Build Community Resilience with UGA

The Connected Resilient Community program provides Georgia cities and counties an opportunity to tap into UGA's vast resources and expertise to address local challenges and increase potential for economic development.

Selected cities and counties 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 are recognized at the completion of each project. After completing three projects, the community receives the CRC designation.

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

Each project takes four to six months to complete, about 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
  - Education & Workforce Development

UGA student, Elizabeth Crimmins discussed plans to redesign Railroad Street Park with community members in Hart County.
• Resilience is the ability to utilize and strengthen 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.

Applications open winter 2022. For more information, contact:

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