





SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FORM 1

COUNTY: SUMTER 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 should 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 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.)

OPTION A Revising or Adding to the SDS 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.)

- 5. For **each** service or service component listed in Section IV, complete a separate, updated *Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements* form (FORM 2).
- 6. Complete one copy of the *Certifications* 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).]

OPTION B Extending the Existing SDS

- 4. In Section IV type, "NONE."
- 5. Complete one copy of the *Certifications for Extension of Existing SDS* 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).]
- 6. Proceed to step 7, below.

For answers to most frequently asked questions on Georgia's Service Delivery Act, links and helpful publications, visit DCA's website at www.dca.servicedelivery.org, or call the Office of Planning and Quality Growth at (404) 679-5279.

- 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. Email the completed forms and any attachments as .pdf attachments to: pemd.opgga@dca.ga.gov, or mail the completed forms along with any attachments to: GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
 OFFICE OF PLANNING AND QUALITY GROWTH

60 Executive Park South, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30329

NOTE: ANY FUTURE CHANGES TO THE SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED ON THESE FORMS WILL REQUIRE AN OFFICIAL 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.

Sumter County Sumter County Livestock Authority

City of Americus Americus-Sumter County Payroll Development Authority

City of Andersonville Americus Theater and Cultural Center Authority

City of DeSoto Downtown Development Authority

City of Leslie Housing Authority

City of Plains

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 can continue as previously agreed with no need for modification.

- 1. Courts
- 2. Elections
- 3. Property Tax Assessment & Collection
- 4. Ambulance Service
- 5. Jails
- 6. Emergency Management Services
- 7. Law Enforcement
- 8. Fire Protection (this service being revised)
- 9. Transit System
- 10. Cemeteries
- 11. Tourism
- 12. Health & Human Services
- 13. Economic Development
- 14. Road/Bridge Construction & Maintenance
- 15. Livestock Sales
- 16. Natural Gas Distribution System

- 17. Solid Waste Collection & Disposal
- 18. Water Distribution & Treatment Systems
- 19. Waste Water
- 20. Housing
- 21. Restaurant
- 22. Airport
- 23. Parks & Recreation
- 24. Libraries
- 25. LEAP (literacy)
- 26. Animal Control and Humane Society
- 27. Georgia National Guard
- 28. Southwest Georgia Easter Seals
- 29. Boys and Girls Club
- 30. Land Use Planning Building Inspections Code Enforcement

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.

This revision to the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy affects changes in fire protection only.







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FORM 2: Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements

Instructions:

	isted on FORM 1, Section III. Use exactly the same service names listed on FORM 1. sary. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of the page) changes, this
COUNTY: SUMTER COUNTY	Service: Fire Protection
Check the box that best describes the agreed upor	n delivery arrangement for this service:
1. Official the sear that seek december the agreed aper	Tuelivery arrangement for the service.
Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including this box is checked, identify the government, authority the government, authority the government.	ing all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If rity or organization providing the service.):
Service will be provided only in the unincorporate checked, identify the government, authority or organ	ed portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is nization providing the service.):
	within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided entify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service:
	within their incorporated boundaries, and the county will provide the ked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the
identify the government, authority, or other organiza	ap delineating the service area of each service provider, and ation that will provide service within each service area.): sonville, City of DeSoto, City of Leslie, City of Plains
2. In developing this strategy, were overlapping service identified?	ce areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service
☐ Yes (if "Yes," you must attach additional docume	entation as described, below)
⊠No	
If these conditions will continue under this strategy, <u>at</u> overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A overlapping service areas or competition cannot be el	ttach an explanation for continuing the arrangement (i.e., a. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that liminated).
If these conditions will be eliminated under the strateg will be taken to eliminate them, the responsible party a	yy, <u>attach an implementation schedule</u> listing each step or action that 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.).

