



**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY**

**FORM 1**

COUNTY: **JONES COUNTY**

**I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. FORM 1 is required for **ALL** SDS submittals. Only one set of these forms should be submitted per county. The completed forms shall clearly present the collective agreement reached by all cities and counties that were party to the service delivery strategy.
2. List each local government and/or authority that provides services included in the service delivery strategy in Section II below.
3. List all services provided or primarily funded by each general purpose local government and/or authority within the county that are continuing *without change* in Section III, below. (It is acceptable to break a service into separate components if this will facilitate description of the service delivery strategy.)

<b>OPTION A</b> <i>Revising or Adding to the SDS</i>	<b>OPTION B</b> <i>Extending the Existing SDS</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. List all services provided or primarily funded by each general purpose local government and authority within the county which are revised or added to the SDS in Section IV, below. (It is acceptable to break a service into separate components if this will facilitate description of the service delivery strategy.)</li><li>5. For <b>each</b> service or service component listed in Section IV, complete a separate, updated <i>Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements</i> form (FORM 2).</li><li>6. Complete one copy of the <i>Certifications</i> form (FORM 4) and have it signed by the authorized representatives of participating local governments. [Please note that DCA cannot validate the strategy unless it is signed by the local governments required by law (see Instructions, FORM 4).]</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. In Section IV type, "NONE."</li><li>5. Complete one copy of the <i>Certifications for Extension of Existing SDS</i> form (FORM 5) and have it signed by the authorized representatives of the participating local governments. [Please note that DCA cannot validate the strategy unless it is signed by the local governments required by law (see Instructions, FORM 5).]</li><li>6. Proceed to step 7, below.</li></ol> <div data-bbox="841 1182 1539 1413"><p><b>For answers to most frequently asked questions on Georgia's Service Delivery Act, links and helpful publications, visit DCA's website at <a href="http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/servicedelivery.asp">http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/servicedelivery.asp</a>, or call the Office of Planning and Quality Growth at (404) 679-5279.</b></p></div>

7. If any of the conditions described in the existing *Summary of Land Use Agreements* form (FORM 3) have changed or if it has been ten (10) or more years since the most recent FORM 3 was filed, update and include FORM 3 with the submittal.
8. Provide the completed forms and any attachments to your regional commission. The regional commission will upload digital copies of the SDS documents to the Department's password-protected web-server.

**NOTE: ANY FUTURE CHANGES TO THE SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED ON THESE FORMS WILL REQUIRE AN UPDATE OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY AND SUBMITTAL OF REVISED FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNDER THE "OPTION A" PROCESS DESCRIBED, ABOVE.**

**II. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY:**

In this section, list all local governments (including cities located partially within the county) and authorities that provide services included in the service delivery strategy.

Jones County, City of Gray, Macon Water Authority, Development Authority of Jones County, Downtown Development Authority of Gray

**III. SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE EXISTING SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY THAT ARE BEING EXTENDED WITHOUT CHANGE:**

In this section, list each service or service component already included in the existing SDS which will continue as previously agreed with no need for modification.

Animal Control, Building Code Enforcement and Inspection, Cemetery, Civic Center, Courts- County, Courts- Municipal, Downtown Development, E-911, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Fire Protection, Health Department, Law Enforcement- Police, Library, Public Transportation, Recreation, Roads and Bridges, Solid Waste Collection/Recycling, Street Lighting, Stormwater Management, Housing (Private Assistance).

**IV. SERVICES THAT ARE BEING REVISED OR ADDED IN THIS SUBMITTAL:**

In this section, list each new service or new service component which is being added and each service or service component which is being revised in this submittal. For each item listed here, a separate Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements form (FORM 2) must be completed.

