Archway Partnership

Glynn County

Monthly Key Accomplishments – July 2011

1. ACT Focus Groups and Town Hall Meeting Completed; Planning Work Continues
   Approximately 35 community members participated in a series of focus groups hosted by Small Business Development Center faculty from June 21-27. These focus groups allowed business owners, residents, students and staff to provide input regarding current and future business growth opportunities and needs along the Altama corridor.

   Additionally, UGA faculty hosted a Town Hall meeting on June 28 that was open to the public, engaging roughly 70 community members to share ideas about challenges to growth, connectivity, safety and transportation concerns in key nodes along Altama Avenue. The results of these public participation and outreach efforts will be shared with the ACT Design Steering Committee at their retreat on July 22-23.

   Additionally, the Archway Professional also met with UGA faculty from the Vinson Institute to discuss concerns along the corridor in an effort to identify future land use needs and recommendations for zoning.

   Also, as a related element of the ACT Redevelopment Plan process, Archway staff hosted photographer and professor Maury Gortemiller in Glynn County as he completed a photographic study of the need for redevelopment throughout the ACT District—similar to the Cabbagetown initiative of the early 1980s. These images will be shared locally to demonstrate the need for implementation.

2. Georgia Climate Community of Practice Group Meeting – July 7
   Georgia Sea Grant hosted a Georgia Climate Community of Practice Group meeting for UGA faculty and key environmental stakeholders on July 7 at the Coastal Regional Commission in Brunswick. Participants included staff and faculty from Georgia Sea Grant, Marine Extension, Skidaway Institute, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, Archway Partnership, Georgia Coastal Research Council, Southeastern Climate Consortium, UGA Department of Marine Sciences, UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Science, Coastal Regional Commission, and others.

   The purpose of the meeting was to provide updates and findings from various sea level rise research projects that have been conducted along the coast of Georgia; as well as to discuss future opportunities for coordinating outreach efforts among faculty and units. A small group of key faculty will meet as a subcommittee to determine next steps for “clearinghouse” for coastal projects and shared information, as applicable, to minimize duplication of efforts.

   Additionally, Sea Grant intends to host a workshop for coastal communities to discuss ongoing projects and share information related to future programming in the coming months.
3. **Leadership Development Task Force Plans Next Steps**

The Leadership Development Task Force has set the date for its next meeting—Wednesday, August 3. The purpose of this follow-up meeting is to identify best practices among leadership development programming around the state for possible implementation in Glynn County. To provide guidance in this initiative is Fanning Institute faculty member, Louise Hill. Louise will offer insight into programs around Georgia that have been successful in identifying and engaging emerging leaders, as well as sustaining participation after graduation.

To share a “boots on the ground,” perspective, members from Colquitt County’s leadership program will share how that made implementation and sustainability successful—particularly, by reaching out to the underserved Hispanic population. This second meeting of the Glynn Archway Leadership Development Task Force will also include shared best practices from neighboring community Camden County.