Local Government or Authority	Funding Method
Sumter County	fire fee, SPLOST, general fund, possible grants for equipment and facilities
City of Americus	property tax, SPLOST, general fund, possible grants for equipment and facilities
City of Andersonville	fire fee, SPLOST, general fund, possible grants for equipment and facilities
City of DeSoto	fire fee, SPLOST, general fund, possible grants for equipment and facilities
City of Leslie	property tax, SPLOST, general fund, possible grants for equipment and facilities
City of Plains	fire fee, SPLOST, general fund, possible grants for equipment and facilities

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

Sumter County will provide fire protection services throughout the unincorpoated area of the county (previously all volunteer, and Americus previously served some unincorporated area) and, pursuant to separate contracts, throughout the current and future jurisdictional boundaries of Andersonville, DeSoto and Plains (previously volunteer departments). The City of Americus will provide fire protection services throughout the City (now limited to corporate area), and the City of Leslie will provide fire protection services throughout the City (no change).

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

Agreement Name	Contracting Parties	Effective and Ending Dates
Fire Services Agreement	Sumter County and the City of Andersonville	7/1/2010 - 6/30/2013 *
Fire Services Agreement	Sumter County and the City of DeSoto	7/1/2010 - 6/30/2013 *
Fire Services Agreement	Sumter County and the City of Plains	7/1/2010 - 6/30/2013 *
		* automatic annual extension

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?

Fire fees will be assessed on residents of the unincorporated area, Andersonville, DeSoto and Plains with issuance of 2010 tax bills. Intergovernmental/mutual aid agreements between Sumter County and Americus and between Leslie and Americus for response in the event of catastrophic fire remain in place.

7. Person completing form: Mrs. Lynn Taylor

Phone number: 229-928-4500 Date completed: August 17, 2010

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.

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

The Land Use Dispute Resolutions submitted with the original Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy have not been revised or altered and still have standing.

☐ Amendments to existing comprehe☐ Adoption of a joint comprehensive	plan dinances, add environmental regulations, etc.)	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.
authorities) to ensure that new extrate and ordinances?	rocesses have been established by local governmentorial water and sewer service will be consistent or ginal Service Delivery Strategy have not been revi	with all applicable land use plans
projects are consistent with the servi	Date completed: August 17, 2010 ntacted by state agencies when evaluating whethe	r proposed local government







SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FORM 4: Certifications

Instructions:

This two page form must, at a minimum, be signed by an authorized representative of the following governments: 1) the county; 2) the city serving as the county seat; 3) all cities having a 2000 population of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 2000 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with a 2000 population below 500 and local authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so.

COUNTY: SUMTER COUNTY

We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the jurisdictions listed below, certify that:

- 1. We have executed agreements for implementation of our service delivery strategy and the attached forms provide an accurate depiction of our agreed upon strategy (O.C.G.A 36-70-21);
- 2. Our service delivery strategy promotes the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (1));
- 3. Our service delivery strategy provides that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider are reasonable and are not arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (20); and
- 4. Our service delivery strategy ensures that the cost of any services the county government provides (including those jointly funded by the county and one or more municipalities) primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county are borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive such service (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (3)).

JURISDICTION	TITLE	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
SUMTER COUNTY	Chairman	Brent Williams	Reent Williams	8-17-10
CITY OF AMERICUS	Mayor	Barry Blount	33	9-23-10
CITY OF ANDERSONVILLE	Mayor	Marvin Baugh	Marvin a. Bargh	(11-1-10
CITY OF DESOTO	Mayor	David Billings	Dunnis Billing	11-2-10
CITY OF LESLIE	Mayor	George Bagley, IV	_ lags	11-24-10
CITY OF PLAINS	Mayor	L. E. Godwin, III	25 90 - 5	10-21-10

WHEREAS; in the 1997 legislative session the Georgia General Assembly did pass House Bill 489, commonly referred to as the Service Delivery Strategy Law, codified at OCGA §36-70-20, requiring each county and the cities therein to identify local government services they each provide and the area of delivery of each service, and

WHEREAS; in compliance with said Law Sumter County and the Cities of Americus, Andersonville, DeSoto, Leslie and Plains did prepare and, in September, 1999, adopt the original Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, and

WHEREAS; as warranted by changes in local government services the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy was revised in June, 2004, and November, 2008, and

WHEREAS; as a result of recent changes in fire services fire service areas are as follows:

- 1. Sumter County will provide fire services throughout the unincorporated area of the County.
- 2. Pursuant to separate contracts Sumter County has with the Cities of Andersonville, DeSoto and Plains, the County will provide fire services throughout the corporate limits of all three jurisdictions.
- 3. The City of Americus will provide fire services throughout the corporate limits of the City of Americus.
- 4. Pursuant to a contract between the City of Americus and the City of Leslie, the City of Americus will provide fire services throughout the corporate limits of the City of Leslie.