Water Service, Sewerage Collection, Sewerage Treatment



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**FORM 2: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements**

**Instructions:**

**Make copies of this form and complete one for each service listed on FORM 1, Section IV. Use EXACTLY the same service names listed on FORM 1.** Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of the page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

**COUNTY: JONES COUNTY**

**Service: *Water Service***

1. Check one box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

- a.) ☐ Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.):
- b.) ☐ Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.):
- c.) ☐ One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service):
- d.) ☐ One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the county will provide the service in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service.):
- e.) ☒ Other (If this box is checked, **attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider**, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.): **Water service is to be provided in Jones County by the City of Gray, Jones County and the Macon Water Authority. Please see the attached Water Service Area map for a detailed outline of coverage areas.**

2. In developing this strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

☐ **Yes** (if "Yes," you must attach additional documentation as described, below)

☒ **No**

If these conditions will continue under this strategy, **attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement** (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

If these conditions will be eliminated under the strategy, **attach an implementation schedule** listing each step or action that will be taken to eliminate them, the responsible party and the agreed upon deadline for completing it.

## SDS FORM 2, continued

3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<b>Local Government or Authority</b>	<b>Funding Method</b>
Jones County	User Fees
City of Gray	User Fees and SPLOST
Macon Water Authority	User Fees

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

Water Service is provided in Jones County by the City of Gray, Jones County, and Macon Water Authority. Each entity imposes user fees to compensate for the service. The City of Gray also has set aside Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds to assist with providing Water Service. The attached map is included to easily identify the service boundaries.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<b>Agreement Name</b>	<b>Contracting Parties</b>	<b>Effective and Ending Dates</b>
N/A		

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

The Service Delivery Strategy resolution adopted by each local government will formally initiate any changes to this Service Delivery Strategy.

7. Person completing form: **Aidan Leahy, Community Development Specialist, MGRC**

Phone number: **(478) 722-6961**

Date completed: April 29, 2025

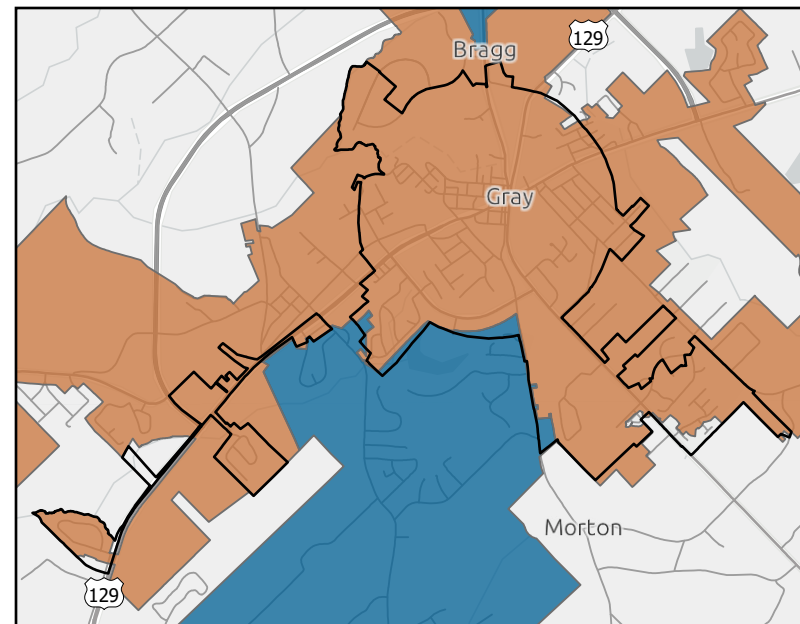
8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

