



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNDERSTANDING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY: AN ASSESSMENT OF APARTMENT PROPERTIES IN NEWTON COUNTY

ABSTRACT:

The UGA Archway Partnership worked with local stakeholders in Newton County to assess housing affordability, focusing on apartment rentals and income levels amid rapid economic growth. By incorporating service learning, the project not only provided valuable data but also gave a UGA student hands-on experience in public policy.

THEMATIC FOCUS:

Gauging the Waters: Using research and assessment to course correct or gain deeper insight.

BIO:

Jeffrey holds a BA in Political Science and an MPA, both from Valdosta State University, and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Public Administration degree from the same institution. He works with the Archway Partnership as the Archway Professional in Newton County. His passion for public service began during his college years in São Paulo, Brazil, where he participated in a student outreach program and witnessed the positive effects of grassroots initiatives. This experience inspired him to make a similar impact in his home state of Georgia, fostering in him a deep appreciation for its diverse communities and industries. Prior to his current role, Jeffrey spent twelve years with UGA Extension and Georgia 4-H.