WHEREAS; the fire services described above are supplemented with intergovernmental/mutual aid agreements between the various parties on an as-needed basis.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; that the Sumter County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the above described revision to the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, that the Chairman be authorized to certify said revision on behalf of Sumter County, and that all necessary documents be submitted promptly to the appropriate parties with the State of Georgia as documentation of said revision.

Duly approved and executed in session this day of d

WHEREAS; in the 1997 legislative session the Georgia General Assembly did pass House Bill 489, commonly referred to as the Service Delivery Strategy Law, codified at OCGA §36-70-20, requiring each county and the cities therein to identify local government services they each provide and the area of delivery of each service, and

WHEREAS; in compliance with said Law Sumter County and the Cities of Americus, Andersonville, DeSoto, Leslie and Plains did prepare and, in September, 1999, adopt the original Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, and

WHEREAS; as warranted by changes in local government services the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy was revised in June, 2004, and November, 2008, and

WHEREAS; as a result of recent changes in fire services fire service areas are as follows:

- 1. The City of Americus will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Americus.
- 2. The City of Leslie will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Leslie.
- 3. Sumter County will provide fire services throughout the unincorporated area of the County.
- 4. Pursuant to separate contracts Sumter County has with the Cities of Andersonville, DeSoto and Plains, the County will provide fire services throughout the corporate limits of all three jurisdictions.

WHEREAS; the fire services described above are supplemented with intergovernmental/mutual aid agreements between the various parties on an as-needed basis.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; that the Americus City Council hereby adopts the above described revision to the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, that the Mayor be authorized to certify said revision on behalf of the City of Americus, and that all necessary documents be submitted promptly to the appropriate parties with the State of Georgia as documentation of said revision.

Duly approved and executed in session this <u>23</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2010.

CITY OF AMERICUS

Barry Blount, Mayor

City Clark

ATTEST:

WHEREAS; in the 1997 legislative session the Georgia General Assembly did pass House Bill 489, commonly referred to as the Service Delivery Strategy Law, codified at OCGA §36-70-20, requiring each county and the cities therein to identify local government services they each provide and the area of delivery of each service, and

WHEREAS; in compliance with said Law Sumter County and the Cities of Andersonville, Americus, DeSoto, Leslie and Plains did prepare and, in September, 1999, adopt the original Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, and

WHEREAS; as warranted by changes in local government services the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy was revised in June, 2004, and November, 2008, and

WHEREAS; as a result of recent changes in fire services fire service areas are as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to a contract the Cities of Andersonville, DeSoto and Plains each has with Sumter County, the County will provide fire services throughout the corporate limits of each of the three jurisdictions.
- 2. Sumter County will provide fire services throughout the unincorporated area of the County.
- 3. The City of Americus will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Americus.
- 4. The City of Leslie will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Leslie.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; that the Andersonville City Council hereby adopts the above described revision to the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, that the Mayor be authorized to certify said revision on behalf of the City of Andersonville, and that all necessary documents be submitted promptly to the appropriate parties with the State of Georgia as documentation of said revision.

