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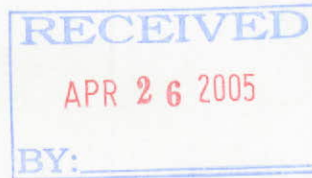
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April 14, 2005



DCA  
Dan Basso  
60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Dear Mr. Basso:

I have received a letter from Mark Beebe, GA DNR, EPD Watershed Protection Branch. Mr. Beebe is requesting a letter from DCA stating the proposed wastewater treatment facility upgrade in the Tanners Bridge Road area is in accordance with the Barrow County approved service delivery agreement. I am including a copy of his letter for your review.

The project is an upgrade on an existing facility. The service area of this plant is in the southern end of the County below Bethlehem (see star on map). This upgrade will not affect the service area of this plant. The plant upgrade is needed to handle the additional growth this area has seen and will continue to see. Please send Mr. Beebe a letter from DCA certifying that this upgrade will not affect or change the Barrow County Service Delivery Area as previously agreed to.

Send to:  
GA DNR  
EPD Watershed Protection Branch  
Mr. Mark Beebe  
4220 Int'l Parkway, Ste. 101  
Atlanta, GA 30354  
404 675-6232

If you have any questions please call me at 770 867-7414.

Sincerely,

Michael Fischer  
Assistant Chief Administrator

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cc: Mr. Herb Feldman, HSF Engineering

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch  
4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354  
404/675-6232

Reply to:  
Engineering & Technical Support Program  
Phone: 404/675-6233; Fax 404/675-6246

April 8, 2005

Honorable Douglas Garrison, Chairman  
Barrow County Board of Commissioners  
233 Broad Street  
Winder, Georgia 30680

RE: EPD Project No. 25-134  
Barrow County Board of Commissioners  
Wasteload Allocation Request  
Barrow County

Dear Chairman Garrison:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has received a letter from the Barrow County Board of Commissioners requesting the development of a wasteload allocation for a point discharge into the Apalachee River.

Before we can initiate development of this wasteload allocation, we request verification that the proposed discharge is in accordance with the Barrow County service delivery agreement. Please provide this office with a letter from the Department of Community Affairs indicating that the County's proposal to develop a new wastewater treatment facility is in accordance with the Barrow County approved service delivery agreement

If you have any questions about this letter I can be contacted by telephone at (404) 675-1601.