**Jason Rizner, Jones County Administrator, (478) 986-6405 Ext. 1119**

# Water Service Areas | Jones County

Inset: City of Gray



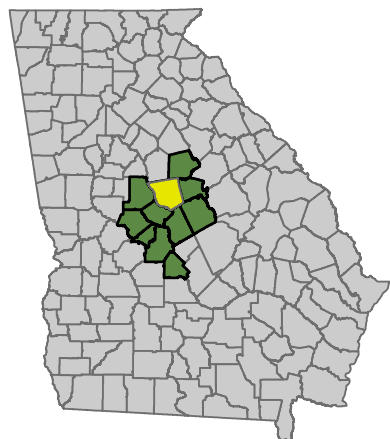
## Legend

- City of Gray Boundary
- County Boundaries

## Water Service Areas

### Provider

- Gray
- Jones County
- Macon Water Authority

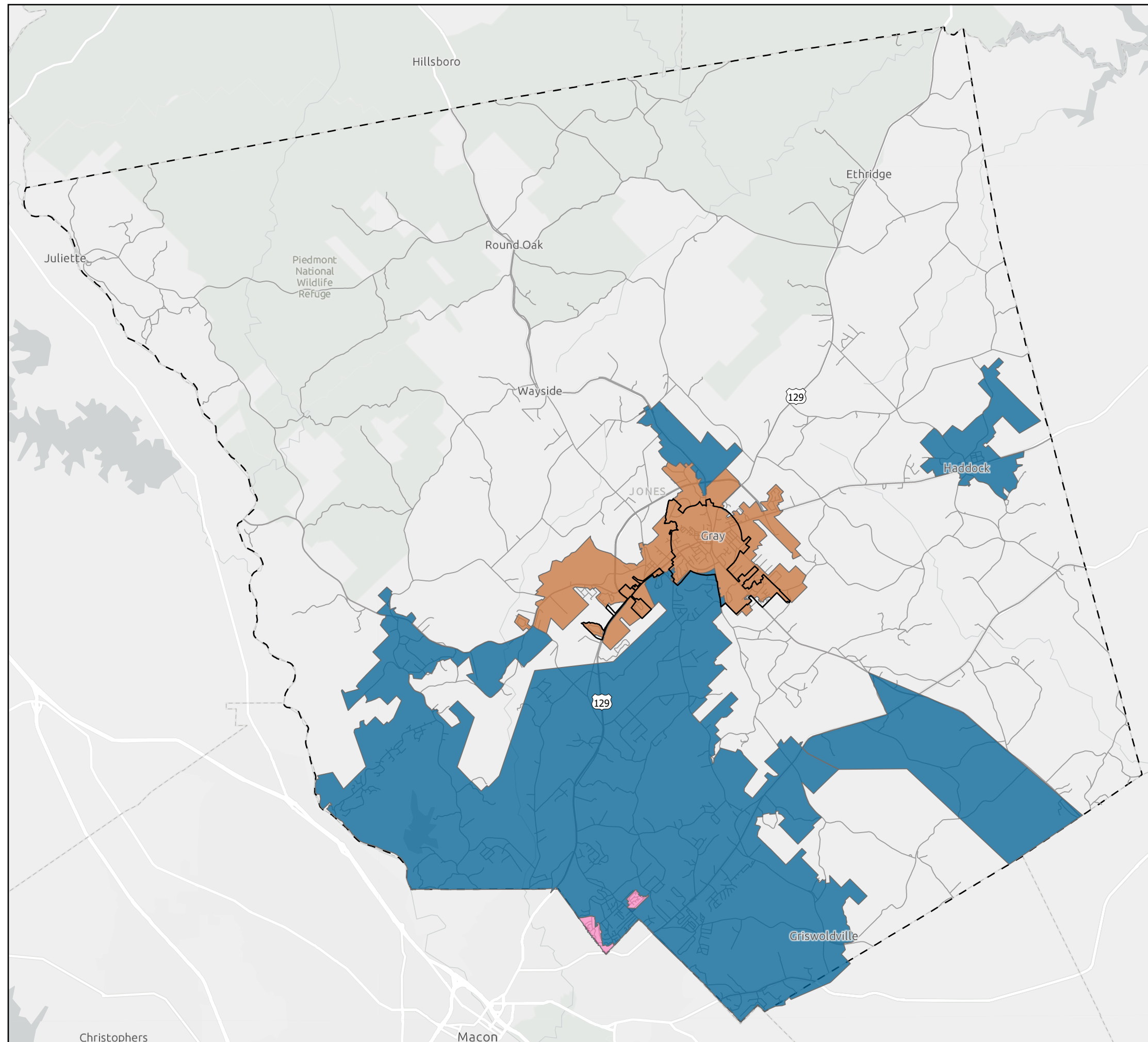


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**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY**

