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 signed 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.

- Under the leadership of the Hawkinsville Pulaski Economic Development (HPED) work group, a short DVD has been produced by UGA grad student Mark LeBlang. This DVD is now available for use in the community. A longer, economic development version of the DVD is now in production.

- Working with the DDA and BHT, UGA students have been creating an inventory of existing downtown retail space. UGA grad student, David Tully has presented Karen Bailey with this inventory, trained her on its use and will provide ongoing support to resolve any issues.

- 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.

- On Thursday, July 7, HPED met with Associate Provost for Economic Development Margaret Dahl Wagner, HERTY Representative Ross Harding and the Archway Partnership’s Dr. Mel Garber on the UGA campus to explore possible economic development projects.

- On Thursday, July 14, Archway will facilitate an economic development listening session on behalf of United Pulaski. Economic Development leaders from across
the state as well as local business people will meet for one evening to access UP’s economic development strategy.

- **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 study this and other local health issues.
  - Archway’s newly created issue work group for Community Health will be chaired by Dr. Skip McDannald, former administrator for Houston Healthcare. Under Dr. McDannald’s leadership, the community will evaluate local health needs and create a plan to address them in the community. These efforts will be coordinated through the College of Public Health with the assistance of Ms. Gillman.
  - 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.

- **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.

- **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 continues this month. There are 24 new members from the community taking part in this 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.

  - Pulaski Tomorrow President Harley Lawson and Archway Professional Michelle Elliott traveled to Sumter County to share their leadership class experiences with Sumter Archway Professional Barbara Grogan and interested citizens there.

  - 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 and the Office of School Engagement facilitate an issue work group discussion. The Executive Committee and Education issue work group have begun a long-term collaboration with the College of Education to continue education dialogue between the community, Archway and UGA.

  - An organizational issue work group on education will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011.

**Campus visits for July:** Lamar Dodd School of Art, Associate Provost for Economic Development, Environmental Engineering