Build Community Resilience with UGA

The Connected Resilient Communities designation will provide Georgia communities an opportunity to tap into UGA's vast resources and expertise to address local challenges and increase its potential for economic development.

Selected cities and counties will tap into local data and gather community input to complete three projects designed to bolster the community's resilience.

“Most of the people in Georgia have never been to Athens. They know about the University of Georgia because they see it in their communities.”
– Jere W. Morehead, President, University of Georgia

Communities will be recognized at the completion of each project. Upon completion of three projects, the community will receive the CRC designation.

The Archway Partnership, a UGA Public Service and Outreach unit, will facilitate the projects, connecting communities with faculty and students.

Each of the projects should take four to six months to complete, or 12 to 18 months to complete the full CRC designation.

For more information, including community qualifications, applications and frequently asked questions, go to archwaypartnership.uga.edu/CRC/.

As a part of their CRC projects, Hart County established a regional county agricultural exposition. Pictured right is a booth at the 2021 event.

Current CRC Communities

City of Thomaston
- Priority Areas
  - Housing
  - Economic Development
  - Health & Wellness

Hart County
- Priority Areas
  - Economic Development
  - Health & Wellness
  - Education & Workforce Development

Newton County
- Priority Areas
  - Education & Workforce Development
  - Marketing & Branding
  - Economic Development

Washington County
- Priority Areas
  - Economic Development
  - Health & Wellness

Archway student, Elizabeth Crimmins discussed plans to redesign Railroad Street Park with community members in Hart County.
Applications open winter 2022. For more information about the program, please contact:

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• Resilience is the ability to utilize and strengthen its assets to withstand, adapt to and recover from adversity.

• Projects designed to build resilience tap into UGA resources through 70 programs in 10 categories.

• There is no cost to participate in the program, however project implementation may require cost-sharing for communities.

• Communities identified as Tier 1 and Tier 2 by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs will receive special consideration for acceptance into the program.

College of Pharmacy faculty member Henry Young addresses representatives from the 2022 CRC Communities at the CRC Summit.

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CONNECTED RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
BY THE NUMBERS

12–18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM

GAIN ACCESS TO
18 SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

LEVERAGE EXPERTISE OF
8 PUBLIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH UNITS

10 RESILIENCE-BUILDING CATEGORIES COMMUNITIES WILL BE EVALUATED ON

3 DESIGNATION LEVELS
SILVER | GOLD | PLATINUM

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