**FORM 2: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements**

**Instructions:**

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**COUNTY: JONES COUNTY**

**Service: Sewerage Collection**

1. Check one box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

- a.) ☐ Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.):
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- d.) ☐ One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the county will provide the service in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service.):
- e.) ☒ Other (If this box is checked, **attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider**, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.): **Sewerage collection service is to be provided by the City of Gray and Jones County. Please see the attached Sewerage Collection Service Area map for a detailed outline of coverage areas.**

2. In developing this strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

☐ **Yes** (if "Yes," you must attach additional documentation as described, below)

☒ **No**

If these conditions will continue under this strategy, **attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement** (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

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**SDS FORM 2, continued**

3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<b>Local Government or Authority</b>	<b>Funding Method</b>
Jones County	User Fees
City of Gray	User Fees and SPLOST

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

Sewerage Collection Service is provided in Jones County by the City of Gray and Jones County. Each entity imposes user fees to compensate for the service. The City of Gray also has set aside Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds to assist with providing Sewerage Collection Service. The attached map is included to easily identify the service boundaries.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<b>Agreement Name</b>	<b>Contracting Parties</b>	<b>Effective and Ending Dates</b>
N/A		

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

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7. Person completing form: **Aidan Leahy, Community Development Specialist, MGRC**

Phone number: **(478) 722-6961**

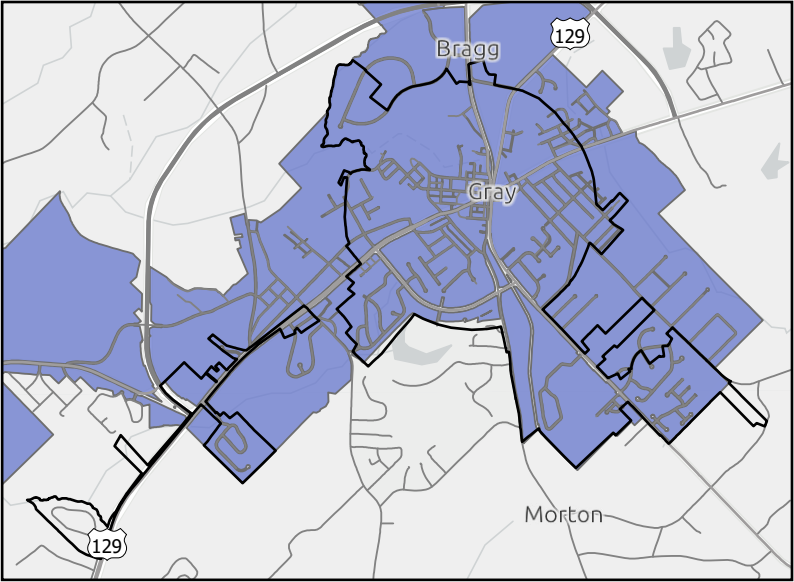
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8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

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Inset: City of Gray



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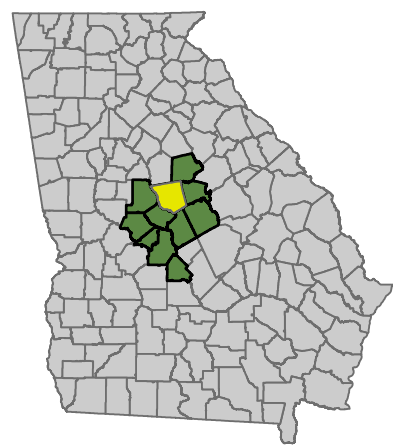
Provider

