan. 11 to discuss goals, possibly identify a chairman, and will discuss ways it can facilitate the determination of infrastructure needs and growth projections, during this initial meeting. The work group will serve to facilitate joint discussions among Habersham municipalities and county government entities.

Clarkesville Engineering Project
During Habersham Archway’s Executive Committee Meeting on Jan. 6, Rick Story, the Habersham Archway Professional, shared design presentations presented to the city of Clarkesville by students from UGA’s College of Engineering. The designs included recommendations for a project site near the Soque River, and offered three alternatives for stabilizing, enclosing, containing and securing existing pipes spanning the river. The students presented initial design work that addressed the concerns of city officials regarding both the age and vulnerability of the pipes, including the danger they currently pose to the river. The initial presentations were well received, as they garnered compliments from both city officials and Archway Executive Committee members alike. Clarkesville city officials are expected to offer feedback in January as to how they will proceed with the project.

Community Recycling Public Relations and Education Campaign
In the fall of 2015, student teams in Dr. Maria Len-Rios’ public relations class completed work on Habersham’s public relations and education campaign for community recycling. The Habersham Archway Professional Rick Story will review the campaign plans and then share with community members for possible implementation.

Pictured: Students from Dr. Len-Rios’ class with Habersham Archway Professional Rick Story and Operations Coordinator Dr. Sue Chapman

Looking Forward
Archway Summit
Habersham Archway will continue to encourage community participation in the upcoming Archway Summit scheduled for February 8 – 9, 2016.

EDC Work Group
Habersham Archway will continue to facilitate meetings of the Economic Development Council (EDC) Work Group, until the group formalizes into an independent entity. The next work group meeting is slated to be scheduled in January.
Health & Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Groups Updates
Habersham Archway will facilitate continued discussions regarding the futures of both the Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Group and the Health Work Group. The loss of Dr. Terry Greene as Chairman of the Health Work Group, and the departure of Brian Rickman as Chairman of the Drug Prevention and Treatment Work Group, have presented challenges for these groups moving forward, and Archway will work closely with community members to carefully formulate a strategy for moving forward that best represents the interests of all community entities and participants.