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St. Marys Awarded “Four for the Future” Award by Georgia Trend Magazine

Georgia Trend Magazine recognized the City of St. Marys, along with Blairsville and Union County, Statesboro and Americus and Sumter County, as four communities striving to form innovative partnerships to create and implement positive change.

Stemming from an article by Jennifer Hafen, Karen Kirkpatrick and Bonnie Smith, in this month’s Georgia Trends magazine, the “Four for the Future” award was presented to City Manager John Holman at a presentation at the University of Georgia, in Athens, Monday, April 11.

Small or rural communities often need resources and expertise that aren’t available locally to create and implement positive change that citizens are eager to support. Many times those communities call on the University of Georgia’s Public Service and Outreach (PSO) division – it’s all part of UGA’s mission as a land grant university. St. Marys has partnered with UGA’s Carl Vinson Institute on its Downtown Renaissance plan and continues to work with the Georgia Sea Grant program on Sea Level Rise planning on its City Master Plan and Visioning project.

These innovative planning projects, along with the many public outreach efforts, including the new St. Marys and Camden County Joint Program for Public Participation for FEMA’s Flood Insurance Program, position the City for smarter and more resilient growth in the future, while saving its citizens on flood insurance policies and the savings that will come from more strategic infrastructure spending.

If you have any questions on these projects or any other planning issues please contact Jeff Adams, St. Marys Community Development Director, at Jeff.Adams@stmarysga.gov, or (912) 510-4032.