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Jones County

City of Gray Boundary

County Boundaries

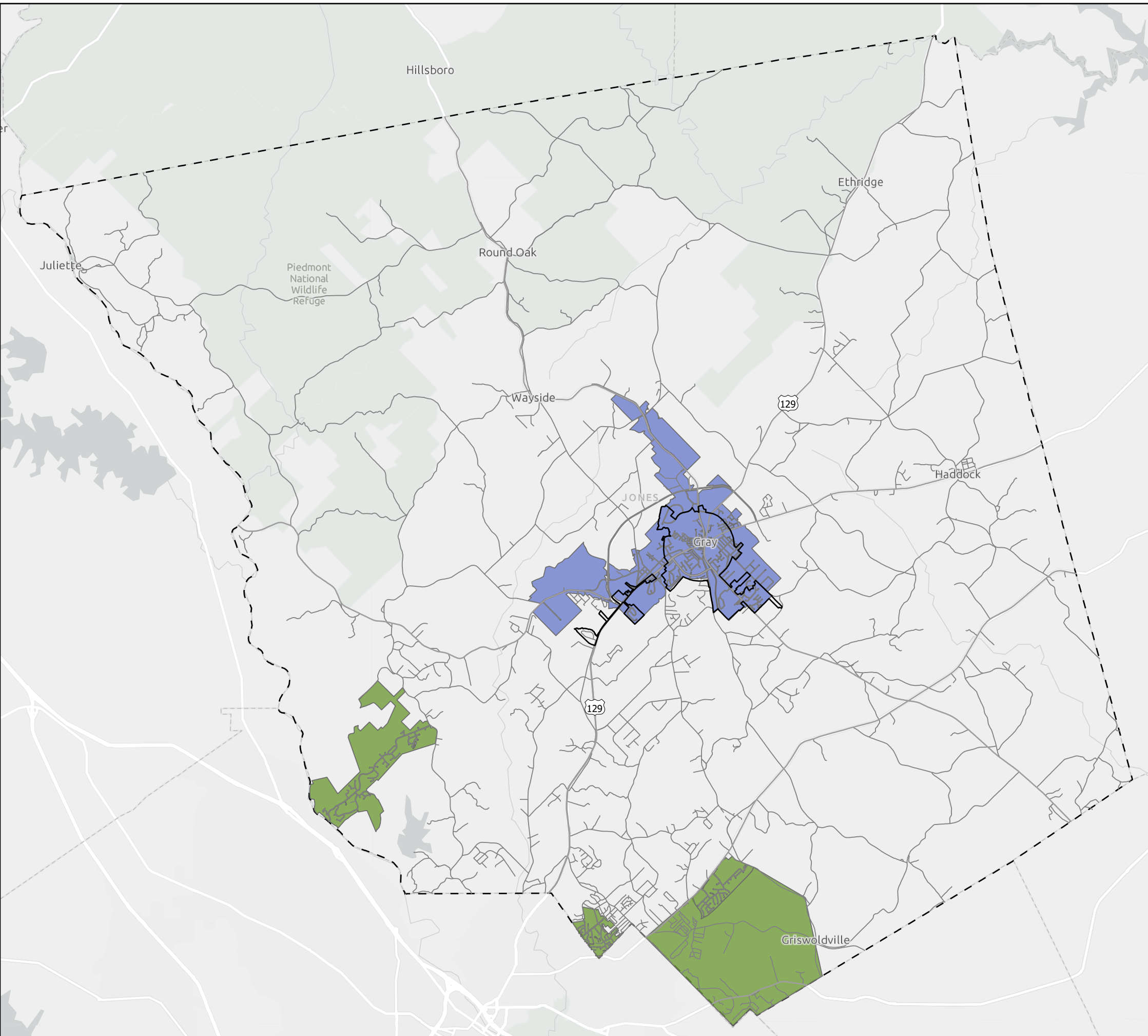


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**COUNTY: JONES COUNTY**

**Service: Sewerage Treatment**

1. Check one box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

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- e.) ☒ Other (If this box is checked, **attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider**, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.): **Sewerage treatment service is to be provided by the City of Gray and the Macon Water Authority. Please see the attached Sewerage Treatment Service Area map for a detailed outline of coverage areas.**

2. In developing this strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

☐ **Yes** (if "Yes," you must attach additional documentation as described, below)

☒ **No**

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3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<b>Local Government or Authority</b>	<b>Funding Method</b>
Macon Water Authority	User Fees
City of Gray	User Fees and SPLOST