Marvin Baugh, Mayor

WHEREAS; in the 1997 legislative session the Georgia General Assembly did pass House Bill 489, commonly referred to as the Service Delivery Strategy Law, codified at OCGA §36-70-20, requiring each county and the cities therein to identify local government services they each provide and the area of delivery of each service, and

WHEREAS; in compliance with said Law Sumter County and the Cities of DeSoto, Americus, Andersonville, Leslie and Plains did prepare and, in September, 1999, adopt the original Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, and

WHEREAS; as warranted by changes in local government services the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy was revised in June, 2004, and November, 2008, and

WHEREAS; as a result of recent changes in fire services fire service areas are as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to a contract the Cities of DeSoto, Andersonville and Plains each has with Sumter County, the County will provide fire services throughout the corporate limits of each of the three jurisdictions.
- 2. Sumter County will provide fire services throughout the unincorporated area of the County.
- 3. The City of Americus will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Americus.
- 4. The City of Leslie will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Leslie.

WHEREAS; the fire services described above are supplemented with intergovernmental/mutual aid agreements between the various parties on an as-needed basis.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; that the DeSoto City Council hereby adopts the above described revision to the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, that the Mayor be authorized to certify said revision on behalf of the City of DeSoto, and that all necessary documents be submitted promptly to the appropriate parties with the State of Georgia as documentation of said revision.

Duly approved and executed in session this 2	day of <u>Nov</u> , 2010.
CITY OF DESOTO	ATTEST:
Dennis Billings, Mayor	Bessie Joster Member of City Council

WHEREAS; in the 1997 legislative session the Georgia General Assembly did pass House Bill 489, commonly referred to as the Service Delivery Strategy Law, codified at OCGA §36-70-20, requiring each county and the cities therein to identify local government services they each provide and the area of delivery of each service, and

WHEREAS; in compliance with said Law Sumter County and the Cities of Leslie, Americus, Andersonville, DeSoto and Plains did prepare and, in September, 1999, adopt the original Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, and

WHEREAS; as warranted by changes in local government services the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy was revised in June, 2004, and November, 2008, and

WHEREAS; as a result of recent changes in fire services fire service areas are as follows:

- 1. The City of Leslie will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Leslie.
- 2. The City of Americus will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Americus.
- 3. Sumter County will provide fire services throughout the unincorporated area of the County.
- 4. Pursuant to a contract the Cities of Andersonville, DeSoto and Plains each has with Sumter County, the County will provide fire services throughout the corporate limits of all three jurisdictions.

WHEREAS; the fire services described above are supplemented with intergovernmental/mutual aid agreements between the various parties on an as-needed basis.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; that the Leslie City Council hereby adopts the above described revision to the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, that the Mayor be authorized to certify said revision on behalf of the City of Leslie, and that all necessary documents be submitted promptly to the appropriate parties with the State of Georgia as documentation of said revision.

Duly approved and executed in session this 24	day of
CITY OF LESLIE	ATTEST:
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George Bagley, IV, Mayor City Cle

WHEREAS; in the 1997 legislative session the Georgia General Assembly did pass House Bill 489, commonly referred to as the Service Delivery Strategy Law, codified at OCGA §36-70-20, requiring each county and the cities therein to identify local government services they each provide and the area of delivery of each service, and

WHEREAS; in compliance with said Law Sumter County and the Cities of Plains, Americus, Andersonville, DeSoto and Leslie did prepare and, in September, 1999, adopt the original Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, and

WHEREAS; as warranted by changes in local government services the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy was revised in June, 2004, and November, 2008, and

WHEREAS; as a result of recent changes in fire services fire service areas are as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to a contract the Cities of Plains, Andersonville and DeSoto each has with Sumter County, the County will provide fire services throughout the corporate limits of each of the three jurisdictions.
- 2. Sumter County will provide fire services throughout the unincorporated area of the County.
- 3. The City of Americus will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Americus.
- 4. The City of Leslie will provide fire services limited to the corporate limits of the City of Leslie.

WHEREAS; the fire services described above are supplemented with intergovernmental/mutual aid agreements between the various parties on an as-needed basis.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED; that the Plains City Council hereby adopts the above described revision to the Sumter County Service Delivery Strategy, that the Mayor be authorized to certify said revision on behalf of the City of Plains, and that all necessary documents be submitted promptly to the appropriate parties with the State of Georgia as documentation of said revision.

Duly approved and executed in session this	s 21	day of	October	, 2010.

CITY OF PLAINS

L. E. Godwin, III, Mayor City Clerk

ATTEST: