Accomplishments
Non-Profit Leadership Development Training
Priority: Leadership/Economic Development
The Pulaski Archway Partnership and the Pulaski Tomorrow leadership group hosted four non-profit management workshops in Hawkinsville led by faculty from the UGA J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development during November and December. These sessions were well-attended and well-received as part of the Pulaski County Archway Partnership’s commitment to capacity building.

Pictured below: participants at the Non-Profit training in Hawkinsville

Ongoing Efforts
Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve Initiative
Priority: Economic Development
UGA College of Environment + Design student and Archway Partnership graduate assistant Mary Beth Wortham is scheduled to visit Middle Georgia on Dec. 9 to assist in the design of a new grand entrance for the gateway to the Ocmulgee National Monument on Coliseum Drive in Macon. Pulaski County is one of four counties participating in efforts to expand the footprint of the monument along the Ocmulgee to Hawkinsville, and establish a new National Park and Preserve. Currently, both Houses of Congress are evaluating the proposed feasibility study for the project in committee.

Looking Forward
Youth Leadership in Action
Priority: Leadership Development
Utilizing a new curriculum developed by the UGA Fanning Institute for Leadership Development in 2014, local facilitators kicked off this year’s Youth Leadership Academy hosting 23 students from local public and private schools. Students work together on team building, understanding local issues, and develop a collaborative approach to problem solving. They also take on a valuable community service role by collecting books for preschoolers in the popular “Readers to Leaders” Book Drive. The books are distributed by local pediatrician, Sandra Kopacz. Students also take turns reading to the little ones. In addition to class room activities and community service, this year’s class will also visit the Georgia General Assembly, get a behind the scenes tour of STEM careers at the Georgia Aquarium, and visit Georgia Southern University.