I. **Vibrant Downtown Issue Work Group Conducts Surveys and Reviews Responses**

After engaging in an extensive, year-long, community-wide visioning process, the Dalton-Whitfield Archway Partnership Executive Committee recognized that the revitalization of Downtown Dalton is a top priority for the entire community. Consequently, it formed an issue work group to spearhead revitalization of the downtown area. Over the past several months, the downtown issue work group has worked with other community entities to compile baseline information from which a business plan can be developed. Information currently gathered includes a property owners’ list; a leakage report generated by Electric Cities of Georgia; concept drawings from University of Georgia College of Environment and Design students addressing streetscape improvements; and extensive ideas, proposals, and planning documents generated by Savannah College of Art and Design urban planning classes in Fall 2010.

To supplement the information previously compiled, the Downtown Dalton Issue Work Group asked Dalton State College’s School of Business for assistance in creating and conducting a survey of local consumers and downtown property and business owners. Veronica Blackstock and Jessica Marks, graduating marketing students, worked with School of Business Dean Donna Mayo to create two surveys for the issue work group. In November, Jessica, Veronica, and the Archway Partnership Executive Committee were able to solicit survey responses from approximately 450 concerned citizens regarding what they would like to see downtown. In addition, 25 downtown business owners provided thoughtful responses about what problems they face on a daily basis and what they would like to see downtown.


II. **Archway Volunteers Discuss How to Incorporate Diversity into Community Efforts**

In December, a team of community members met at Dalton Public Schools to discuss how to enhance the diversity of the Archway Issue Work Groups, Executive Committee, and Steering Committee. At this preliminary meeting, the team discussed the possibility of getting interpreter equipment for future meetings. The group also discussed how to include and reach a more diverse audience. The group contemplated forming a task force to address this issue in the future.
III. **Economy, Education, and Environment Steering Teams Recap November Meetings and Plan for January 2011**

During the month of December, the steering teams for the economy, education, and environment groups convened to discuss the November meetings and develop meeting agendas and plans for 2011. At these meetings, the steering committees began to address basic governance and scope issues.

IV. **Archway Supports City of Dalton Greenway Grant Application**

In December, the City of Dalton applied for a $1 million grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation to enhance the area’s greenways, parks, and trails. Through the Communit-E3 visioning process, the Dalton-Whitfield Archway Partnership has articulated enhanced greenways, parks, and trails as a community priority. Hence, the Archway Partnership supported the City of Dalton’s grant application with letters of endorsement.