Accomplishments

Enduring Farmlands Scenic Byway Press Kits:
Priority: Economic Development
This fall, ten teams of undergraduate students from the Grady College of Journalism have been working with the Wilcox-Pulaski Agritourism Committee (Issue Work Group) to develop press kits for assets along the Enduring Farmlands Scenic Byway. The committee has a mission to educate visitors about agriculture and the region, and members of Dr. Maria Len-Rios’ Public Relations Communications course have been working to highlight the unique agricultural assets of the two counties, including: the Butterfly mansion B&B, the Harness Racing Facility and the Abbeville Wild Hog Festival. Final class presentations will be made on Dec. 2.

Ongoing Efforts

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA)
Priority: Community Health
The College of Public Health (CPH) is working with Hawkinsville’s Taylor Regional Hospital to conduct the IRS mandated Community Engagement Strategy as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Behind the scenes, CPH is working to compile statistical data on the Hospital’s Service area. In the community, Dr. Marsha Davis, CPH Associate Dean and Professor, has led advisory committee and Steering committee meetings (issue work group) with local stakeholders. During the months of November and December, the work group will be distributing and collecting surveys and participating in a series of focus groups with the College of Public Health. The project is expected to be completed in March 2016.

Looking Forward

Non-Profit Leadership Development Training
Priority: Leadership Development
Hosted locally by the Pulaski Tomorrow leadership group, the Archway Partnership has organized a series of training classes on board governance, organizational planning, non-profit lifecycles and volunteer management. These classes will take place in Hawkinsville during the months of November and December, and are being facilitated by the J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development. While open to all members of the community, the classes were specifically designed to help graduates of the Pulaski Tomorrow program better understand their roles as members of local boards and organizations, and build capacity in the community.