



**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY**

**FORM 1**

COUNTY: **DECATUR**

**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.)

<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 style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.9em;"> <i>For answers to most frequently asked questions on Georgia's Service Delivery Act, links and helpful publications, visit DCA's website at</i>  <a href="http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/servicedelivery.asp" style="color: white; text-decoration: underline;">http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/servicedelivery.asp</a>,            or call the Office of Planning and Quality Growth at (404) 679-5279.         </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 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.

City of Attapulgus  
City of Bainbridge  
City of Bainbridge Housing Authority  
City of Brinson  
City of Climax  
Decatur County  
Development Authority of the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County  
The Hospital Authority of the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County  
The Southwest Georgia Regional Library System

**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.

Animal Control  
Airport  
Cemetery  
City Courts  
Clerk of Courts  
Code Enforcement, Land Use, Planning and Zoning  
Conservation, Cooperative Extension  
Coroner  
Correctional Institution  
District Attorney  
Downtown Development  
E-911  
Elections  
Emergency Management Agency  
Emergency Medical Service  
Fire Protection Services  
Garbage Collection  
Indigent Defense for City Courts  
Indigent Defense for State Courts/ Superior Court  
Indigent Health Care  
Industrial Park  
Jail  
Keep America Beautiful Program  
Landfill/Solid Waste Program  
Library  
Parks and Recreation  
Police Services  
Public Health  
Public Housing  
Public Utilities: Natural Gas  
Public Utilities: Water and Sewer  
Roads and Streets  
School Resource Officer  
Sheriff  
State Courts/Superior Court  
Tax Assessor  
Tax Commissioner  
Tourism  
Welfare/Social Program

**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.

Public Utilities: Cities - Revised - See Form 2 Box 4 & 5.



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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 III. 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.

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Service: *Public Utilities: Cities*

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

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.):

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.):

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:

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.):

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.): **The cities of Bainbridge, Brinson and Climax will provide water services in their incorporated boundaries. The City of Attapulugus will provide water services to portions of Decatur County as specified in the agreement.**

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>
City of Attapulgus	Enterprise (Water), SPLOST, Grant, User Fees
City of Bainbridge	Enterprise (Water, Sewer and Natural Gas), Grants
Town of Brinson	General Fund (Water, Electricity and User Fees), Grants
City of Climax	General Fund (Water and User Fees), Grants

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

The update of funding method for each municipality. The City of Attapulgus service area changed.

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>
Extraterritorial Water	Decatur County & City of Attapulgus	2010, Annually

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?

N/A

7. Person completing form: **Pete Stephens County Comission Chairman**  
 Phone number: **229.248.3030**      Date completed: April 2020

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:



**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY**  
**FORM 4: Certifications**

**Instructions:**

This 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: DECATUR**

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 (2)); 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
<b><u>LIST EACH JURISDICTION HERE, ALPHABETICALLY</u></b>	List the Title of the Authorized Representative of Each Jurisdiction Here, Respectively	List the Names of the Representatives Here, Respectively		
<b><u>DECATUR COUNTY</u></b>	Pete Stephens	Pete Stephens		4-14-20
<b><u>CITY OF ATTAPULGUS</u></b>	Johnny Medley	Johnny D. Medley		4-14-20
<b><u>CITY OF BAINBRIDGE</u></b>	Edward Reynolds	Edward Reynolds		4-14-20
<b><u>CITY OF BRINSON</u></b>	James P. Earp	James P. Earp		4-14-20





