I. **Leadership Development Task Force Kick-Off Meeting – June 14**

Approximately 35 community members, representing key community entities that engage in leadership development, came together on June 14 to discuss the need to enhance leadership development programming in Glynn County. From United Way, FLETC, Fourteen Black Men of Glynn, Links, the Chamber of Commerce, Southeast Georgia Health System, College of Coastal Georgia, Altamaha Technical College, Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation, Coastal Regional Commission, and local banks; community leaders spoke with clear distinction about the need to broaden the scope and outreach of leadership development efforts in the Golden Isles.

Stating a need to both identify and engage new and emerging leaders, the new Task Force shared opportunities to fill current service gaps by working with young and aspiring professionals in the community, as well as new retirees to the area who would have many talents to offer. Although a clear vision for the new Archway Issue Work Group is still to be determined, the Leadership Development Task Force agreed to commit to moving this priority area forward over the coming months.

Mary Beth Chew will work with Task Force members to identify an appropriate date for the next meeting in July. At the July meeting, the Leadership Development Task Force would like to hear from leadership development programs from around the state that have been successful—both from other Archway sites, as well as other area programs in Camden County, among others.

II. **Dates set for ACT Public Participation Program**

UGA faculty continues work within the Altama Community Transformation (ACT) District, conducting a series of outreach and public engagement opportunities for residents, students, business owners, and employees that live and work within the District. Over the last several weeks, some 25 community leaders have participated in a series of one-on-one interviews to share their concerns and priorities for the District.

Additionally, four focus groups are planned in coming weeks: 1) Resident Focus Group – June 21 at Brunswick High School; 2) Merchant Focus Group – June 22 at College of Coastal Georgia; 3) Student Focus Group – June 22 at College of Coastal Georgia; and 4) Southeast Georgia Health System (SGHS) and College of Coastal Georgia Staff Focus Group – June 27 at SGHS Brunswick Campus. The purpose of these focus groups is to learn about current, as well as future, business growth needs and opportunities.
A Town Hall meeting is also scheduled for June 28 at the College of Coastal Georgia where members of the community are invited to share their vision of the future for the ACT District, identify key concerns and priorities to be addressed within the redevelopment plan. A direct mail campaign will be conducted to encourage full participation by the community.

The results of these efforts will be shared with the ACT Design Steering Committee at their upcoming retreat on July 22-23.

III. Landscape and Design Projects with Pinova, Inc. and Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission

UGA College of Environment and Design student, Brittany Williams, is working with local industry, Pinova, Inc., to develop a landscape and design project to help screen a portion of their property along U.S. Highway 17. The U.S. 17 corridor is a primary entryway into Brunswick and the Golden Isles, and Pinova seeks to enhance their property as well as promote an attractive entrance into the community by shielding part of their operations from public view. Brittany is tasked with creating an attractive design that will feature native plants to the coastal area to meet their needs while still showcasing the feature that makes Pinova unique—their pine stumps used to produce resin.

Brittany is also working with the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC) to design a screen and buffer for their water treatment plant located on U.S. Highway 341—another primary corridor in the community and entrance into downtown Brunswick. She is charged with incorporating JWSC’s unique proposal to paint murals onto the water tanks with her concept. After a visit to the treatment plant on Academy Creek, Brittany learned that JWSC employees already grow fruit trees on portions of the property, which may become a feature of her design.

Both projects are anticipated for completion and presentation to the community in July.