Four UGA College of Environment and Design students made presentations to the City Manager for Azalea Park and Community Gateways as well as to the Friends of the Roddenbery Memorial Library for the Courtyard.

August 9, 2012, Community Health and Wellness Issue Work Group met with Laura Gillman, Archway Partnership Public Health Professional, and Sue Chapman, Archway Partnership Operations Coordinator, facilitated a priorities exercise and the group identified four target areas: 1) Obesity & Chronic Disease, 2) Mental Health, 3) Accessibility & Affordability and 4) Wellness Education to address. The group will meet again in September.

The Education-Business and Industry Issue Work Group received additional information on the Georgia BEST (Business Ethics Student Training) from the Georgia Department of Labor to address the needs expressed by employers for soft skills training. The group also continues to focus on the need to create an Academic & Training Program Showcase for Employers, conduct an inventory of programs offered through Thomas University, Bainbridge College and Southwest Georgia Technical College as well as survey employers for current and future workforce needs. Future meetings will target 1) Specific Training Needs per Employer, 2) Collaborative Efforts to Support Education and 3) Work Place (On-site) Learning for Students and Faculty.