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

Sewerage Treatment Service is provided in Jones County by the City of Gray and the Macon Water Authority. Each entity imposes user fees to compensate for the service. The City of Gray also has set aside Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds to assist with providing Sewerage Treatment Service. The attached map is included to easily identify the service boundaries.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<b>Agreement Name</b>	<b>Contracting Parties</b>	<b>Effective and Ending Dates</b>
N/A		

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

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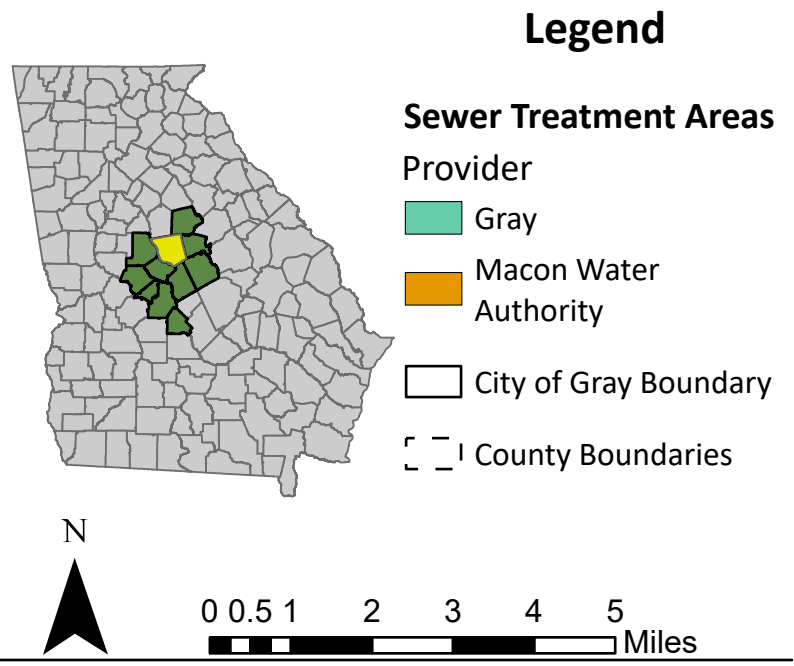
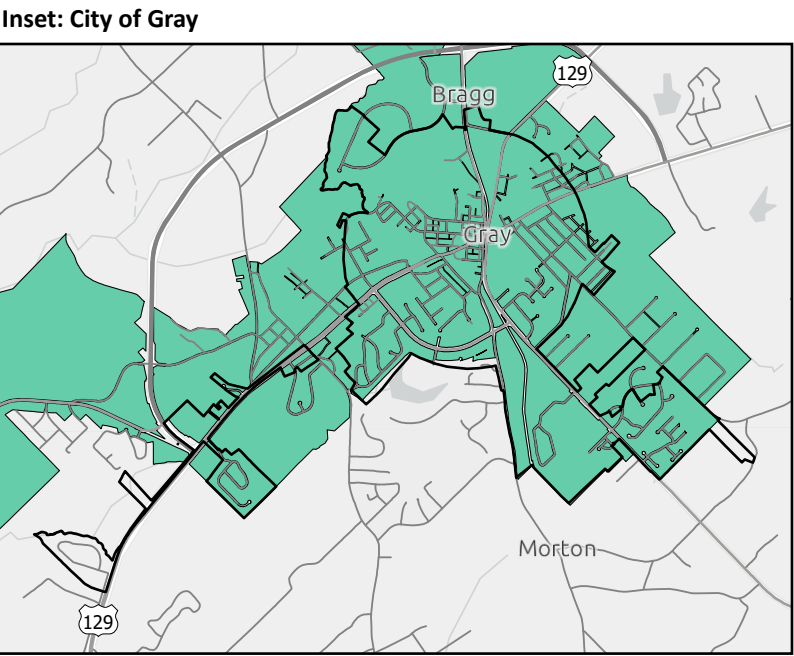
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8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