Sincerely,

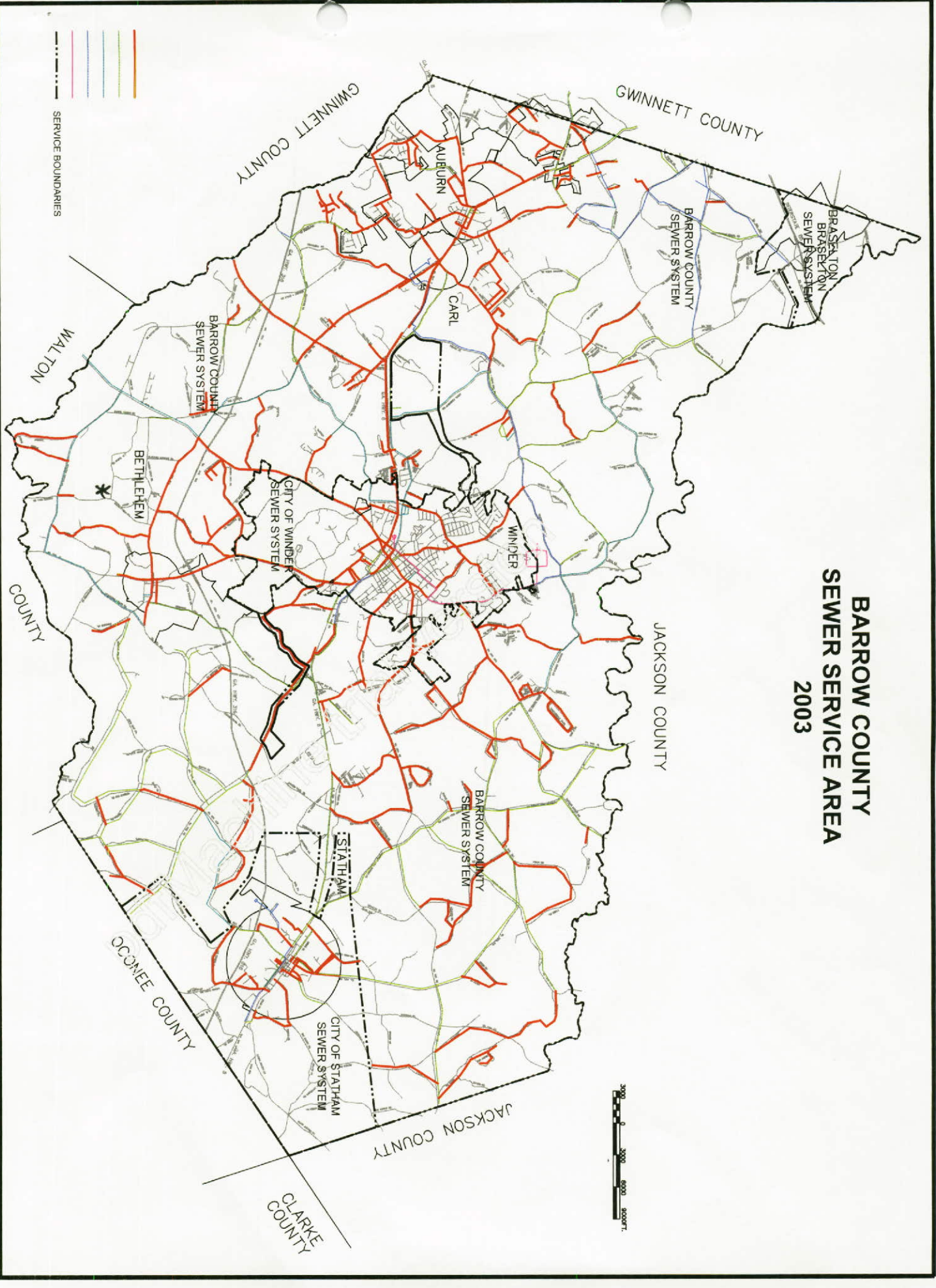


Mark Beebe, Engineer  
Engineering & Technical Support Program

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cc: ✓ Mr. Herb Feldman, HSF Engineering

# BARROW COUNTY SEWER SERVICE AREA 2003



--- SERVICE BOUNDARIES

--- BARROW COUNTY SEWER SYSTEM  
--- BRASELTON SEWER SYSTEM  
--- CITY OF WINDER SEWER SYSTEM  
--- CITY OF STATHAM SEWER SYSTEM  
--- CITY OF BETHLEHEM SEWER SYSTEM

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May 4, 2005

Mark Beebe – EPD

Mark is concerned about a proposed water project in Barrow County. It is the upgrading of a wastewater treatment facility in South Barrow County from 500,000 gpd to 5,000,000 gpd. While there is not a problem with the Service Delivery Strategy Consistency, Mark believes that this proposed project does not appear in the Barrow County comprehensive plan so that the proposed project is inconsistent with the County's comprehensive plan. In this situation, Mark will not issue the required permit until the comprehensive plan is consistent with the proposed project. Mark would like DCA to confirm that the plan and project are inconsistent and send a letter to Barrow County. He, in turn, would refuse to issue a permit, until, at a minimum, the County began the plan amendment process in order to bring the plan and project into consistency. I suggested that he send the letter himself. He said that he did not want EPD to be the "bad guy". I told him that is the way it would be no matter who sent the letter because DCA did not have any "teeth" to get them to amend the plan. Only he did with the threat of withholding the required permit. He said he thought it would be better if DCA sent a letter. I asked him if he was familiar with DRIs and that it sounded like this project would cross the threshold that would require that it undergo a review by the RDC. He said he was familiar with DRIs but still insisted that County needs to amend their comprehensive plan. I told him that I would confer with others and get back with him. He said that would be okay but that he would be out of the office Thursday and Friday but that he would be back on Monday. He said that I could leave a message or call him back on Monday. I told him that I would.

After consultation with Rick and Mike:

- I feel that I need more information from Mark about the exact nature of the project and just what he is trying to accomplish by demanding that the comprehensive plan be amended.
- If any action is taken, it needs to include the RDC if only that they be included in any correspondence.
- The correspondence should be between DCA and EPD – Contact with Barrow County should be by EPD.
- EPD should make a formal request (email) to DCA to check the Barrow County comp plan for consistency.
- EPD should contact the County about DCA's consistency findings and make any appropriate demands to the County based on these findings. This could include a directive to amend the plan for consistency before EPD will issue the required permit.