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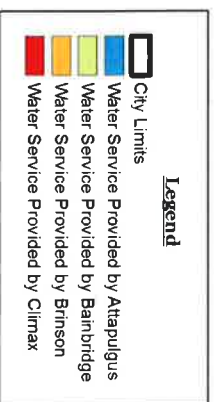
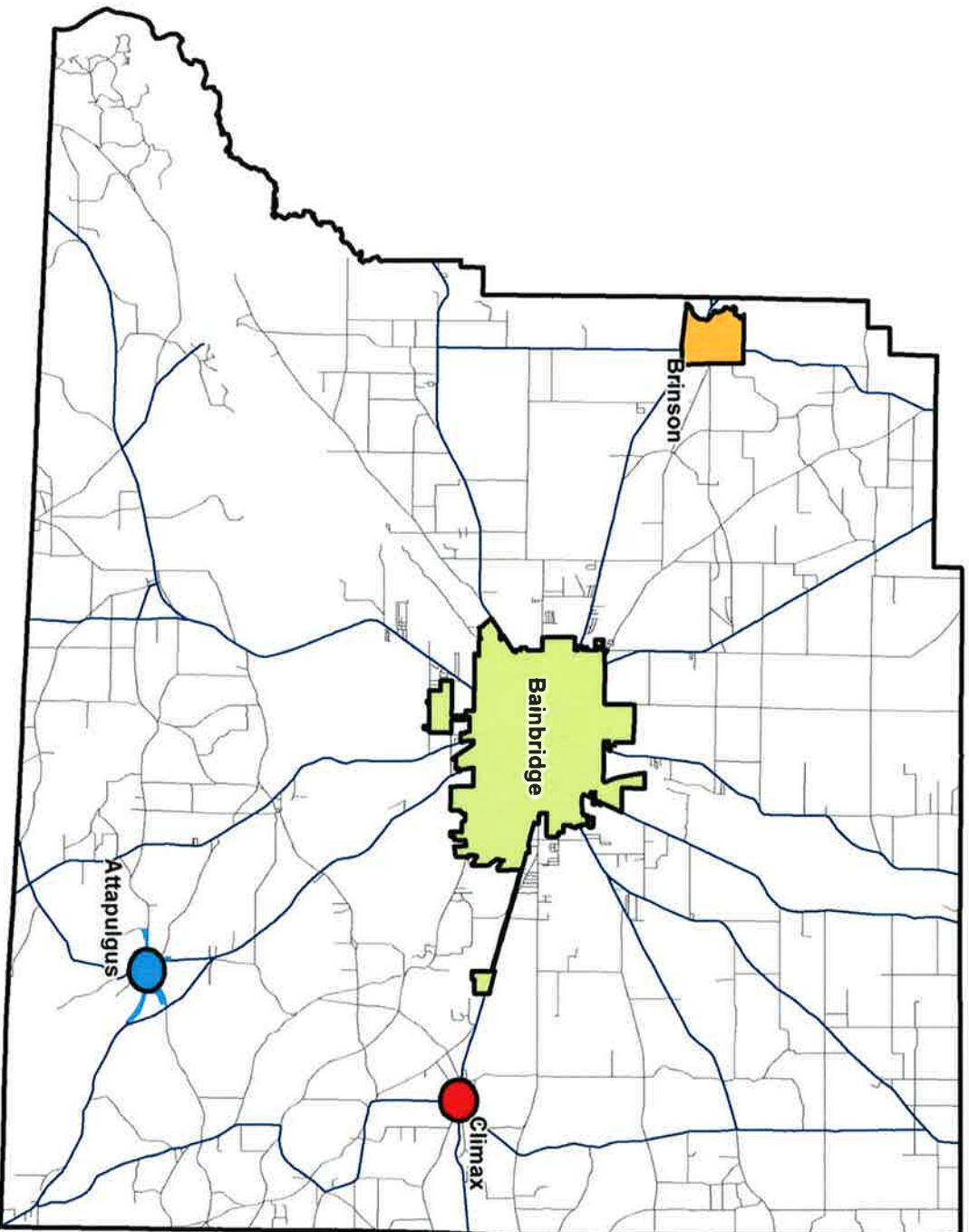
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<b><u>CITY OF ATTAPULGUS</u></b>	Johnny Medley			
<b><u>CITY OF BAINBRIDGE</u></b>	Edward Reynolds			
<b><u>CITY OF BRINSON</u></b>	James P. Earp			
<b><u>CITY OF CLIMAX</u></b>	Joseph Kelly	Joseph Kelly		4-14-20

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Water Service Map



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