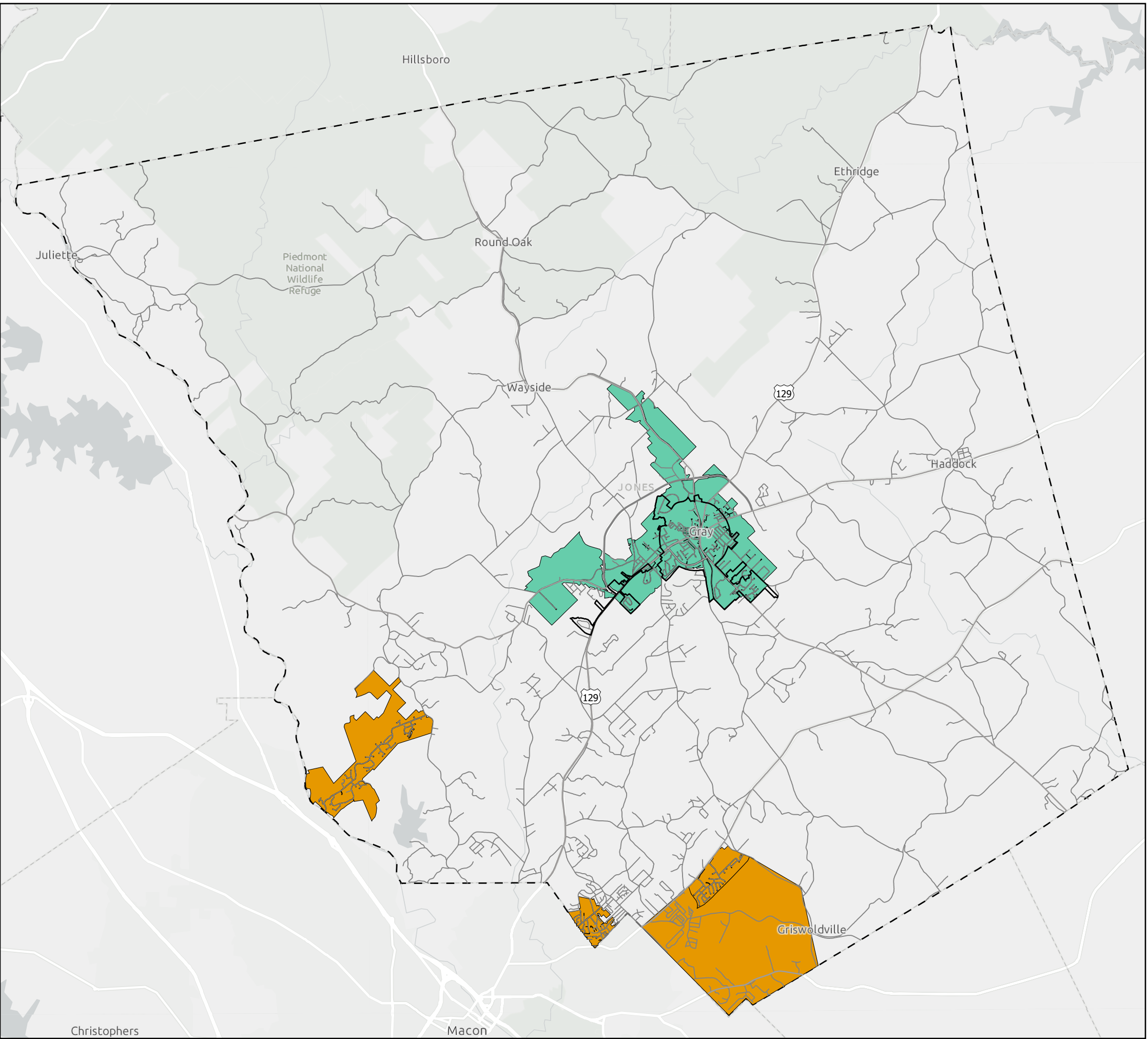
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FORM 3: Summary of Land Use Agreements

Instructions:

Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. Please note that any changes to the answers provided will require an update of the service delivery strategy. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of this page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

COUNTY: JONES

1. What incompatibilities or conflicts between the land use plans of local governments were identified in the process of developing the service delivery strategy?

