**Economic Development**

- Archway participated as a community member in the Georgia Economic Development Agency’s “Tourism Assessment Team” July 25-27. The Chamber hosted this 10 person team representing seven state agencies. The team will evaluate the community’s tourism assets and present both short and long term plans to residents in a public session to be held in late September.

- 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 14, Archway facilitated an economic development listing session on behalf of United Pulaski. Economic Development leaders from across the state as well as local business leaders provided insight and advice to maximize local economic development efforts. Archway will continue to work with UP on the feedback from this event to develop planning, branding and marketing resources for future economic growth.

**Community Health**

- Archway coordinated the annual Mercer University School of Medicine Rural Health Experience in Pulaski County on August 9th. Archway Health Professional Laura Gillman spoke to the first year students and local health care professionals.

- Archway’s newly created issue work group for Community Health will be chaired by Dr. Skip McDannald, a surgeon, businessman and 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**

- Recreation surveys produced by UGA students have been included in the new school packets of every student. Archway will also review and analyze the input from 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.

- Harry Hayes, from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, will speak to citizens on Monday August 22 to provide information on government consolidation based on a request to the Executive Committee from local leadership groups and interested citizens.

**Housing**

- Community members of the GICH team including the Archway Professional traveled to Athens to participate in the GICH conference.

**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.

- 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 was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011. The participants expressed their interest in future meeting topics and formats. As a follow up to the School Symposium, Edward Joaquin, liaison from the Office of School Engagement was in attendance.

As part of the Lamar Dodd School of Art’s Georgia Gaze program, a photographer was in town for two days from UGA to take pictures of the newly restored School Board Office and several photographs of local tourist attractions. Videographer Mark LeBlang has also been in town shooting the longer economic development DVD.