On June 14th, new MOU’s were signed by community partners to continue the community’s relationship with UGA’s Archway Partnership for next year.

**Economic Development**

- The city and the county will sign the contract for designation as a Community of Opportunity (Co-Op) by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on June 21st. One area of focus for Co-Op is the enhancement of the community’s web presence. The Economic Development issue work group will work to audit existing community institution websites, recommend specific changes to increase the community’s web presence and establish an award-winning community website.

- A group of Hawkinsville-Pulaski Economic Development (HPED) representatives will travel to UGA in July to meet with campus officials to build relationships with business development experts at the University and explore potential partnerships.

- United Pulaski, the community’s economic development organization, has asked UGA’s Archway Partnership to lead a facilitated discussion around community perception and image to be held in July. This discussion will capture the insight of community partners with statewide expertise.

- Under the direction of the Economic Development Issue work group, the Branding sub-committee is producing a set of multi-media DVDs. Working with a UGA grad student, the committee will develop a short “u-Tube” style video and a longer economic development video deigned to communicate the unique features and benefits of the community to potential business interests. The short video premiered to an economic development group from the state economic development agencies and
Georgia Power in early June and received great reviews. Production of the longer version is underway.

- Working with the DDA and BHT, UGA students have been creating an inventory of existing downtown retail space. Utilizing state of the art database technology, this project will allow potential businesses to quickly scan available properties and refine their search to those that meet their needs.

- As a complement to the retail inventory, the Executive Committee approved an over/under retail study that was initiated in May by the Applied Research Division of UGA’s Small Business Development Center. This study will assist in economic development by comparing existing businesses to those in similar counties to identify over or under represented businesses in several categories.

**Community Health**

- UGA’s College of Public Health committed a position created under the new Public Health Training Initiative to the Hawkinsville-Pulaski area in an effort to better assess and train providers in Public Health positions. Archway Public Health Professional, Laura Gillman, is working with the community and the College of Public Health to develop this relationship. A local community issue work group is forming to steer the community efforts of this position.

- The second Communities of Opportunity (Co-Op) initiative for Hawkinsville-Pulaski County is the reduction of teenage pregnancy rates. Under the leadership of local champion, Vonnie Berryhill, the work group will implement a number of community initiatives to reduce teen pregnancy by 25% by the summer of 2013. At the inaugural meeting held June 2nd, this community health issue work group heard a presentation on the prevalence of teen pregnancy by UGA scholar, Stefani D’Angelo, learned a little more about Archway and Co-op, and had an introduction to the Teen Maze, one of the components of the Community Improvement Strategy under Co-Op.

**Government Service Delivery**

- Two critical UGA surveys in the community have been completed in June. The first, offers a look at park and recreational activities and use in the
community. The second surveys current airport usage as well as potential interest in future airport options. Currently, discussions are underway on how to best populate these surveys.

- Middle Georgia Regional Commission representatives continue to work with Archway on data-gathering for the Community Assessment portion of the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

- The Information Technology Outreach Services division of UGA completed work with the city and county to do mapping for EMA/Fire station requirements.

- **Housing**

- The executive committee defers to the GICH committee to develop and implement a work plan after the three year program period expires.

- **Leadership Development**

- The Pulaski Tomorrow leadership class for 2011 held its first session this month. There are 24 new members from the community taking part in this community leadership program developed by UGA’s Fanning Institute. This five month course focuses on leadership, communication, group decision making and community building and has become a tremendous asset in developing new leadership in the community.

- Archway Professional Michelle Elliott is a participant of the 2011 class.

- **Public Education**

- Pulaski County schools participated in the Office of School Engagement/Archway Partnership’s inaugural symposium *The Power and Promise of Public Schools*. This month Archway facilitated a discussion between school leadership, symposium participants from Pulaski County, and Edward Joaquin, our liaison for the College of Education’s community engagement efforts. The Executive Committee and Education issue work group have begun a long-term collaboration with the College of Education to facilitate the continuation of dialogue between the community, Archway and UGA.
Based on interest expressed by the school system and the Archway Executive committee, Archway hosted Mark Peevy, a charter school consultant, at June’s Executive Committee meeting. He provided information and guidance on preparing a charter for submission.

A demographic study called the “Pulaski County Report card” was prepared by UGA grad student Kyli Lamar and presented to the Education work group in the June meeting. This will be another resource that is used by the education work group in their endeavor to continue improvement in the public school system.