In August, nine Archway interns from the College of Environment and Design (CED) presented 35 landscape designs to representatives from Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department, Clayton County Public Schools, and the cities of College Park, Forest Park, Lovejoy, Morrow, and Riverdale.

As economic development is a priority issue for the Clayton Archway Partnership Executive Committee, the committee identified initiatives to address community-wide beautification issues providing technical assistance to local governments in the area of landscape architectural design.

Clayton Archway Partnership partnered with the College of Environment and Design to provide nine students with internships for the summer of 2011. The presentations provided detailed information and explained the rationale behind the landscape designs. The value of the student hours and effort spent on the design projects would be valued at $52,000 had professional landscape designers been contracted.

Community partners were extremely impressed with the designs and the presentations conducted by the interns and look forward to next summer’s CED internship program.