I. Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Airport Advisory Committee – November 4
Community members met with GDOT Aviation Program Manager Carol Comer and Aviation Project Manager Ed Ratigan on November 4 to discuss the ongoing environmental assessment that is being completed related to future expansion plans of the Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Airport. Community members attending the meeting include: Pulaski County Sole Commissioner Brooks Bailey, Hawkinsville City Commissioner Shelly Berryhill, Hawkinsville City Manager Jerry Murkerson, Hawkinsville Better Hometown Manager Karen Bailey, United Pulaski Economic Development CEO Lee Slade, Manse Jennings (ComSouth), John Cravey (Batts Drug Company), and Mary Beth Chew.

Recommendations included the identification of an Airport Advisory Committee, as well as application to be included in the FAA’s National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). Next steps of this effort are to appointment members to the Airport Advisory Committee to begin working on airport expansion and development. GDOT is to conclude its environmental assessment with related steps for wetlands remediation by March/April of 2011. Archway staff to assist, as directed, on application to NPIAS.

II. Public Authorities Training – November 9
Through the work of the Hawkinsville-Pulaski Economic Development (HPED) Committee, the need for a localized public authorities training was identified—both for existing authority members, as well as for those with an interest in economic development in Hawkinsville and Pulaski County. As such, Fanning Institute faculty members have developed a localized, one-day training specific to the needs, challenges, and opportunities faced in this community.

Nineteen local community members completed the training. Those in attendance are listed below: Tom Arnold, Brooks Bailey, Karen Bailey, Travis Bentley, Shelly Berryhill, Chris Burch, Ben Cravey, Drew Cravey, John Cravey, Jeff Hair, Manse Jennings, Bob Krueger, Dan Maddock, Jerry Murkerson, Mike Penn, Vivian Penn, J.D. Rhodes, Jim Rhodes, and Patrick Simmons.

III. Pulaski Tomorrow Plans Next Steps – November 16
Members of the Pulaski Tomorrow Planning and Steering Committee, as well as recent Pulaski Tomorrow graduates attended a facilitated session to determine next steps for
the adult leadership program in Pulaski County. Facilitated by Matt Bishop, Pulaski Tomorrow participants identified the pros and cons of the inaugural program, discussing specific things that did and/or did not work in 2010.

Attendees were asked to identify ways in which the program could sustain itself with scaled back administration by Archway Partnership faculty. Community volunteers agreed to take on this role; and the need to meet to discuss recruitment efforts for the 2011 class was stated as a high priority.

Next steps include the development of a program/organizational manual that describes committee roles, position responsibilities, and a general outline of program development. Mary Beth Chew agreed to draft this document for future use by Pulaski Tomorrow.

Community members in attendance include: Greg Brown, John Follett, Drew Cravey, Sonya Jones, Sarah Andersen, Lorraine Holmes, Jeff Hair, John Cravey, Jaydee Ager, Brandy Gordon, Lee Slade, Jerry Murkerson, Travis Bentley, Manse Jennings, Wilson Credle, Jill Niblett, Maggie Roush, Karen Bailey, and Hannah Cook.