Jones County and the City of Gray have adopted a Joint Comprehensive Plan containing a compatible and non-conflicting Land Use element. The County and the City use the existing Land Use element contained in the Comprehensive Plan as a basis for land use classification within their jurisdictions. The service expansion requiring this SDS update was included and approved by both local governments in the Community Work Program of the 2017 Joint Comprehensive Plan.

2. Check the boxes indicating how these incompatibilities or conflicts were addressed:

- ☐ Amendments to existing comprehensive plans
- ☒ Adoption of a joint comprehensive plan
- ☐ Other measures (amend zoning ordinances, add environmental regulations, etc.)

If "other measures" was checked, describe these measures:  
Describe "Other" Measures Here

NOTE:

If the necessary plan amendments, regulations, ordinances, etc. have not yet been formally adopted, indicate when each of the affected local governments will adopt them.

3. What policies, procedures and/or processes have been established by local governments (and water and sewer authorities) to ensure that new extraterritorial water and sewer service will be consistent with all applicable land use plans and ordinances? The City of Gray and Jones County are in constant collaboration to ensure there is no duplication of service and comply with all land use plans and ordinances. The Macon Water Authority will provide sewer treatment for new service areas collected by Jones County.

4. Person completing form: **Aidan Leahy, Community Development Specialist, MGRC**

Phone number: **(478) 722-6961** Date completed: April 29, 2025

5. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

**JASON RIZNER, JONES COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, (478) 986-6405 EXT. 119**





COUNTY: JONES COUNTY



**RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE JONES COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY  
STRATEGY**

*Jones County*

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia State Legislature adopted during its 1997 Legislative Session the Service Delivery Strategy Act; and

**WHEREAS**, this act requires every county within the State of Georgia to adopt a Service Delivery Strategy which identifies the methods, funding sources, service provider, and geographic service area of each public service activity provided within the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Service Delivery Strategy must be officially adopted and verified by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, city and county officials have worked diligently to prepare the county's Service Delivery Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman of the Jones County Board of Commissioners is required to sign the requisite documents acknowledging approval of the Service Delivery Strategy.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Jones County that the attached revisions to the Jones County Service Delivery Strategy is hereby adopted as the official Service Delivery Strategy, to be updated from time to time as required in the Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 36-70-1 et al; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Jones County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to place the revised Service Delivery Strategy on the appropriate forms prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, to execute those forms in the proper places, and to submit the revised Service Delivery Strategy to the Department of Community Affairs for verification in compliance with O.C.G.A. 36-70-26.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.



Chris Weidner, Chairman  
Jones County Board of Commissioners

Attested By:



Witness

**RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE JONES COUNTY SERVICE DELIVERY  
STRATEGY**

***CITY OF GRAY***

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia State Legislature adopted during its 1997 Legislative Session the Service Delivery Strategy Act; and

**WHEREAS**, this act requires every county within the State of Georgia to adopt a Service Delivery Strategy which identifies the methods, funding sources, service provider, and geographic service area of each public service activity provided within the county; and

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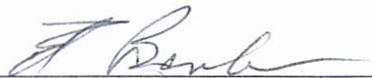
**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Gray is required to sign the requisite documents acknowledging approval of the Service Delivery Strategy.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Gray that the attached revisions to the Jones County Service Delivery Strategy is hereby adopted as the official Service Delivery Strategy, to be updated from time to time as required in the Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 36-70-1 et al; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the City of Gray is hereby authorized to place the revised Service Delivery Strategy on the appropriate forms prescribed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, to execute those forms in the proper places, and to submit the revised Service Delivery Strategy to the Department of Community Affairs for verification in compliance with O.C.G.A. 36-70-26.

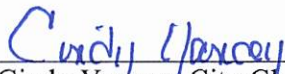
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Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.



Ed Barbee, Mayor

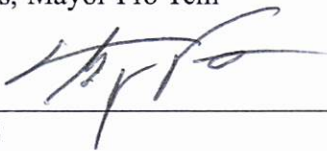
Attested By:



Cindy Yancey, City Clerk



James Collins, Mayor Pro Tem

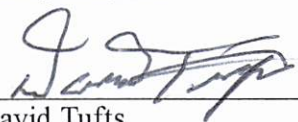


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